

## ***Arcadia Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes, January 14th, 2015***

Arcadia Village Council met for Regular Session on January 14th, 2015 in council chambers at 104 Gibson St. Arcadia, Ohio. At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Ebersole called the meeting to order. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Those in attendance were: Village Administrator, Jeff Hanna, Utility Clerk Teresa Margraf, Fiscal Officer, Jackalyn Honaker and Solicitor John Filkins. Voting Council Members who were present: Tom Pessell, Matthew Tesnow, Jennifer Bowman and Rhonda Dingelstedt. One resident, Rick Aurand, was present.

As it was the first of the year the reorganization was held first. Rhonda Dingelstedt nominated Tom Pessell to be Council President for 2015 and Matt Tesnow second the motion. Matt Tesnow made a motion to close the nominations and Rhonda Dingelstedt second that motion. All present vote aye and no one voted nay. Motion carried. The council meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor requested that the monthly minutes be e-mailed to the council members and the mayor.

The Mayor read her list of committee members for 2015. Finance – Rhonda Dingelstedt, Jim Risner, Matt Tesnow and the fiscal officer. Infrastructure – Tom Pessell, Jennifer Bowman and a new council member. PRPR – Jim Risner, Rhonda Dingelstedt, and the new council member. Records Retention – Stephanie Ebersole, John Filkins, Judy Pessell and the fiscal officer.

Tom Pessell made a motion to close the reorganization meeting and Matt Tesnow second that motion. Roll call vote 4 – 0 motion passed.

At this time the Mayor gave her yearly report as follows

“ This has been a year filled with changes for the Village of Arcadia. We were awarded Tree City USA status in 2014 and this is a very large accomplishment. The Lions Club Blue Ribbon Award, Arcadia Local School Presidential Award and the Tree City USA signage were posted inside the Village limits for all who pass through the Village of Arcadia to note that residents are willing to take pride in their town and work hard to make it a nice place to live.

There were some minor setbacks with vandalisms this spring and summer; however, it seemed to have brought the community members even closer together. Many residents were very angry, hurt, and lacked trust within their own community; therefore, the Arcadia Community Block Watch group was created after the Community Park Building was vandalized. This brought residents closer together in a way that has not been seen around Arcadia for many years. People actually started talking to their neighbors, looking out for one another, and taking a vested interest in what was happening in their own neighborhood. This was once a large part of this small town Arcadia, and it is often times when vandalism and tragedy occur that it brings people closer together in order to work toward accomplishing a common goal. Although the crime and vandalism has slowed down, our Block Watch group is still operable and will continue to be working as a group that wants to keep Arcadia a safe, friendly, and an inviting place for everyone.

At this time, our utilities are running well and we are thankful for this, especially in this economic time. We are looking ahead and keeping in mind that our water and sewer systems are aging. The electric rebuild is taking a little longer than planned and this project should be finished at the end of year 2016. We were able to resurface Water and Walnut Street with permissive tax and seal the Village streets and alley ways in 2014. Along with the utilities, we were able to purchase a new chipper to replace our well used and maintained chipper.

2014 has brought some challenges for the Village of Arcadia; however it has brought the residents closer together, we need to appreciate the positives that have occurred this year that have certainly outweighed the negative.”

A motion was made by Tom Pessell to accept the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 minutes as written and Matt Tesnow second the motion. Roll call vote 4 – 0 motion carried. Tom Pessell made a motion to accept the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes as written and Matt Tesnow second the motion. Roll call vote 4 – 0 motion carried.

Resident's concerns – Rick Aurand was present to ask some questions. Does the village have an ordinance regarding what time businesses close at night in the village. The answer was there is no such ordinance but of course place that sell liquor have stated hours controlled by the state. He said he was interested in the business of the council and would like to attend the meetings and he was encouraged to do so. He stayed for the rest of the meeting.

**Administrator's Report** – Jeff Hanna gave the village administrator's report. (copy enclosed) for the month of December 2014 there were 53 delinquent accounts amounting to \$ 10,056.29 there was one disconnect and it has been reconnected. Under Water the council reviewed the quote to paint the water tower and several members mentioned they would like to see more quotes. There was a lengthy discussion concerning Ordinance 2015-02, an ordinance to change some of the areas in the electric department. A lot of questions were asked and answered with a lot of discussion. It was mentioned that the current rebuild will continue to go on for another year or two. There was discussion does council want Mr. Courtney to come back and explain his study and the council stated they did not want to have to pay for such a thing. Mr. Hanna will check to see if Mr. Courtney would come without a charge. During discussions the Mayor stated again that she does not want an electric increase and a water increase to go in to affect at the same time. Mr. Tesnow does not want to see an increase in the electric department.

