

Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2019

Arcadia Village Council met for regular session on February 11, 2019 in council chambers at 104 Gibson St., Arcadia, Ohio. At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Matthew Tesnow called the meeting to order. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call Attendance: Fiscal Officer : Rick Aurand. Voting Council Members: Stephanie Ebersole, Rhonda Dingelstedt, Sherrie Keefe, Don E Moses, Lester Lute, Harry Colvin and Utilities Clerk Amie Clouse as well as Brian Dingelstedt, Village Administrator & Matt Tesnow were all present.

Village Solicitor: John Filkins was present for this meeting.

Residents& Guests: Jordan Donaldson representing Bascom Communications Inc was present to make council aware that his company is interested in expanding service to Arcadia area by placing a satellite dish on top of our water tower and in doing so would be another internet service provider in the Arcadia Area. Mayor Tesnow made Jordan aware of us having work done on the water tower and we did not want to in any way impede that work or the installation of Bascom Communications equipment installation. Council asked that Jordan get a contract together for the Village Solicitor to review and we would talk more about it at the next Council meeting. There were no residents at this council meeting.

Mayor Tesnow asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written from the January 14th 2019 meeting meeting Harry Colvin made the motion and Sherrie Keefe seconded it and the minutes were accepted unanimously by a roll call vote. (Voting in favor were: Stephanie Ebersole, Don E Moses, Lester Lute, Rhonda Dingelstedt)

Mayor Matt Tesnow asked council to approve paying the bills as Januarys' paperwork & fund reports were being passed and signed around the table Harry Colvin made a motion to Pay the Bills and Lester Lute seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved the "paying of the bills". Sherrie Keefe, Rhonda Dingelstedt, Stephanie Ebersole, Don E Moses all voted in favor). Matt Tesnow did the Second reading of Resolution 2019-2 to **Suspend** water rate increase as outlined in ordinance 2011-9 in 2019. Mayor Tesnow Submitted Ordinance # 2019-3 for Council approval (Ordinance to renew the Solicitor's contract through 2021 at the same rate as currently in effect. (Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the contract as written and Lester Lute seconded the motion with Don E Moses, Sherrie Keefe, Rhonda Dingelstedt and Stephanie Ebersole all in favor passing and accepting the Solicitor's new contract 2019-3. the Matt Tesnow submitted Ordinance # 2019-4 for Council to approve which covers the adding of a new Fund #4901 Capital Projects. Sherrie Keefe Made a motion to accept the new account and Lester Lute seconded it. Stephanie Ebersole, Rhonda Dingelstedt, Don E Moses and Harry Colvin all voted in favor and the motion passed.

Council President Rhonda Dingelstedt made council aware that she wished to step down as Council President (election was in January) because of her husband Brian Dingelstedt's being administrator. Rhonda wanted to avoid any and all conflicts of interest. Rhonda nominated Stephanie, Don E Moses seconded it, to be council president and by landslide election it was decided that Stephanie Ebersole would be Council president with Lester Lute, Harry Colvin, Sherrie Keefe all voting in favor.

Councilman Don E Moses asked when & where the Sunny Farms Landfill meeting was to be and Rick Aurand told him it was February 13, 2019 in Tiffin Columbian High school Auditorium at 6:00 pm.

Councilman Lester Lute asked about when the Christmas Decorations would be coming down and he was told they are planned to be taken down by 2/28/2019 this year.

Council President Stephanie Ebersole Made Council aware that the finance committee met and decided to recommend that the Pesticide and Herbicide licensing fees remain at the .50 per hour rate addition that they are currently but that the Tree City Certification merits a \$1.00 per hour rate increase for completing the training and achieving certification. No increases will be added upon recertification and the village will pay for the licensing and the re-certifications as required. This means that our current Utilities Clerk will receive a rate increase as of first pay in March for \$1.00 per hour raising her rate to \$17.50 per hour. Harry Colvin made the motion to approve the recommendation and Lester Lute seconded it with Rhonda Dingelstedt voting in favor, as well as Don E Moses, Sherrie Keefe and Stephanie Ebersole are all in favor. (To further Clarify: increases do not apply to recertifications)

Administrators Report: **Brian Dingelstedt** said Water Receipts were \$22,785.82 with expenditures of \$37,017.93 fund balance after January activity (and the 2019 OWDA water system payment) was \$243,386.68. Sanitary Sewer receipts \$9,471.96 with \$7867.70 in expenditures with a fund balance of \$144,716.35 after January’s activity. Electric had \$56,564.71 in receipts and \$47,963.84 in expenditures with a fund balance after January’s activity of \$594,245.39. We had 37 delinquent accounts amounting to \$11,160.95 and no residents were disconnected for nonpayment. Brian Dingelstedt made council aware of the upcoming meeting with Mayor Tesnow and Neil and Don E Moses and Neil from Poggemyer Design/Engineers to discuss Phase 4 of our Storm Sewers to arrive on a plan to drain the village more efficiently and dependably.

Utility Clerk, Amie Clouse was present. Amie Clouse had nothing to add to February’s meeting.

Fiscal Officer Rick Aurand made council aware that the audit committee and the State Auditors met to go over the findings of the State Audit on January 30 at 3:30 in the afternoon. (Stephanie Ebersole and Lester Lute and Rick Aurand were present and Kevin Pegish as well as Kelly McCartney respectively with the State Auditor’s office. Rick Aurand made council aware he would be out of the office on March 6,7, & 8 in Columbus at Training for Government officials. Rick offered to attend the Document Training on behalf of Council and officers in lieu of their attending and by Unanimous vote it was decided by, Stephanie Ebersole who made the motion Rhonda Dingelstedt who seconded, & Don E Moses, Lester E Lute, Harry Colvin and Sherrie Keefe all voted to send Rick Aurand to represent the village in the documents training.

Solicitor John Filkins asked that Council go into Executive session for the purposes of discussing litigation in process. John requested the following people be present: Amie Clouse, Stephanie Ebersole, Lester Lute, Rick Aurand, Mayor Matt Tesnow, Brian Dingelstedt, Rhonda Dingelstedt & Harry Colvin to discuss pending Litigation: Stephanie Ebersole made the motion to go into Executive session and Donald E Moses Seconded the motion and all remaining voted in favor.(Rhonda Dingelstedt, Lester Lute, Sherrie Keefe all voted in favor) - (Harry Colvin was not in attendance)
Room was cleared of Guests and Residents not pertinent to Executive session.
Discussion John Filkins informed council of all the facts and options.
Rhonda Dingelstedt made the motion for us to come out of Executive session and Stephanie Ebersole Seconded the motion. (Don E Moses, Lester Lute, Sherrie Keefe, voted in favor)

Rhonda Dingelstedt moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Ebersole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Don E Moses, Sherrie Keefe, Lester Lute & Harry Colvin voted in favor) Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

