

## Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Arcadia Village Council met for regular session on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Lion's Club Community building at 301 West Brown Road Arcadia, Ohio. Due to the Coronavirus the Council meetings have been moved to the Community Park to allow more room to social distance. At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Chester Balderson called the meeting to order. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call Attendance:** Mayor; Chester Balderson. Voting Council Members: Rhonda Dingelstedt, Stephanie Balderson, Harry Colvin, Sherrie Keefe, Lester Lute and Donald E Moses. Brian Dingelstedt, Village Administrator; Amie Clouse, Fiscal Officer and John Filkens, solicitor.

**Residents in Attendance:** Roger Keefe, Laurie Lucas, Travis Bohn, Vi Fink, Teresa Margraf, Jim Margraf and Maxine Papenfuse.

**Visitors in Attendance:** Kadi Jones, Jamie Jones, Preston Snokes, XXXXX, with Boy Scouts Troop 316, and Eric Metcalfe.

**Minutes:** Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes as written and Sherrie Keefe seconds the motion. Roll call vote 5–0. Motion carried. Lester Lute abstained as he was not at the previous meeting.

**Bills:** Sherrie Keefe made a motion to pay the bills and Donald E Moses seconds the motion. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

**Guest Concerns:** Boy Scout Troop 316 were in attendance to observe the meeting. Eric Metcalfe attended to request the billing for water at 206 East South Street to be reduced to debt only. He explained that the structure that was on the lot has been removed and wished to have the sewer billing removed from his billing and be reduced to debt only for the water. The council agreed that this was acceptable. Travis Bohn was in attendance to observe.

**Resident's Concerns:** Laurie Lucas was in attendance to observe. Teresa Margraf wished Amie Clouse a Happy Birthday. Mrs. Margraf explained that she was sorry to see that KSA Salon had decided to relocate in Findlay. She believed that the Village was unfairly being blamed for the decision for KSA Salon to move out of the Village. Mrs. Margraf stated that she believed that the Moses could have provided more information and have been more actively in the process. Teresa Margraf also inquired about the 3% water rate increase that would go into effect for March billing. She wanted to state for the record that she did not believe that it is fair that the 3% is also applied to the debt portion of rate. Mrs. Margraf explained that Twenty Dollars is considered debt and this amount does not change but the 3% is applied to it when the rate is increased. Mayor Balderson explained that he would look into it.

**Administrators Report:** Brian Dingelstedt reported:

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$24,815.90	\$41,459.90	-\$16,664.00
Sanitary Sewer	\$9,626.97	\$6,069.55	+\$3,557.42
Electric	\$53,025.27	\$42,418.35	+\$10,606.92

38 delinquent accounts: \$8,289.82

No residents were disconnected for nonpayment.

**Water:** Preventive maintenance has been done to gate valves along Route 12 and Township Road 254. Bolts are being replaced with stainless steel bolts along the connections on the main water line. The Village has experienced 2 breaks to the main line that were a result of bolts that were rusty. These repairs will reduce the chance of a break to the main line.

**Sanitary Sewer:** The Scada System is installed in the Sanitary Sewer lift station. This system will help with maintaining the system remotely. An alarm system will aid in notifying the Village employees and the office when there is a problem.

**Electric:** Nothing to report.

**Other:** The new snow plow has been installed on the dump truck and with the recent snow it has been utilized.

Mr. Dingelstedt passed out and presented council with a quote to enclose the compost area and install a gate that would be operational remotely. The total for this project would be \$13,457.84. Other ideas and options were discussed including other ways to create a boundary to restrict access. Maintaining this area has become very costly and properly securing the area would aid in controlling commercial dumping. Over the last year the Village have made improvements that have made the area safer and easier for residents and employees to utilize. The project was tabled and will be considered in the future.

