

Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes, April 12th, 2021

Arcadia Village Council met for regular session on April 12th, 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, Lester Lute and Donald E Moses. Brian Dingelstedt, Village Administrator; Amie Clouse, Fiscal Officer were present. Sherrie Keefe and John Filkens, Solicitor were absent.

Residents in Attendance: Teresa Margraf, Vi Fink, Donald L. Moses Sr, and Maxine Papenfuse.

Visitors in Attendance: Carol McDonald, Gene Fernandez and John Grossman.

Minutes: Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the March 8th, 2021 minutes as written and Lester Lute seconds the motion. Roll call vote 5–0. Motion carried.

Bills: Lester Lute made a motion to pay the bills and Harry Colvin seconds the motion. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Guest Concerns: Gene Fernandez addressed the council about a concern about the cost for a new water tap in the Red Hawk development. He explained that he had some documentation about the original development. He explained a time line of payments and interest and how these payments were applied to specific lots. Due to the information that Mr. Fernandez presented he believed that the tap fee for his lot should have already been paid for. Teresa Margraf was present at the meeting and was the utility clerk when the time line Mr. Fernandez was addressing council occurred. Mrs. Margraf explained that the book keeping for this project was done by the Village and due to the loss of documentation from Red Hawk development and the lack or late payment at the time the project went to court. The court made the final decision in the favor of the Village and the cost of the current taps is a result of the cost that the Village incurred due to the original project. Both Mrs. Margraf and Mr. Fernandez had information to share about what they knew and were told about the Red Hawk project when the problems were arising. Mr. Fernandez hoped to pay a reduced price for his tap and would like to hear back for the Village on this matter.

John Grossman was present to address council about the main water line that is east of the pump station on route 12. He explained that he would be paying around \$9,000 to the Village of Arcadia before he would need to pay Fostoria to tap the line. He explained that he was all set to tap the water line until he was aware of the amount that he would need to pay the Village of Arcadia. Mayor Balderson explained that this is something that council has been discussing. Mayor Balderson is looking into a solution that will be reasonable and communicate with Fostoria about how this could benefit both parties. John also wanted to let council aware of a solar project that is interested in moving into Washington Township.

Carol McDonald was in attendance to observe.

Resident's Concerns: Maxine Papenfuse was in attendance to observe. She did want to state that she was concerned about how expensive it has become to live in the Village of Arcadia. She is concerned that it may be difficult for it be affordable to live here.

Vi Fink and Donald L. Moses were in attendance to observe.

Administrators Report: Brian Dingelstedt reported:

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$36,299.84	\$19,642.71	+\$16,657.13
Sanitary Sewer	\$10,585.29	\$24,686.66	-\$14,101.37
Electric	\$61,352.41	\$46,079.53	+\$15,728.80

30 delinquent accounts: \$9,419.95
 No residents were disconnected for nonpayment.

Water: Mr. Dingelstedt explained that he purchased meters and yokes for the water department. These purchases were necessary as the Village’s supplies were getting low. The cost for the supplies was \$3,800.00. The Mayor will have legislation to address this cost.

Sanitary Sewer: Nothing to report

Electric: Mr. Dingelstedt explained the pros and cons to how the electric would be installed on Farmers Lane. He presented council with the estimate for labor cost but was still waiting on the list and estimate of materials. The administrator and the line men recommend the underground installation of this new service. It was also discussed who would burden this cost. The clerk stated that some of this cost is incurred by the Village. Although the rules and regulations state that the home owner incur extra cost. More information will be necessary to determine a final decision on both matters.

Other: Mr. Dingelstedt explained to council that he would like to have some repairs completed to streets; behind the fire department, on North Main St. and Brown Rd. The Village has completed small repairs to these areas. These repairs are reoccurring and a more permanent fix would be beneficial. The administrator presented 2 quotes to complete these repairs.

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 February</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General fund:	\$181,144.23	\$193,290.53
Streets:	\$181,239.35	\$179,863.54
Highway:	\$10,222.61	\$10,549.02
Storm Sewer:	\$45,079.64	\$54,912.48
Corona virus Relief:	\$11,155.35	\$10,260.58
Water:	\$160,204.88	\$194,829.55
Sanitary Sewer:	\$205,378.55	\$192,671.43
Electric:	\$743,916.55	\$754,965.84

Mrs. Clouse explained to council that she would be sending out the income surveys in the May utility bills. If the income survey results in the Village’s income being 51% low to moderate income the Village will be eligible for grants. These grants could help the Village complete expensive projects.

She reminded council that the Village has committed to helping with the 2022 Tree City USA awards ceremony that will be in Findlay Ohio at the University of Findlay. She explained that she was recently contacted about getting together with the other members involved from surrounding communities. Teresa Margraf will also be helping with this project.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Chester Balderson presented Resolution 2021-B to purchase water meters and setters and declaring it and emergency. Lester Lute moved to accept Resolution 2021-B. Harry Colvin seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

He then presented Resolution 2021-C for Miles Asphalt Sealing and Paving to complete repairs to streets not to exceed \$4,500 and declaring it and emergency. Lester Lute questioned if a guarantee with the more expensive quote. Donald E. Moses stated he has received quotes for this type of work and it is not guaranteed. Briand explained one of the quotes clearly states that

there is not a guarantee. Harry Colvin moved to accept Resolution 2021-C. Donald E. Moses seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

Solicitor Report: nothing to report

Zoning Report: Nothing

Old Business: Teresa Margraf inquired about the vacant lot on North Main beside the railroad tracks. Mayor Balderson talked to the owner. The owner informed the mayor that he has secured the building and removed some of his property and set traps. There have been visible problems that are still a hazard and a phone call will be made to the property owner and the health department. Mrs. Margraf expressed concern about the 3% increase to the water bill. She does not believe 3% should be applied to the portion of the billing that is debt. Amie Clouse went over the legislation that established the 3% increase each year. Mrs. Clouse explained that debt is not billed or listed separately. Debit is listed in the legislation as a cost that is incurred but not as a separate line item. She did not believe that the Village was applying the 3% in a way that would cause the Village to be in any violations. Mrs. Margraf believed that the 3% should not be applied to the debt portion of the bill. It was explained that some residents pay for debt only on a property and that these bills do not have the 3% applied to them. Mayor Balderson explained that he would look into the matter and get back to her about it.

New Business: No new business.

Adjourn:

Rhonda Dingelstedt moved to adjourn the meeting. Harry Colvin second. All in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

Mayor, Chester Balderson