

Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes, February 13th, 2023

Arcadia Village Council met for the regular scheduled session on February 13th, 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, Aadam Duckett and Donald E Moses. Village Administrator; Brian Dingelstedt, Fiscal Officer; Amie Clouse was present. Council Member; Stephanie Balderson and Solicitor; John Filkins was absent.

Minutes: Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the January 9th, 2023, minutes as written, and Rhonda Dingelstedt seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5–0. Motion carried.

Bills: Sherrie Keefe made a motion to pay the January bills and Donald Moses seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

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

Visitors in Attendance: John Grossman and Captain Mark Price

Resident's Concerns: Vi Fink, Stephanie Baxter, Nathan Simon, and Vicki Simon were in attendance to observe.

Maxine Papenfuse asked if there was an update on the grants that the Village is applying for. Mr. Dingelstedt will go over the grant in his report.

Teresa Margraf wanted an update on the property on North Main St. beside the railroad tracks. She also asked about the semi-trailers parked in town on North Street and one off of Route 12. Mayor Balderson explained that is why the Village is thinking about contracting with the Sherriff's so the village can enforce these violations. Mrs. Margraf also informed council that she and Mrs. Clouse are working with Ben Dolan from the University of Findlay on a tree grant. They are in the beginning stages.

Guest Concerns: Captain Mark Price attended the meeting to explain how contracting with the Hancock Sherriff office works. A sample resolution was passed out to the council members to go over. Captain Price explained the service, the cost and how the process works. He explained that the Village is billed based on the number of hours council decides to contract for each week. The sheriff's office will be able to help the Village to enforce the ordinances in the village. The contract can also be canceled with a notice to the Sheriff's office 60 days in advance. The number of hours and how they will be utilized is flexible. He explained that the Village would communicate what problems or expectations they want to address. The hours that other communities are utilizing range from 1 to 20 hours a week. Council can also make changes to the number of hours that are contracted as the communities needs change. Mayor Balderson stated that enforcing the ordinances in town was a concern for him. The officer explained that the law director with the sheriff's office would assist with these issues. Captain Price stated that this can be a timely process. Mr. Dingelstedt inquired about the Sherriff office shift change and the timing of school letting out each day. The village would like to address this but the timing does not match up. Captain Price explained that if this is something that we would like to

address that they would make arrangements to pay over time. He explained that the over time would not be billed to the Village. This cost is taken on by the Sherriff office. He also explained that the police present is huge and usually goes a long way.

John Grossman explained to council that Mark Miller and John Cross asked the Washington Township if they would be interested in having Washington Townships jurisdiction for the district court being returned to Hancock County. Presently the township and village are in Seneca County court district. He asked if council agreed with making the change. Council agreed.

Administrators Report: Brian Dingelstedt reported receipts and expenditures for Jan 2023:

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$25,508.46	\$19,443.78	+\$6,064.69
Sanitary Sewer	\$9,519.66	\$5,996.86	+\$3,522.80
Electric	\$48,072.96	\$56,898.22	-\$8,825.26

49 delinquent accounts: \$11,822.43

1 resident was disconnected for nonpayment.

Water: Brian Dingelstedt informed council that the water tower and water pump station communication system was updated.

Sanitary Sewer: Nothing to report

Electric: Nothing to report

Other: Andrea and Jeff Eriks applied for a building permit for 402 N. Joslyn St. They would like to add a garage and a porch to the existing house. The house is currently encroaching the setbacks. The house is one foot from the property line. The garage and porch would not protrude any more than the house already does. Mr. Dingelstedt stated that there is water and gas in this area but he is not concerned with this causing an issue. Council discussed the issue. Mayor Balderson asked for a raise of hands that were for the variance. All in favor. The variance is accepted.

Mr. Dingelstedt explained that he and Mrs. Clouse and meet with Neal Materni, from Kleinfelder and Lizzy Essinger from Hancock Regional Planning. They discussed the grants that will be available. Lizzy Essinger will be working on writing the grant, she believes that \$400,000 will be available. Neal Materni will be working on a storm sewer project that will cost in the \$400,000 range of the grants available. The grant will be due in June but they will be working on having it submitted sooner than that.

Mr. Dingelstedt also wanted to let council know that he has given it some thought and decided to step away from the administrator position at the end of the year. He offered to help train the new administrator.