Brian Dingelstedt explained that the main water line that connects Fostoria's water supply to the Village of Arcadia runs along Route 12. The Village maintains the line from County Road 330 to Arcadia. Fostoria maintains the portion that runs East from Co. Rd. 330 to Fostoria. If a home owner would like to tap this water line on the side that Fostoria maintains they are required to pay Arcadia \$30.80 per frontage foot. The cost represents the cost to the Village to install the water line. The cost to homeowners to tap this line ranges from approximately \$3,000 to \$10,000. This is just what they will owe Arcadia, Fostoria has a tap fee as well. There have been multiple inquiries about connecting to this portion of the line but the cost seems to deter homeowner from connecting. The Administrator would like council to evaluate the structure of this cost to tap the Fostoria side of the line. Currently the Village is not receiving any income for this portion of the line as it seems too costly to homeowners. Mayor Balderson tabled the topic and will set up a special meeting for the topic as it is a lengthy discussion.

Amie Clouse explained that she received an email from AMP, the Villages bulk energy supplier, inquiring if the Village would be interested in getting into a solar project. AMP is only asking about the level of interest in the project as they are in the early stages of determining if this is a project that the members are interested in. She explained that she did send in the letter of interest in for the project. The projected cost was around \$35.00 per MKW and this is comparable to our current cost. Lester Lute inquired about a cost benefit analysis, Mrs. Clouse said she would inquire about it.

#### **Fiscal Officers Report:**

Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse presented council with Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Cash Flow Summary and the Monthly Cash Flow Ledgers.

<u>For September</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General fund:	\$176,900.99	\$178,143.53
Streets:	\$179,946.79	\$181,902.97
Highway:	\$9,914.21	\$10,063.18
Storm Sewer:	\$45,132.44	\$45,079.64
Corona virus Relief:	\$11,389.12	\$11,228.40
Water:	\$167,364.03	\$150,720.03
Sanitary Sewer:	\$198,355.65	\$201,913.07
Electric:	\$731,167.39	\$741,774.31

Mrs. Clouse explained that she completed closing out the year for the fiscal 2020.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Chester Balderson presented council with the two-year renewal of service agreement through Hancock Emergency Management Agency for year 2021 and 2022. Stephanie Balderson made a motion to accept the contract with EMA, Sherrie Keefe seconded the motion. Roll call 6-0, all in favor.

**Solicitor Report:** nothing to report

**Zoning Report:** Nothing

**Old Business:** Teresa Margraf inquired about the building by the tracks that is vacant. Mayor Balderson said that he would get ahold of the Health and Safety Department and inquire about more information. Lester Lute asked if a letter has been sent to the property owner. Mayor Balderson explained that the letter has not been sent out yet because the building must be inspected first. Mr. Lute requested that the property owner be invited to the council meeting. Mayor Balderson stated that he would work on this. Sherrie Keefe asked about the condition of the pavement behind the fire department. She is concerned with it being a hazard and causing someone to trip.

**New Business:** nothing to report

Council member Harry Colvin recognized the Boy Scouts that attended the council meeting from Troop 316. He explained that they are working on a merit badge for citizenship in the community. Mr. Colvin informed council that the Village has a new troop through the Lions Club.

Laurie Lucas wanted to thank the council members for serving their community. She has lived in the Village for four years and has learned so much from coming to council meetings. She made mention of the services that the Village provides that she did not receive while living in the country, like leaf pick up and dump day. Mrs. Lucas expressed a true appreciation for this community and everything it has to offer from the services of the community to the people that make it special. She explained how sad she is to see residents put the efforts of the village employees down on the community page. She believes that problems can be solved and that she is so happy to be here in the Village of Arcadia.

Travis Bohn a part time village employee added to Mrs. Lucas's sentiment. He doesn't live in town but he cares a lot about this community. That is why he works for the Village part time and is a volunteer for the Washington Twp. Fire Dept. after his regular job. He thanked Mrs. Lucas for her comments because the community page does get frustrating. He also explained that he has visited other small communities and he notices things that are not as nice or taken care of as it is in the Village of Arcadia. Pointing out that the Village is a great place.

Brian Dingelstedt explained that the Village would like to help maintain the community park with plowing or mowing moving forward. They work together with the Lions Club members that maintain the park. Jim Margraf, a Lion's Club member recognized that in the past the Village has not been willing to help the Lion's Club. He appreciates the help the Village has provided the park in more recent years.

**Adjourn:**

Rhonda Dingelstedt moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Balderson second. All in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

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Mayor, Chester Balderson