

## Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Arcadia Village Council met for regular session on August 9<sup>th</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, Harry Colvin, Rhonda Dingelstedt, and Donald E Moses, Brian Dingelstedt, Village Administrator, Amie Clouse, Fiscal Officer were present. John Filkens, solicitor, was absent.

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

**Visitors in Attendance:** Carol and Audie McDonald, John Grossman and Travis Bohn.

**Minutes:** Sherrie Keefe made a motion to accept the July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes as written and Harry Colvin seconds the motion. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

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

**Guest Concerns:** John Grossman wanted to make council aware that the Lions Club was planning a Halloween party. The Lions club wanted to invite the Churches to participate in this event. They are just starting to get a plan in place but will have it around the same time that Trick or Treat will be. The churches in town also have had an event in the past the same time as Trick or Treat. It was decided that Trick or Treat will be on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October and the time will be determined next council meeting.

Carol and Audie McDonald wanted to thank the Village for getting electric done. Travis Bohn was in attendance to observe.

**Resident's Concerns:** Aadam Duckett, Maxine Papenfuse and Vi Fink was in attendance to observe. Teresa Margraf made council aware that the Lutheran Church will be having three farmers' market from 4-6 p.m. every other Tuesday starting this week. There is no charge to set up. They hope to have crafts and garden items that people can share. Mrs. Margraf also asked about a property on Joslyn Street that the grass was very over grown. Mrs. Margraf also explained that there is a form that the residents can fill out regarding the property on the corner of North Main Street and South Street. She stated that the more residents that complete this form the more attention the problem will get. She also noted that the form was available at the Town Hall and residents would be able to get a copy from the utility clerk. Mayor Balderson agreed that residents filling these forms out would be very helpful.

### Administrators Report:

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$25,050.49	\$40,599.59	-\$15,549.10
Sanitary Sewer	\$9,195.14	\$6,716.61	+\$2,478.53
Electric	\$70,519.56	\$62,675.20	+\$7,844.36

41 delinquent accounts: \$10,432.35

No residents were disconnected for nonpayment.

**Water:** Nothing to report

**Sanitary Sewer:** Nothing to report

**Electric:** Mr. Dingelstedt explained that the main electric is up and running on Farmers Lane, the transformers are in. We are waiting on the builders to be ready to have to electric hooked up to the homes.

**Other:** The property on North Joslyn was also noticed by the administrator and he thanked Mrs. Margraf for explaining it very well earlier in the meeting.

The car show will be August 28<sup>th</sup> and the road will be closed on County Road 254 from Walnut Street to Brown Road.

The Village meet with Jennifer Fehnrich from Poggermeyer to discuss funding and grants for future storm sewer projects. Mrs. Clouse explained that Mrs. Fehnrich stated that she would be able to find us some funding without completing the income survey. Mrs. Fehnrich explained to the village that the income survey would in fact be important to apply for the funding available. With a low to moderate income the village would be eligible for funding for a variety of projects including streets, storm sewers, sidewalks and many others. Mrs. Clouse explained that she was very close to being able to turn the income surveys in.

Mrs. Clouse also explained that she has applied for the American Relief Plan funds and has been approved. She expects to see the first installment soon and then another installment in a year. These funds are available to use towards a storm sewer project. Mrs. Fehnrich explained that the village may also want to consider a storm sewer charge on the utility billing. This is a recommendation that we have be presented with in the past. The Village does have a storm sewer levy that generates around \$18,00.00 a year. Unfortunately, this is not enough to grow the storm sewer fund to be able to accommodate needed improvements to the system. When we receive the results from the income surveys Mrs. Fehnrich will return to look at our options again.

John Grossman asked about what was happening at the school. It was explained that school was making improvements to the sanitary sewer.

Mr. Dingelstedt explained that there is a catch basin at the school that needs to be fixed from the new parking lot project. The problem is truly partially the village's responsibility. He is talking with the superintendent about that project and splitting the cost.

