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Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes, September 12th, 2022

Arcadia Village Council met for the regular scheduled session on September 12th, 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.

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

Minutes: Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the August 8th, 2022, minutes as written, and Donald E. Moses seconds the motion. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Bills: Sherrie Keefe made a motion to pay the August bills and Rhonda Dingelstedt seconds the motion. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Residents in Attendance: Teresa Margraf, Carol McDonald, Nathan Simon, Vicki Simon, Maxine Papenfuse and Vi Fink.

Visitors in Attendance: No guest in attendance.

Resident's Concerns: Vicki Simon and Nathan Simon were in attendance to observe. Maxine Papenfuse was also in attendance to observe. Vi Fink was in attendance about a water rate increase. She asked if the minimum units are going to increase since the water rates are increasing. Mayor Balderson explained that the minimum would stay the same because of the residents that only use this amount. He did not want to charge them more by raising the minimum. The question was raised as to how many users are under the minimum usage of 200 cf. Amie Clouse the utility clerk stated that most of the users are in the 400-600 cf range, but there were outliers on the high and low end of usage. This included users that use under the minimum 200 cf. Mayor Balderson stated that he would present a vote to raise the minimum usage before they voted to raise the water rate.

Carol McDonald wanted to know if there was a resolution to keeping the office open when the utility clerk is out. She was concerned that residents needed to pay the utilities during the time that Mrs. Clouse was out. Mr. Dingelstedt stated that he would be sitting in the office to cover the days during collection that the clerk would be out. He explained that there is a drop box outside of the office that will be checked while the clerk is out. Residents may pay this way after the due date. Mr. Dingelstedt explained that having a replacement can create more work. He explained that he has had replacements that have worked out great. He has also had replacements that need more attention. Mrs. Clouse also explained that it is important to her to be in the office during collections, sometimes things arise.

Teresa Margraf had some concerns about the traffic around her property due to the vacation an alley way that intersects the alleys that surround her property. She explained that vehicles are not familiar with the change to the intersection and make a quick decision that has been hazardous. She requested that a stop sign be placed in the intersection going east and west on her side of the intersection. She also inquired if the owners of the salon have applied for a building permit. Mr. Dingelstedt stated that they have not. Mayor Balderson explained that he would touch base the owners.

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Guest Concerns: no guests were in attendance

Administrators Report: Brian Dingelstedt reported receipts and expenditures for August 2022:

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$25,520.93	\$18,883.38	+\$6,637.55
Sanitary Sewer	\$9,521.93	\$9,961.28	-\$439.35
Electric	\$65,005.57	\$55,481.40	+\$9,524.17

40 delinquent accounts: \$11,081.41
 0 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 the monthly fund balance.

<u>For August</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General fund:	\$234,271.90	\$237,991.71
Streets:	\$194,874.89	\$196,893.47
Highway:	\$12,772.15	\$12,907.17
Storm Sewer:	\$64,436.52	\$64,397.33
ARPA Corona Virus:	\$30,796.81	\$61,716.57
Water:	\$93,433.82	\$99,573.06
Sanitary Sewer:	\$221,470.98	\$222,295.25
Electric:	\$823,409.58	\$830,302.70

Mrs. Clouse presented council with the Estimates of Revenue that will be turned in to the Hancock Auditors for the final approval. The Auditor will use these figures as part of the 2023 budget.

Mrs. Clouse also informed council that the storm sewer levy would be on the November ballot. Mrs. Clouse updated council that the home on E. Fremont Street owned by Washington Township should only need the approval of council to be charged debt only for the utilities on the property. The meters have been removed for the electric and water. She explained that she would need council to make a motion and vote for this bill to go debt only.

Mrs. Clouse also presented an Arbor Day Proclamation for October 28th. She explained that this was part of the Tree City USA requirements and that this date is when the Village usually plants a tree with the fifth graders.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Balderson presented Resolution 2022-L to contract and pay Buckeye Pumps to replace a started in the sanitary sewer lift station that was not working. The cost for this replacement was \$3,310.00 and has been completed as an emergency. Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the resolution. Sherrie Keefe seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Balderson then presented Resolution 2022-M to accept the estimates for revenue from the Auditors Office. Stephanie Balderson made a motion to accept the resolution. Donald Moses seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Balderson presented the Arbor Day Proclamation for October 28, 2022. All in favor.

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The date for Halloween was being discussed. The date and time of October 28th from 5:00-6:30

p.m. was agreed upon. Sherrie Keefe made a motion to accept the date for Halloween.

Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Balderson began the conversation about the water rate increase and the minimum usage. He began with raising the minimum usage. The amount was not determined but it would be a larger charge than what the current minimum is for 200cf. Rhonda Dingelstedt asked if the minimum would be the amount that is being charged currently for that amount of usage that would be determine as the new minimum. Mrs. Clouse stated that she would have to investigate the figures and did not feel confident picking a number on short notice. It was clear that raising the minimum usage would result in customers that are smaller users would see the biggest increase to their bill as they will begin to pay for usage of more than the 200 cf of usage that they are at or under. If the new minimum is 400cf of water then all customers will be billed for this amount of usage. Mayor Balderson ask council for a yes or no vote to raise the minimum. The decision was not to raise the minimum. Stephanie Balderson was not in attendance at last months meeting and wanted more information about the 3%, 6% and 9% increase. Mrs. Clouse explained that the 3% would not make much of an impact to the recent loss in revenue. She also believed that the 6% would only help the current situation. The loss has been around \$20,000 in current years but a 6% increase should result in an increase to revenue of around \$18,000. With current changes in loan payments and inflation this is still a fund to watch closely. Mrs. Clouse also revisited the additional monthly cost on an individual bill. A bill for 400cf the water charge would increase \$3.72 per month at 6% and \$5.65 per month at 9%. The council decided to remove the annual 3% increase and raise it each year after evaluating the fund. Council also decided to move forward with a water rate increase of 6% affective for billing due October 15th,2022. Mayor Balderson presented Resolution 2022-N to increase the water rate 6%. Stephanie Balderson made a motion to accept the resolution 2022-N. Donald Moses seconds the motion. All in favor 6-0, motion passed.

Solicitor Report: John Filkens updated council on the need for a variance committee. He explained that a community may have a committee. If they do not have a committee then the job falls to the council. Even if there is a committee the final decision falls on council. He explained that it would need to be determined how the committee was established and then he would be able to have the legislation to dissolve the committee. If the information can not be found he would still be able to have legislation to dissolve the committee if that is the desire of council. The information will be investigated further.

Zoning Report: nothing to report

Old Business: Nothing to report

New Business: Council member Adam Duckett wanted to address the new firework law. This law states that Ohio residents may set fireworks off during specific times around holidays. Local governments can opt out of this new law and he would like to see Arcadia do this. He has noticed residents setting off these fireworks recklessly and during unapproved days and times. An Ordinance was discussed to opt out of this new rule but it was a concern how it would be enforced. Vicki Simon stated that she did not believe the village should opt out of the new firework rule and believed that the community should have more of a say on this matter.

Adjourn: Rhonda Dingelstedt moved to adjourn the meeting. Donald Moses seconded. All in favor, meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

Mayor, Chester Balderson

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