

## Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes, February 14<sup>th</sup>, ~~2021~~<sup>2022</sup>

Arcadia Village Council met for regular scheduled session on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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.

Mayor Chester Balderson began the meeting by thanking residents and guest for attending the meeting. He explained that there would be a time for everyone to state any concerns or questions during the meeting and that each person's time would be limited to 3 minutes. He also explained that the meeting would be ran without interruption to allow council to do their job. He explained that anyone that would like to have a meeting with him may call the office and that would be arranged. He encouraged those interested in being on council to continue to come to meetings and run when the next open seats are available.

Mayor Chester Balderson appointed Donald Moses and Aadam Duckett to the open council seats. They were both appointed to 4 years terms ending December 31, 2025. The council members Rhonda Dingelstedt, Donald Moses and Aadam Duckett recited the oath of office and were sworn in by Mayor Balderson.

**Roll Call Attendance:** Mayor; Chester Balderson. Voting Council Members: Stephanie Balderson, Rhonda Dingelstedt, Aadam Duckett, Harry Colvin and Donald E Moses. Brian Dingelstedt, Village Administrator, Amie Clouse, Fiscal Officer and John Filkins, solicitor was present. Sherrie Keefe was absent.

**Committees:** Mayor Balderson stated that he was going to keep the committees the same. He would be adding Aadam Duckett to the finance committee.

**Residents in Attendance:** Teresa Margraf, Vi Fink and Maxine Papenfuse, Laurie Lucas, Carol McDonald, Ella Davis (Suzy), Nathan and Vicki Simon.

**Visitors in Attendance:** David J. Roberts and Travis Bohn

**Minutes:** Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes as written and Stephanie Balderson seconds the motion. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried. Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to accept the Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes as written and Donald Moses seconds the motion. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

**Bills:** Harry Colvin made a motion to pay the December and January bills and Donald Moses seconds the motion. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

**Guest Concerns:** David J. Roberts was concerned that the lane to his property has been blocked by snow during the last snow removal. The mayor stated that he would see what could be done. Travis Bohn was in attendance and stated that he plows the snow and what happened at the end of Mr. Robert's Lane was not done on purpose and he will do his best to keep it from happening again.

**Resident's Concerns:** Maxine Papenfuse would like more information about the line items on the utility bill. Mayor Balderson asked Mrs. Papenfuse to make arrangements to come to the office and he and the clerk would explain it to her. Vi Fink was concerned that the lobby to the utility office has been closed. Amie Clouse explained that the lobby was closed due to a rise in Covid cases at the time. This was an effort to keep residents and employees safe. Mayor Balderson explained to Mrs. Fink that she could make arrangements to meet at the office with him to discuss the matter. Ella Davis asked about the solar farms going in north of the Village.

Mayor Balderson explained that this solar project is outside of the Village limits and the Village doesn't have any jurisdiction outside of the corporation limits. The council members did send a letter to the commissioners expressing that they would not like to see the project completed. Mrs. Davis also inquired about flooding in her back yard. She is concerned about how to solve the problem. The administrator and Mayor explained that the problem is on her personal property and the Village is not able to fix these types of problems. The Village administrator has looked into this problem but did not find any problems with the drainage available in this area. A new storm sewer line would be a solution and the Village is looking into this type of project, but this will take time and money. Vicki and Nathan were in attendance to observe. Teresa Margraf explained that she has previously presented council with a hand about her concerns about the 3% increase to the water bill that is occur in March. She expected that this would come up in the meeting. She also wanted to clarify that the storm sewer fund does receive funds from real estate taxes. Donald Moses explained to her that the cost to maintain a flow by jetting the system uses these funds quickly. Carol McDonald wanted to apologize for the last council meeting, especially to Donald Moses. Mayor Balderson thanked her and told her that he appreciates everyone for coming and sharing their concerns. Laurie Lucas had some concerns about how the meetings are being run now. Mayor Balderson explained that if she had any questions after the meeting was over, he would stay to answer them. Council members agreed that they would also be willing to do this.

**Administrators Report:** Brian Dingelstedt reported:

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$23,971.75	\$40,543.99	-\$16,752.24
Sanitary Sewer	\$9,299.79	\$6,417.09	+\$2,882.61
Electric	\$57,019.91	\$40,913.86	+\$16,106.05

46 delinquent accounts: \$10,676.49  
 1 resident was 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 yearly fund balance.

<u>For January</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General fund:	\$213,682.82	\$215,377.90
Streets:	\$188,225.31	\$191,029.71
Highway:	\$12,049.87	\$12,251.85
Storm Sewer:	\$57,063.02	\$57,024.31
ARPA Corona Virus:	\$30,796.81	\$30,796.81
Water:	\$144,084.20	\$127,331.96
Sanitary Sewer:	\$215,942.37	\$218,825.07
Electric:	\$783,184.65	\$799,290.70

Mrs. Clouse also explained that she also passed out the permanent appropriations for 2022 for council to look over.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Balderson presented Ordinance 2022-1 Permanent Appropriations for 2022 and declaring an emergency. Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the appropriations. Donald E. Moses seconded the motion. Roll call 5-0 motion carried.

Mayor Balderson recommended that a moratorium be put on the 3% increase to the water rate for this year and then revisit it later. Fostoria will most likely raise water rates, but they have until February 15 to notify us. The water departments will see a reduction in loans this year that according to the current trend will result in the funds breaking even from 2022. In the future the rate increase will be revisited if the rates need to be increased. Mayor Balderson proposed that the automatic yearly 3% to be amended. Mr. Filkens will work on this legislation. Harry Colvin made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-2 to put a moratorium on the 3% increase. Donald Moses seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0 motion carried.

**Solicitor Report:** nothing to report

**Zoning Report:** nothing to report

**Old Business:** nothing to report

**New Business:** Mayor Balderson presented a sign that was designed for Jerry Blevins to be placed at each end of town. The sign will be presented to Mr. Blevins at the Meet the Team event in the spring. Everyone approved the sign.

Amie Clouse informed council that the paper work has been completed to take the abandoned building located beside the railroad track on N. Main St. The property owner has completed his part and the paper work has been turned into the Hancock Regional Planning. It is now in the hands of Hancock County.

**Executive Session:** Stephanie Balderson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss employee and personal matters including council members, fiscal officer and Mayor. Harry Colvin seconded the motion.

Stephanie Balderson made motion to come out of executive session. Harry Colvin seconded the motion.

Stephanie Balderson made a motion to accept the proposed wage of \$23.00 an hour for Brian Dingelstedt effective January 1, 2022. Harry Colvin seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0. Rhonda Dingelstedt abstained from voting.

Stephanie Balderson made a motion to hire Robin Miller at a rate of \$14.50 per hour help in the office when Mrs. Clouse is out of the office or needs extra help. Harry Colvin seconded the motion. 5-0 motion passed.

**Adjourn:** Rhonda Dingelstedt moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Balderson seconded. All in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



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Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse



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Mayor, Chester Balderson

