

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting
April 28, 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, FO Karen Deao, Fire Chief Mark Gibson, Kevin Shawler, Ed Bruner, Beverly Rench, Angela Herron, Tim Herron and Jim Piel.

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 Hartley moved to approve the Meeting Minutes dated 4/14/2026. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda – None.

Comments from the Public –

- Semi-Annual Arcanum Preservation Society update. Society is moving out of the demolition phase and into reconstruction phase. Society continues to look for and obtain local grants through various organizations. A donation has allowed the Society to hire an architect. Many upcoming events are scheduled to happen at the Opera House. Society has received the utility bill from the Village for the past 6 months. The Society currently only has \$1,100 to put towards the utility bill, and asked Council to waive the remaining balance of \$2,940. Councilman Hartley asked how the Society keeps the heat cost down in the building. Jim Piel stated that they have disconnected majority of the baseboard heat in several areas and they keep the thermostat pretty much around 55 degrees, and they only heat a room while they are there working. Councilman Boolman commended the Society on being able to pay a portion of the utility bill, as a few years ago they weren't able to pay anything. General discussion was had regarding the Arcanum Preservation Society.

Council Member Boolman moved to waive \$2,940 in utilities from the Arcanum Preservation Society for the Old Town Hall. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Administrative Reports –

Mayor: Nothing to report.

Solicitor: Not present.

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

- Sewer Forgiveness – 604 S. Main Street due to a broken shut-off valve underneath the house. Council Member Hartley moved to approve a sewer forgiveness at 604 S. Main St. in the amount of \$378.00. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Personnel – Kyle Yount is asking to be able to carry over 2 hours of vacation to be used within the next two months. Chief Ballinger expressed to Council that the PD has been advised that they need to be better at using their vacation within the specific year it is given. Council Member Boolman moved to allow Kyle Yount to carry over 2 hours of vacation to be used within 2 months. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed

Councilman Boolman questioned a residence that just built a new 2 car garage, but still has another building on the property. VA stated that the resident is planning on removing the second building. Councilman Boolman also questioned vehicles backing out on to Maple Lane. VA stated that the building does meet all zoning requirements.

Fiscal Officer: Check registers, March Reconciliation, YTD Fun Report & ¼% Spreadsheet were provided in Council Packet.

- Authorized Expenditures 4/15/26-4/28/26

Fire Department: Nothing to report.

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

Utility Committee: Nothing to report.

Finance, Audit, & Personnel: Report given by Jerry Boolman. Committee met on 4/28/26.

- Discussed the possible property tax elimination, and the Village moving towards a .5% increase Income Tax. If the Village is successful in obtaining an increase of a .5% Income Tax the Village would do away with all levies effecting property tax. Committee doesn't know if the property tax elimination will happen this year, but does believe that it will eventually happen. Committee recommends to Council to move forward with placing a .5 increase income tax on the November ballot.

Council Member Boolman moved to allow RITA to send letters and subpoenas to non-filers and delinquent tax payers. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed

Council Member Hartley moved to proceed with placing a .5% Income Tax on the November ballot. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed

Street & Service Committee: Nothing to report.

Leisure: Nothing to report.

Planning: Nothing to report.

Old Business – N/A

New Business –

1. **Ordinance 2026-08** - An Ordinance Providing For An Amendment To The 2026 Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Arcanum, Darke County, Ohio And Declaring An Emergency (Fire Equip Levy Fund, WWTP Improvements Proj Fund, Electric Meter Surcharge Fund). Council Member Hartley moved to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2026-08. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to adopt Ordinance 2026-08. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to declare Ordinance 2026-08 an emergency. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed
2. **Ordinance 2026-09** - An Ordinance Establishing Water Reconnection Fees For The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio. (1st Reading).

Announcements –

Adjournment – Council Member Hartley moved to adjourn. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

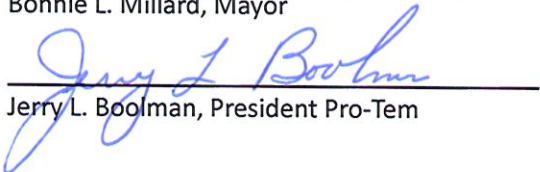
ATTEST:



Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor



Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer



Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem