

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting
May 12, 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 and Chloe Price. Also in attendance were VA Marcus Ballinger, FO Karen Deao, Fire Chief Mark Gibson and Sandy Hartley.

Council Member Hartley moved to excuse Councilman Burns and Councilwoman Bruner. Council Member Vanhoose 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 4/28/2026. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda – None.

Comments from the Public – None.

Administrative Reports –

Mayor: The Digital Design Class at Arcanum High School has designed a brochure for Ivester Park & The Arcanum Nature Preserve over the last few months. Mayor asked Council to consider a donation to the Digital Design Class for their work. Mayor stated that they will be printed in a tri-fold brochure and will be placed at a few places within the park. Councilman Hartley said that the brochure will be nice as several people have asked him about the distances on the trails. Council Member Hartley moved to approve a donation of \$200.00 to the Arcanum High School Digital Design class for their work on the Ivester Park Brochure. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Solicitor: Nothing to report.

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

- Personnel – Officer Kierstan Fourman has submitted her letter of resignation, with her last day being 6/7/2026. Her new department in Tennessee would like to purchase her vest for \$145.00. VA stated that he does not have a use for her vest due to its size.
 - Council Member Hartley moved to approve the selling of Officer Fourman’s police vest for \$145.00 to Greenville Tennessee Police Department. Council Member Price seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
 - Council Member Hartley moved to accept the resignation of Officer Kierstan Fourman, effective 6/7/2026. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Reclamite – Estimate received did not have the ball diamond & downtown parking lot included in the estimate. VA feels that both parking lots should be included, and to add them would be an additional \$4,502.50 from the ¼% Fund. General discussion on whether funds should come from 1/4% or Street.

General discussion on the timeline for completion of Mathias Lane. VA believes that the road can be completed by 2030; Councilman Hartley stated that the earlier the better as it is a road the residents have wanted for many years and not having it creates safety issue. He further believes that several other street projects can be delayed so that it can be done sooner. VA stated that there is not enough in the ¼% Fund to complete the Mathias Lane project this year or next year. VA commented that if the Income Tax increase passes there would be a greater chance for the project to be completed next year. VA further stated that if Council wants to move the project to the top of the list, then that’s their choice.

- Council Member Boolman moved to approve moving \$4,502.50 from Street Misc. to Street Minor Street Repair for reclamite of the ball park & downtown parking lots. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Man-Hole adjustments – Randy would like to have man-holes with in town adjusted, however, the project was not in this year’s budget. Many man-holes within town have sunken down, or raised up causing issues when plowing and every day travel. The company would come in and level them to the road, and will already be here assisting on the S. High Street Project. The company will give a better rate since they will already be here. The cost to adjust the man-holes across town will be \$24,675.00. VA stated that the project could be paid for by using monies from Street, Community Environment, Storm Sewer & Sewer Funds. General discussion was had amongst council. Councilwoman Price asked how many man-holes would be corrected, at which the mayor responded approximately 20 on the side streets. Councilman Boolman stated that tearing up the plows can be costly. Councilwoman Price stated that she doesn’t love it, when people should be paying attention, and if it’s \$2K every 2 years to fix the plow, it’s hard to justify \$24K up front from four funds. VA gave several examples of the hardships a broken plow can cause. Councilman Hartley asked on a timeframe of when the project could be done. VA stated that it would be while the company was here doing the S. High St. Project this summer.
 - Council Member Hartley moved to approve \$24,675 from General Fund Misc. to Community Environment & Sewer Fund Capital Improvement for repairs of various man-holes in the Village. Council Member VanHoose seconded. Councilwoman Price voted no. All other present council members voted yea. Motion failed.

Fiscal Officer: Check registers were provided in Council Packet.

- Authorized Expenditures 4/29/26-5/12/26
- 2025 Audit – Auditor has been on-site and is moving forward with the audit. Audit has to be done by May 31st,

to satisfy our USDA loan.

Fire Department: Nothing to report.

Safety: Report given by Chloe Price. Next scheduled meeting is 5/18/26 @ 6pm.

Meeting was held with the Pittsburg Mayor and Fire Chief.

- Discussed in the future possibly merging the fire territories, and working respectively together.
- Volunteers are always needed for both departments. Increasing the pay of the volunteers would help retain them.
- General discussion was had on what each department would like to see in the future.
- Pittsburg purchased land years ago for a new building.

Utility Committee: Nothing to report.

Finance, Audit, & Personnel: Nothing to report.

Street & Service Committee: Nothing to report.

Leisure: Nothing to report.

Planning: Nothing to report.

Old Business –

1. **Ordinance 2026-09** - An Ordinance Establishing Water Reconnection Fees For The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio. (2nd Reading).

New Business –

1. **Ordinance 2026-10** - 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 (S. Main St. Reconstruction Fund, Village Admin-Police Dept. Proj., East/First/Albright/South STS, Electric Fund, Harvest Fields, LLC Escrow).


Announcements – Fade The Grain ribbon cutting is Sat. 5/16/2026 @ 2:30pm.

Adjournment – Council Member Hartley moved to adjourn. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

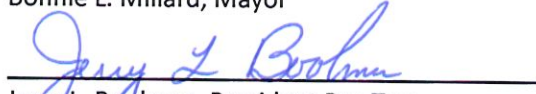
ATTEST:



Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor



Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer



Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem