

Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes, January 9th, 2023

Arcadia Village Council met for the regular scheduled session on January 9th, 2023, 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: Rhonda Dingelstedt, Sherrie Keefe, Harry Colvin, Stephanie Balderson, Aadam Duckett and Donald E Moses. Village Administrator; Brian Dingelstedt, Fiscal Officer; Amie Clouse and Solicitor; John Filkins was present.

Reorganization: Mayor Balderson went over the 2022 committee members. He inquired if anyone was interested in being removed from their current committee. He also asked if anyone would like to be a part of a committee they were not a part of or felt someone on council should be placed on a committee. All council members were happy with the committee that they were on. All 2023 committee stayed the same as 2022.

Finance Committee; Aadam Duckett, Stephanie Balderson and Donald Moses.

Infrastructure Committee; Donald Moses, Rhonda Dingelstedt and Harry Colvin.

P.P.R. Committee; Aadam Duckett, Sherrie Keefe and Rhonda Dingelstedt.

Mayor Balderson then asked if there were any nominees for President of Council. No one new was interested, Aadam Duckett agreed to remain President of Council.

Mayor Balderson asked if anyone was interested in changing the council's meeting time. He recommended that the meeting time stay the same. Everyone agreed to keep the meeting time the same. He mentioned that the Lion's Club is considering changing their meeting to make it easier for members and residents to attend both.

Minutes: Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the December 12th, 2022, minutes as written, and Sherrie Keefe seconds the motion. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Bills: Sherrie Keefe made a motion to pay the December bills and Stephanie Balderson seconds the motion. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

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

Visitors in Attendance: No visitors were in attendance.

Resident's Concerns: Vi Fink were in attendance to observe.

Teresa Margraf inquired about a semi-truck that is still parked on E. North Street and reminded council that the Village has legislation prohibiting this type of axle on village streets. Mayor Balderson explained that he is working on it and it is going very slow. He has talked to the resident about removing the vehicle. He has called the Sheriff but has not seem them. Mrs. Margraf stated that Bill Lavaglia, a sheriff with Hancock County at the time, helped write the legislation to have the Sheriff come to assist with the problem. Mayor Balderson stated that he has been gathering information about the issue and he has determined that a contract with the Sheriff to patrol is way to have the ability to enforce problems like this one. Mayor Balderson also explained that he has made some phone calls to other communities that have had this service in the past. Some still do and some have ended their contract. He also is going to determine what law enforcement will cost

the village. Mayor Balderson also stated that he would call the prosecutor in Fostoria to get some recommendations on what he is able to do.

Maxine Papenfuse inquired about a grant that the Village is applying for to make improvements to the storm sewer. She explained that she had seen that grants were awarded to Findlay and Mc Comb for storm sewers. She wanted to make sure that the village was not missing out on this opportunity. Mrs. Clouse explained that the Village is working with Hancock Regional Planning to apply for the grant. She explained that the Village had planned on starting this process at the beginning of the year when the grants were available again.

Mrs. Papenfuse asked the solicitor what steps the Village could take regarding the semi-truck on E. North St. Mr. Filkens explained many options including taking the resident to court. The question is which one of these options would council like to take and what will be effective. Carol McDonald was concerned that her property taxes were very high. She also has talked to the county auditor and plans on writing a letter to the State Auditor. She is concerned that her taxes were determined without someone seeing the site. She was concerned that people would not want to come to live in Arcadia because the taxes are so high.

Guest Concerns: no guest concerns

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

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$26,916.99	\$21,554.48	+\$5,362.51
Sanitary Sewer	\$9,401.29	\$6,116.38	+\$3,284.91
Electric	\$92,842.44	\$44,951.95	+\$47,890.49

31 delinquent accounts: \$7,552.77

1 resident was disconnected for nonpayment.

Water: Mr. Dingelstedt explained that the EPA is offering a grant to reimburse the village up to \$10,000 for valve exercising, leak detection or meter accuracy testing equipment. Currently the Village borrows a valve turner from Ohio Rural Water each year. This grant will allow the village to have the equipment to complete the valve exercising that is required each year with a more flexible schedule. Valves are exercised each year and there are a lot to complete. The valves on State Route 12 and the valves on CR 254 are completed each year, as well as other sections that are completed once every 5 years.

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 for 2022, Appropriation Status 2023, Revenue Status, Cash Flow Summary (December), Cash Flow Summary (year 2022) and the monthly fund balance.

<u>For November</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General fund:	\$248,534.39	\$250,247.03
Streets:	\$199,058.19	\$200,936.97
Highway:	\$13,482.54	\$13,624.25
Storm Sewer:	\$72,169.58	\$72,169.58
ARPA Corona Virus:	\$61,716.57	\$61,716.57
Water:	\$136,590.51	\$141,953.02
Sanitary Sewer:	\$224,017.25	\$227,302.16
Electric:	\$882,330.25	\$930,220.74

Mrs. Clouse reported that the general fund has done well this year. The other funds all saw a small increases. The water fund did loss a few thousand dollars this year. This is a big improvement from the losses seen in recent years to this fund. Increasing the water rate to catch up help this fund from another year of loss.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Balderson opened the discussion about the Board of Appeals. Council agreed to disband the Board of Appeals. Mayor Balderson read Ordinance 2023-1 to disband the Arcadia Variance Committee. Donald Moses made a motion to pass the ordinance. Harry Colvin seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Solicitor Report: Mr. Filkens reviewed the Ordinance 2017-3 regarding depilated and nuisance buildings. He addressed the requirements to find that the building should be condemned or is dangerous. He stated that the next step would be to determine the cost to remove the building. Then determine if the property owner is willing to pay for it to be removed or what he is willing to do. Then if he is not interested in removing the building does the village want to take ownership of the property. Then of course what action the council is interested in taking. Mr. Dingelstedt stated that he will get quotes to find out what the cost would be to remove the building. This will be a first step in a process of many steps.

Zoning Report: nothing to report

Old Business: Mayor Balderson presented the brochure that Mrs. Balderson had prepared. She explained that she is still working on the details. Findlay has a printing business that would be able to print the brochures.

New Business:

Adjourn: Rhonda Dingelstedt moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Balderson seconded. All in favor, meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

Mayor, Chester Balderson