Mr. Dingelstedt explained that he has not heard back from any of the demolition crews that he contacted. He did explain that Eric Metcalf informed him that he got a quote 3-4 year ago. The quote then was almost \$20,000 to demolish the building on North Main St., beside the tracks. Mr. Dingelstedt also noted that after the building is removed the setbacks would not allow room for a new building on this lot. The liability to the village if someone was hurt due to the building was questioned. Mayor Balderson explained that he believed that the village would not be liable because the Village has contacted the property owner several attempts to have it removed.

Fiscal Officers Report: Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse presented council with Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Cash Flow Summary, Cash Flow Summary) and the monthly fund balance.

<u>For January</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General fund:	\$250,247.03	\$252,275.51
Streets:	\$200,936.97	\$202,679.06
Highway:	\$13,624.25	\$13,781.49
Storm Sewer:	\$72,169.58	\$72,169.58
Permissive Tax:	\$2,757.83	\$2,944.50
ARPA Corona Virus:	\$61,716.57	\$61,716.57
Water:	\$141,953.02	\$148,017.71
Sanitary Sewer:	\$227,302.16	\$230,824.96
Electric:	\$930,220.74	\$921,395.48

Amie Clouse explained that Arcadia Local Schools will be having an “Arcadia Cares” Day May 12th. This event involves local student that volunteer their time helping others in Arcadia and surrounding areas of need. They will be visiting different organizations to help in any way they are needed. The school is also accepting applications if someone has a project or chore that the students can help with. Mrs. Clouse will be sending a letter out in the next utility bill to give residents more information.

Mrs. Clouse finished the year end procedures and closed year 2022. She informed council that the yearend financials are available for viewing and a notice has been placed in the newspaper. Mrs. Clouse informed council that the Tree City USA application has been approved for 2022. She also went over the grant project that Mrs. Margraf mentioned earlier in the meeting. They will be working with Ben Dolan on an educational project that will include updating the tree inventory and the residents.

Mrs. Clouse mentioned an electric settlement that the Village received. She also passed out a summary of the Village electric supply for council members to look over if they are interested. Washington Township Trustee, John Grossman explained earlier in the meeting that Mark Miller and John Cross proposed that the jurisdiction that affects where court cases go in the township be changed from Tiffin/ Fostoria to Findlay. Mrs. Clouse mentioned that this new senate bill would change the jurisdiction of the courts. For example, speeding tickets in the township and Village will now go to Hancock County (Findlay) instead of Seneca (Fostoria or Tiffin).

Mrs. Clouse explained that Mayor Balderson asked her to investigate interest rates. She presented the information from Old Fort. She explained that the village is earning 3% on the saving accounts. She also explained that a 15-month cd would earn 4.5%. She believed that \$500,00 could be placed into a 15- month CD. Mrs. Clouse recommended that \$250,000 be placed into the CD now then in 7 months place the other \$250,000 in a CD. This would allow the funds to grow at a higher interest rate as well as limiting the time that the entire amount would be tied up in a CD. Mayor Balderson recommended the fiscal officer to put \$250,000 in a 15-month CD. He put it to a vote. All in favor.

Mrs. Clouse passed out a couple of flyers about the Heart and Soul grant. She explained that the Hancock Community Foundation was going to officially announce that Arcadia has received the grant. She explained that she would post something on the community page tomorrow after it has been announced. She explained that there is a meeting schedule with team members that may need to be rescheduled. A meeting for the entire community will be scheduled later.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Balderson read Resolution 2023-A a resolution to support the Heart and Soul project. Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the resolution. Sherrie Keefe seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Balderson then presented the Final Appropriation for 2023. Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to accept the ordinance. Donald Moses seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0. Motion carried.

Solicitor Report: not present

Zoning Report: nothing to report

Old Business: Mayor Balderson tabled the brochure until Mrs. Balderson would be at the meeting.

Mayor Balderson asked council for some feedback about contracting through the sheriff's office. Mr. Dingelstedt suggested that council look over the resolution/ contract and give the matter some thought before the next meeting. Mrs. Clouse explained that the money for the contract would come from the general fund. She explained how much the general fund receives each year. Mrs. Clouse will present council with different scenarios and cost at the next council meeting. Mayor Balderson talked to Risingsun that has their own police force. He explained that the cost was around \$120,000-\$130,000. Risingsun has an income tax to cover this cost.

New Business:

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

Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

Mayor, Chester Balderson