Mr. Hanna introduced Ordinance 2015-03, an ordinance, an ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator, to expend funds for the purchase and installation of a utility pole that was destroyed at the Foundry. Tom Pessell made a motion to pass Ordinance 2015-03 as an emergency and Matt Tesnow second the motion. Roll call vote 4 – 0 motion carried. Mr. Hanna also introduced Ordinance 2015-01, an ordinance providing for the employment of the Village Solicitor for the Village of Arcadia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Matt Tesnow made a motion to accept Ordinance 2015-01 and Tom Pessell second the motion. Roll call vote 4 – 0 motion carried.

Fiscal Officer's Report – Ms. Honaker presented the reconciliation report for December 31st, 2014, and passed it around for signatures. She also passed the December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 cash summary report by fund and the December 31, 2014 appropriation report.

At 9:00 pm Tom Pessell made a motion to extend the meeting and Rhonda Dingelstedt second the motion. Roll call vote 4 – 0 motion carried.

Ms. Honaker presented the % report for 2015 payroll as suggested by the auditor. Mr. Hanna – Village 16.8, Street 6.4, Water 30.4, Sanitary Sewer 8.00, Electric 18.4 = 80 hours per pay period. Ms. Margraf – Village 8., Water 22.4, Sanitary Sewer 23.2, Electric 26.4 = 80 hours per pay period. Matt Tesnow made a motion to accept the percentages and Jennifer Bowman second that motion. Roll call vote 4 – 0. Motion carried. Ms. Honaker brought up that the hourly employees questioned the personnel policy they were given last month and wish it to be reviewed. The Administrator had prepared a list of discrepancies. A committee of Tom Pessell, Matt Tesnow and Mayor Stephanie Ebersole will review the material and present their findings to the council. Tom Pessell made a motion to pay the bills and Rhonda Dingelstedt second the motion. Roll call vote 4 – 0 motion carried.

Cash Summary by Fund for December 2014:

<b>Funds</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$ 316,197.92	\$ 3,434.43	\$ 5,639.64	\$ 313,9923.71
<b>Street Construction</b>	\$ 204,712.83	\$ 1,810.87	\$ 580.35	\$ 205,943.35
<b>State Highway</b>	\$ 10,125.369	\$ 146.83	\$ 55.14	\$ 10,217.38
<b>Storm Sewer</b>	\$ 19,865.34	\$ 81.62	\$ 1,020.49	\$ 18,926.47

<b>Water Operating</b>	\$	198,482.51	\$	20,800.56	\$	12,917.33	\$	206,365.74
<b>San Sewer Operating</b>	\$	88,715.23	\$	9,807.27	\$	8,136.91	\$	90,385.59
<b>Electric Operating</b>	\$	306,067.11	\$	45,52.67	\$	40,778.91	\$	310,808.87
<b>San Sewer Debt</b>	\$	2,919.57	\$	00.00	\$	0.00	\$	2,919.57
<b>Enterprise Deposits</b>	\$	13,818.27	\$	719.00	\$	1,400.00	\$	13,137.27
<b>Enterprise Improvement</b>	\$	45,070.81	\$	1,117.29	\$	0.00	\$	46,188.10
<b>Totals:</b>	\$	1,205,975.28	\$	83,438.54	\$	70,528.77	\$	1,218,885.05

**Solicitor's Report – No report.**

**Mayor's Report – Mayor Ebersole read a letter of resignation from council member Tommy Tesnow. He regretted resigning but has received a promotion at work and will be unable to attend meetings. Matt Tesnow made a motion to accept the resignation and Rhonda Dingelstedt second the motion. Roll call vote 4 – 0 motion passed. The council has thirty days to make any recommendations and then the Mayor will address the situation.**

**Old business – Mayor Ebersole reported that an e-mail had been received from Shawn Crossman regarding setting up a website for the village. After discussion Matt Tesnow made a motion to hire Shawn Crossman to build and maintain for one year a website for the village at a cost not to exceed \$ 400.00. Tom Pessell second that motion. Roll call vote 4 – 0 motion carried.**

**New business – none at this time.**

**Committee reports  
Infrastructure – no report**

**PRPR – no report**

**Finance**

**Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to adjourn and Matt Tesnow second that motion.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

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**Fiscal Officer, Jackalyn Honaker**

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**Mayor, Stephanie Ebersole**