

## **Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes, July 12<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

Arcadia Village Council met for regular session on July 12<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at the Town Hall located at 104 South Gibson Street Arcadia, Ohio. 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: Stephanie Balderson, Sherrie Keefe, Rhonda Dingelstedt, and Donald E Moses, Brian Dingelstedt, Village Administrator, Amie Clouse, Fiscal Officer, and John Filkens, solicitor, were present. Council Members Lester Lute and Harry Colvin were absent.

**Residents in Attendance:** Teresa Margraf, Vi Fink, and Maxine Papenfuse.

**Visitors in Attendance:** Carol McDonald, Ted Bibler, Pam Bibler, Carl Schilt, Ruth Schilt, John Grossman, Steve Mellott, Mary Jo Boes, Larry Boes, Alen Banister, Mark Lehman, Michelle Lehman and Pat True.

**Minutes:** Stephanie Balderson made a motion to accept the June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 minutes as written and Donald E. Moses seconds the motion. Roll call vote 4–0. Motion carried.

**Bills:** Sherrie Keefe made a motion to pay the bills and Donald E. Moses seconds the motion. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

**Guest Concerns:** Ted Bibler, Pam Bibler, Carl Schilt, Ruth Schilt, Alen Banister, John Grossman, Steve Mellott, Mary Jo Boes, Larry Boes, Mark Lehman, Michelle Lehman and Pat True were all in attendance to address their concerns about the Solar project that is being proposed in the Washington Township. Pam Bibler was in attendance to ask what the Village's position on the solar project is. She explained that Washington Township has stated that they will send a letter to the commissioner to oppose the project. She expressed other concerns that would affect the village in the future. Mayor Balderson explained that he sees that there is good and bad to solar energy and that he would like to gather more information about the project. He expressed concern about the project being so close to the north side of the community. Mrs. Bilber asked council that if as a group they decided to oppose the solar project could they write a letter to commissioner stating that. She explained that a letter sent to the commissioner would give the commissioner board a better stand when the project is addressed by the site board. Guests also expressed concerns about the village's storm water drainage being affected by the solar project. This is a concern that the Village is aware of and has expressed this concern to the company that is installing the solar fields. Guests also explained that they believed that the village would not be able to grow on the north side of the community due to the solar fields. Mark Lehman explained that he has worked on a solar project site while it was being constructed. He shared problems he saw including damaging to existing tiles which created flooding. He also explained that weeds were over grown and it was not maintained. Mr. Lehman also shared that the project that he was working on was sold to a gas company before the project was completed. Guest also discussed concerns about the lands use after the project is abandoned including how the land would be restored to farm land as well as the equipment's disposal. They shared their experiences and concerns about what they saw while visiting other solar project sites.

John Grossman, a Washington Township Trustee, explained that the trustees would be going to the meeting in the morning to voice their opposition about the solar panels. Mr. Grossman expressed some concerns about a sign that was on Main Street that has the "F" work displayed. The administrator has asked the resident to take the sign down. The solicitor stated that without an ordinance he could be asked to take the sign down but not forced.

Carol McDonald was in attendance to inquire about a sign on the edge of the village that acknowledges that Jerry Blevins went to Arcadia School. Teresa Margraf stated that car show could be a good time to present this to Mr. Blevins. Mr. Grossman also stated that one of the ball fields is named after Jerry Blevins. Mrs. McDonald also had some concerns about the young kids getting out of school and racing down Farmers Ln. to avoid the stop sign and traffic light. She has already addressed the school about this problem. Mr. Dingelstedt explained that there was a no right turn coming out of the school parking lot that is not up any more. He stated that he has talked with Mr. Kidder about this sign. He will contact Mr. Golden to have the sign put up again. This should help with the traffic on Farmers Lane.

**Resident's Concerns:** Maxine Papenfuse and Vi Fink was in attendance to observe. Teresa Margraf was in attendance to observe and hear old business. Mayor Balderson explained that he did call and talk to the Health Department the end of June and he has not heard back from them yet. He said that he would call again. He will bring up new concerns about the property when he talks to them again. Mrs. Margraf also notified council that the variance committee has a variance that they will meet about and present to council next month.

**Administrators Report:** Mr. Dingelstedt was absent:

|                | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Gain/Loss</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Water          | \$26,218.91     | \$111,361.22        | -\$111,361.22    |
| Sanitary Sewer | \$10,905.60     | \$8,492.42          | +\$2,413.18      |
| Electric       | \$50,589.51     | \$51,866.45         | -\$1,276.94      |

33 delinquent accounts: \$7,726.27

No residents were disconnected for nonpayment.

**Water:** Nothing to report

**Sanitary Sewer:** Nothing to report

**Electric:** Nothing to report

**Other:** Nothing to report

**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 May</u>       | <u>Beginning Balance</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| General fund:        | \$196,199.64             | \$195,568.33          |
| Streets:             | \$177,534.03             | \$179,718.60          |
| Highway:             | \$10,738.58              | \$10,985.89           |
| Storm Sewer:         | \$52,663.80              | \$52,656.63           |
| Corona virus Relief: | \$10,261.03              | \$10,261.61           |
| Water:               | \$204,791.72             | \$119,649.41          |
| Sanitary Sewer:      | \$196,064.77             | \$198,477.95          |
| Electric:            | \$757,484.76             | \$756,207.82          |

Amie Clouse presented council with the 2022 budget that she will turn into the Hancock County Auditor for their approval before final approval from the Arcadia Council.

Mrs. Clouse updated council that she sent out the income surveys again in the July 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 reported that she has received 110 surveys and still needs 43. Mrs. Clouse explained that she is able to call residents to complete the remaining surveys.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Chester Balderson presented the 2022 budget for approval. Sherrie Keefe made a motion to accept the budget. Rhonda Dingelstedt seconded the motion. All in favor 4-0. Motion carried.

**Solicitor Report:** nothing to report

**Zoning Report:** Nothing

**Old Business:** Nothing

**New Business:** Nothing to report

**Adjourn:**

Rhonda Dingelstedt moved to adjourn the meeting. Sherrie Keefe seconded. All in favor, meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

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Mayor, Chester Balderson