**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:	\$195,568.33	\$197,307.74
Streets:	\$179,718.60	\$182,889.96
Highway:	\$10,985.89	\$11,086.42
Storm Sewer:	\$52,656.63	\$52,473.73
Corona virus Relief:	\$10,261.61	\$9,849.25
Water:	\$119,649.41	\$104,100.31
Sanitary Sewer:	\$198,477.95	\$200,956.48
Electric:	\$756,207.82	\$764,052.18

Amie Clouse went over the meeting that she had with Sam Wolfe with AMP our electric provider. She explained that we have projects in hydro, coal, natural gas and wind. The Village's renewable energy is 14%. Mr. Wolfe stated that our cost of electric look to stay steady in the coming years. He did share a concern about our project that produces energy with coal. The Federal government is mandating that coal is to be phased out by 2035. The Village will still owe debt on the Prairie State project (our coal project) until 2046. Although things may change in the coming years to this mandate, at this point there may be a debt cost to a project that does not produce energy for 10 years. Mrs. Clouse reminded council that she had sent in a letter of interest about a Solar Project with AMP. This is not a part of the local solar project. The Village will have the opportunity to decline or be a part of this project after AMP gathers more information that will be presented to the communities that are interested in being a part

of the project. The Village may consider this project to increase the renewable energy in the portfolio of energy sources. Mrs. Clouse then shared that Mr. Wolfe sent her some ordinances that would address residents that wished to install solar on their homes. The legislation went over three different ways that the Village could address the cost that residents would be reimbursed for the extra energy that may be supplied back into the system. Mrs. Clouse explained that she had not gone over this information but will find time to look it over. Mrs. Clouse also explained that delinquent account would be certified at the auditor's office next month. These are accounts that are more than 30 days delinquent. The mayor will present the resolutions for the water, sewer and electric department.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Chester Balderson explained that council member Lester Lute resigned and that a seat was available. He explained that the seat would be discussed and voted on at the September council meeting. If anyone is interested in the council seat, they should let the village know. Mayor Balderson presented Resolution 2021-G to certify delinquent accounts for electric accounts for approval. Stephanie Balderson made a motion to accept the resolution. Rhonda Dingelstedt seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0. Motion carried. Mayor Balderson presented Resolution 2021-H to certify delinquent accounts for water accounts. Harry Colvin made a motion. Sherrie Keefe seconded the motion. All in favor motion passed 5-0. The mayor presented Resolution 2021-I to certify delinquent accounts for sanitary sewer accounts. Sherrie Keefe made a motion. Harry Colvin seconded the motion. All in favor motion carries 5-0.

**Solicitor Report:** nothing to report

**Zoning Report:** Teresa Margraf made council aware that there was a variance that was presented to the variance board. She explained that the resident wanted to put a fence in an area that the village is unable to access. She believed that it made more sense to vacate the alley way. The village does not have any utilities that can only be accessed from the undeveloped alley way. The administrator recommended that the alley be vacated. The council decided that it would make more sense to vacate the undeveloped alley way. Mr. Clouse will get ahold of the homeowners to get the proper documents from them to move forward with vacating the alley.

**Old Business:** The property on North Main Street was discussed earlier in the meeting. The business will still be worked on moving forward. Carol McDonald asked about presenting the welcome sign to Jerry Blevins at the car show that will be on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Balderson explained that he not heard back from Mr. Blevins yet. John Grossman explained that he believed that Meet the Team might be a better event to present the sign to Mr. Blevins. The would be an event for the athletic students and families of Arcadia and would be a more local crowd then the car show would be.

Mrs. Margraf reported that she and Mrs. Clouse attended a tree city meeting about the awards ceremony in 2022 that the village is a part of planning. It has been very enjoyable and an honor to be a part of planning this celebration.

**New Business:** Mayor Balderson stated that he was concerned about the mosquito spraying that is being completed for the village. The mosquitos have been worse this year. Mayor Balderson would like to look into other options in the future for this service. The village has already signed a contract for the remaining season.

**Adjourn:**

Rhonda Dingelstedt moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Balderson seconded. All in favor, meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

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Mayor, Chester Balderson