

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting
April 14, 2026
7:00 p.m. Regular Session

Call to Order – Mayor Bonnie Millard opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance along with all present members of Council.

Roll Call – The following council members were present: Eric VanHoose, David Hartley, Jerry Boolman, Tammy Bruner and Chloe Price. Also in attendance were VA Marcus Ballinger, Solicitor Nicole Pohlman, FO Karen Deao, Fire Chief Mark Gibson and Kevin Shawler.

Council Member Boolman moved to excuse Councilman Burns. Council Member Hartley seconded. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals –

Council Member Boolman moved to approve the Meeting Minutes dated 3/31/2026. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda – None.

Comments from the Public – None.

Administrative Reports –

Fire Department:

- Advised of new procedures to activate the tornado siren.
- Ad in newsletter for volunteer firefighters.

Mayor: Nothing to report.

Solicitor: Nothing to report.

Village Administrator/ Police Chief: VA Report was provided in Council Packets.

- Utility Superintendent would like to hire a part-time general labor to help with the mowing season and various other jobs throughout the village for 20 hours a week maximum and called in only as needed. Council Member Hartley moved to hire Michael Flatter to the position of part-time general labor at \$15.50 per hour with a maximum 20 hours per week effective 4/14/26. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer: Check registers were provided in Council Packet.

- Authorized Expenditures 4/1/26-4/14/26

Safety: Nothing to report. Next scheduled meeting is 5/12/26 @ 6pm.

Utility Committee:

Marcus reported:

- Installing 3 Phase for a customer, with another customer as requesting 3 phase.
- Letters will be going out to residents effected by the Greenmoor/Northmoor project hopefully this summer.
- VA would like to have Ord.2018-19 amended to not charge residents for water connect/disconnect during normal business hours. Council requested the Solicitor to work on legislation for the change.

Finance, Audit, & Personnel: Nothing to report. Next scheduled meeting is 4/28/26 @ 6pm.

Discussion on what information Council would like to review during the committee meeting on property tax and proposed income tax increase. Council Member Hartley would like information about income tax credits.

(Council Member Burns arrived at 7:20pm)

Street & Service Committee: Report given by Eric VanHoose. Meeting held on 4/9/26.

- Discussed “No Parking During Snow Removal” signs in various locations in the Village. Committee will continue reviewing sign costs and enforcement language.

General discussion was had amongst Council and the VA. A few signs are currently around town; however, residents disregard them. VA stated that technically the Village could tow and/or ticket those vehicles for disobeying a traffic control device. Councilman Boolman suggested that the signs say, “No Parking During Snow Emergency”, and then a code red be placed advising residents that the Village is in a snow emergency, essentially, letting residents know that no cars are allowed on those specific areas in town.

- Discussed 9 streets to be reclaimed for this year at a total of approximately \$45,500. If Council approves, funds from Street Misc. will need to be utilized.
- Discussed a convex traffic mirror for the intersection of W. Second Street & S. Main Street. Committee tabled the issue.

Council Member VanHoose moved allow \$17,000 be moved from Street Misc. to Street Improvements for reclamite. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Leisure: Report given by Tammy Bruner. Committee met on 4/7/26.

- Darke Co. Parks Grant – Committee discussed possible activities to submit. Activities to be submitted for 2026 are fencing at the ball diamonds, and a new decorative fence on the property line of Ivester Park.

Planning: Report given by David Hartley. Committee met on 4/14/26.

- Discussed the South High Street Project.
- Mathias Lane – Village needs to start looking at how to fund the project sooner.
- Brehm property – Contract will be signed soon. CIC will more than likely need funds from the Village for development and advertising.
- Discussed the Income Tax preparation for the November ballot.
- Elimination of Property Tax – Committee discussed the ramifications should it happen; layoffs, service cuts.
- America250

Councilman Burns asked whether the elimination of property tax would affect the possibility of a Fire District in the future, and the VA stated that it would affect it drastically, as there would no longer be any funding available for the Fire Department as they are funded by property tax levies. Councilman Hartley asked if the local fire departments are worried, and Chief Gibson stated that all the fire departments are extremely worried, as some fire departments already have stated that they may only be able to last an additional year without the property tax funding. VA stated that the Governor has stated that the income tax would raise to about 17%. Councilman Burns stated that it's a complete wash then, giving up property tax to receive a higher rate income tax. VA stated that sale tax would raise to around 23%.

Old Business – N/A

New Business –

1. **Resolution 2026-07** - A Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Prepare And Submit A Grant Application To The Darke County Park District. (1st Reading). Council Member Hartley moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2026-07. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to adopt Resolution 2026-07. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Announcements –

Adjournment – Council Member Hartley moved to adjourn. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

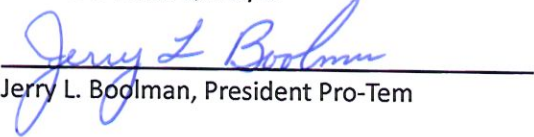
ATTEST:



Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor



Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer



Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem