

Arcadia Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes, April 13th, 2015

Arcadia Village Council met for Regular Session on April 13th, 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, Solicitor John Filkins, Utility Clerk Teresa Margraf, and Fiscal Officer, Jackalyn Honaker. Voting Council Members who were present: Tom Pessell, Matthew Tesnow, Jennifer Bowman, James Risner and Rhonda Dingelstedt. Marla Moses absent due to illness.

Residents present were Harry Colvin, Don Moses, Matt Sterling, Rick Aurand, Verne Snyder and Chester Balderson.

A motion was made by Matt Tesnow to accept the March 9th, 2015 minutes as written and James Risner second the motion. Roll call vote 5 – 0 motion carried.

Agenda Changes – No changes

Guest's Concerns – Don Moses and Harry Colvin were present to represent the Lion's Club. Don reported about the progress on the canopy building for over the patio. They have received a grant. Last year's building cost estimate was \$ 9800. And the grant will cover that. The club is going ahead with getting the work done.

Don and Harry both gave information regarding the invitation to have a float in an upcoming Independence Day parade and/or a booth representing family history of the village. The club members has discussed it and voted it down as a lot of members will be away for the holiday. All county villages have been invited to participate. The Lion's Club was turning this opportunity over to the council. After serious discussion the council members felt that there was not enough time left to organize such a project. If it is done again in future years maybe it could be put together.

Resident's Concerns – Matt Sterling asked if the second reading for the electric ordinance was going to be done this evening. He would really like to see expenditures reduced rather than rates raised. Mr. Sterling also questioned the administrator working inside so much. He also questioned the new council member being absent.

Rick Aurand was present to watch how local government works. He also had a question regarding his paved driveway doesn't go clear to the alley paving and he would like guidance on how to fix that (he recently moved there). The administrator will be down to look at the situation.

Verne Snyder stated that when the rate study was done in 2013 there was no recommendation to raise the rates. He asked each council member and the mayor to respond to his question as to why a rate increase. Each member and the mayor responded with their opinion.

Chester Balderson stated that he was here to observe and understand how local government works.

Don Moses and Harry Colvin both stated they are afraid the village would lose local businesses if the rate increase goes through.

Mr. Snyder showed concern that too much money is being wasted on payroll with too many employees on the job. The Administrator explained that at present he has two part-time employees as opposed to one full time assistant.

Administrator's Report – Jeff Hanna gave the village administrator's report. (copy enclosed) for the month of March 2015 there were 47 delinquent accounts amounting to \$ 8,945.44 there was one disconnect.

An update on his report under water, Nelson Tank will be here to do the requested tower inspection this Friday. Another update, under sanitary sewer, the new meter came today and they will be scheduling to install.

The Mayor asked what the council wanted to do about proposed clean-up days. After discussion the council decided to go with one day on June 13th, 8 to 4 as usual. Mr. Hanna will get estimates as to cost to remove and dump.

Fiscal Officer's Report – Ms. Honaker presented the reconciliation report for March 31st, 2015, and passed it around for signatures. She also passed the March 31st, 2015 cash summary report by fund and the March 31st, 2015 appropriation report. Ms. Honaker reported that she always does a three month comparison of revenue and appropriations to the same period last year and she was glad to report that revenue is up for the same time period last year in all three utilities. The report was passed around for the council to review.

Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to pay the bills and Tom Pessell second that motion. Roll call vote 5 – 0 motion passed.

Cash Summary by Fund for March 2015:

| <i>Funds</i> | <i>Beginning Balance</i> | <i>Receipts</i> | <i>Expenditures</i> | <i>Ending Balance</i> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund | \$ 311,892.82 | \$ 12,291.51 | \$ 6,352.50 | \$ 317,831.83 |
| Street Construction | \$ 208,045.94 | \$ 1,796.39 | \$ 1,445.40 | \$ 208,396.93 |
| State Highway | \$ 10,459.93 | \$ 145.68 | \$ 54.80 | \$ 10,550.81 |
| Storm Sewer | \$ 18,231.43 | \$ 8,231.76 | \$ 245.08 | \$ 26,218.11 |
| Water Operating | \$ 207,680.67 | \$ 23,139.01 | \$ 11,389.41 | \$ 219,430.27 |
| San Sewer Operating | \$ 94,960.29 | \$ 9,535.85 | \$ 7,755.55 | \$ 96,740.59 |
| Electric Operating | \$ 317,583.80 | \$ 59,500.78 | \$ 48,939.78 | \$ 328,144.80 |
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| San Sewer Debt | \$ 2,919.57 | \$ 1,037.71 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 3,905.39 |
| Enterprise Deposits | \$ 13,856.27 | \$ 400.00 | \$ 1,119.00 | \$ 13,137.27 |
| Enterprise Improvement | \$ 48,098.75 | \$ 1,070.39 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 49,169.14 |
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| Totals: | \$ 1,233,729.47 | \$ 117,149.08 | \$ 77,353.41 | \$ 1,273,525.14 |

Solicitor's Report – none

Mayor's Report – The Mayor read a thank you card from Sheri Fleegle of the Blanchard Valley Center who spoke at our last council meeting. The Mayor also reported that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and April 8th was the official “wear blue” day. She also reported that a complaint was filed by a resident regarding how the empty seat on council was filled and the complaint was responded to by the solicitor. (When questioned the Board of Election felt it was handled correctly).

Old business – Mayor Ebersole reported that the carpet was taken up in the main area of the town hall two weeks ago and Tom Pessell assisted her with moral support and moving the drinking fountain. The remainder of the carpet was removed the following week by employees.

The Mayor also reported the new village website is constructed and recommended council members review the information.

New business – The Mayor reported the Owens Community College Outstanding Service Awards Breakfast and Presentation is in Perrysburg on Friday, April 24th for Teresa Margraf's nomination if anyone is interested in attending the breakfast and awards presentation. Matt Tesnow and Tom Pessell and Teresa will be attending together.

Committee reports

Infrastructure – Mr. Hanna reported that he has shot video of our buildings for the committee to review and make recommendations for repair and upkeep. They will be meeting to review the video.

PRPR – no report

Finance – no report

At this time Tom Pessell made a motion to go to Executive Session for No.1 – appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. He wished the Mayor, all council members, the administrator, the solicitor, the fiscal officer to be present. He asked that Utility Clerk Teresa Margraf could be called in as part of the discussion. Matt Tesnow second the motion. Roll call vote 5 – 0 motion passed.

Matt Tesnow made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Tom Pessell second the motion. Roll call vote 5 – 0 motion passed.

At this time Rhonda Dindeslstedt made a motion to table the second reading of Ordinance 2015 – 02, an ordinance amending ordinance 2006 -07, fixing the rates at which electric current will be furnished to users through the municipal distribution system of the Village of Arcadia, Ohio, establishing new rate schedules. James Risner second the motion. Roll call vote 5 – 0 motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Fiscal Officer, Jackalyn Honaker

Mayor, Stephanie Ebersole