

Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes, March 13th, 2023

Arcadia Village Council met for the regular scheduled session on March 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, Stephanie Balderson, Sherrie Keefe, Harry Colvin, Aadam Duckett 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 February 13th, 2023, minutes as written, and Rhonda Dingelstedt seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6–0. Motion carried.

Bills: Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to pay the January bills and Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Residents in Attendance: Maxine Papenfuse, Vi Fink, Carol Mc Donald, Angela Kimble, Nathan Simon, and Vicki Simon.

Visitors in Attendance: no visitors in attendance.

Resident's Concerns: Nathan Simon was in attendance to observe.

Vi Fink inquired if the administrator job was going to be posted so people could apply for it. Mayor Balderson told her that it would be posted very soon. Mrs. Fink also asked if Jimmie Brown was still on electric? She was told that, yes, he is.

Maxine Papenfuse had follow-up questions about the administrator's position. She wanted to clarify that someone would be hired before Mr. Dingelstedt left the position. Mr. Dingelstedt stated that he would be training the new administrator. Mr. Dingelstedt also stated that he would be available if he is needed past the end of the year when he is resigning the position. Mrs. Papenfuse also asked if there was an update on the grants that the Village is applying for. Mayor Balderson stated that the grant is being written, then submitted, then we will wait for a call back. Mr. Dingelstedt explained that the grant is still in the hands of Kleinfeld and Hancock Regional Planning. Mr. Materni will work on a storm sewer project. Then Mrs. Essinger will write and submit a grant. We are waiting on the work that they will complete to apply for the grant.

Carol Mc Donald was interested if the council has decided about the sheriff patrolling the village? She was informed that it will be addressed later in the meeting.

Vicki Simon would like to save her time for when the council talks about the sheriff.

Angela Kimble inquired about the camera's that are at the community park. She wanted to know if the cameras could be changed to cover more of the park or surrounding area. She recently had an incident that cameras could have been help with. Sherrie Keefe explained that cameras were installed at the park because of the vandalism at the park. They are also very expensive and the park does not have that much money. Mrs. Clouse explained that this would be a question to ask the Lion's Club.

Guest Concerns: no guests

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

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$27,778.12	\$24,231.91	+\$3,546.21
Sanitary Sewer	\$9,785.38	\$6,951.22	+\$2,834.16
Electric	\$54,868.18	\$50,470.02	+\$4,398.16

31 delinquent accounts: \$8,054.66
 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 the monthly fund balance.

<u>For February</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General fund:	\$252,275.51	\$256,104.12
Streets:	\$202,679.06	\$205,214.46
Highway:	\$13,781.49	\$13,942.19
Storm Sewer:	\$72,169.58	\$72,128.32
Permissive Tax:	\$2,944.50	\$3,162.00
ARPA Corona Virus:	\$61,716.57	\$61,716.57
Water:	\$148,017.71	\$151,563.92
Sanitary Sewer:	\$230,824.96	\$233,659.12
Electric:	\$921,395.48	\$925,793.64

Amie Clouse explained that the electric department received a settlement for transmission cost in late December. The total amount of the settlement will be deducted from the cost of electric that is entered into the power cost adjustment spread sheet. This spread sheet creates the power cost adjustment charge each month. She explained that she would be deducting a portion of the settlement each month. The reason to do this is because in November the settlement payment that was received was directly deducted from the billing. This resulted in the average (power cost adjustment) dropping. Which in turn caused the electric department to have a loss. The settlement was for transmission cost over several months. Spreading the settlement across several months will control the power cost adjustment spiking to low and then to high.

Mrs. Clouse explained that the Village usually has an Arbor Day in the Fall. This year she would like to plan a tree planting at the community park for Don Moses, Senior, with the elementary students in the spring and would like the have the Village of Arcadia's Arbor Day be the same day as the National Arbor Day.

Mrs. Clouse also explained that the money that will be received from the Heart and Soul grant would need to be placed in a separate fund in UAN and Mayor Balderson will present the resolution to establish the new fund. This is required but will also help track the funds over the next 2 years.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Balderson read Resolution 2023-B a resolution to establish a new fund for the Heart and Soul grant. Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the resolution. Sherrie Keefe seconded the motion. All in favor 6-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Balderson then presented the Arbor Day Proclamation for 2023. Sherrie Keefe made a motion to accept the proclamation. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. All in favor 6-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Balderson asked council if they would like to have Dump Day this year on May 12th during Arcadia Cares. He called for a raise of hands. The vote was 3-3. Mayor Balderson broke the tie. He voted for the motion. Motions carried.

Mr. Balderson brought the water rate up. Mrs. Clouse explained that February is when the water rate normally increases. This year the rate did not automatically increase. Fostoria has not increased the water rate and will not be able again until next year.

Mayor Balderson explained that he planned to attend the Washington Township meeting with Mr. Golden, Arcadia School Superintendent. He wanted to address preserving Arcadia and land development. He will attend the next meeting. Mr. Dingelstedt asked for more information.

Mayor Balderson explained how reducing the required acres for building would help the school grow. Mayor Balderson also talked about conversations with Vanlue about combining schools. Mr. Dingelstedt also noted that Solar Farms would not promote growth in the township. Carol Mc Donald also explained that with the high property tax in the area may be a deterrent to new homes, as well. Mayor Balderson explained that he would go to the next township meeting, and anyone can attend and report back.

Next, Mayor Balderson addressed the contract with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office. Mrs. Clouse passed out a hand out with the cost for different amounts of hours per week throughout the year. Mayor Balderson explained that he wanted to propose the contract starts with 4 hours a week, 16 hours a month. He reminded council that the village can change the number of hours per week as needed in the future. Council discussed how the service would work and that Mayor Balderson would be in contact with the sheriff's office about the community's needs. The hours will also be recorded. Mrs. Clouse explained that the expense for the contract will come from the general fund. She explained that she felt comfortable with the amount for the contract at 4 hours a week, which is close to \$10,000.00. At this cost there would still be funds available for removal of trees or new sidewalks. She explained that the number of hours per week can be adjusted to meet the community's needs and still stay around the same price. She also explained where the revenue that goes into the general fund comes from. The real estate tax, local distributions, and kwh tax are sources of income for the general fund. This fund has seen a surplus of \$30,000.00 in recent years but have also seen a notable usage in previous years that has depleted the fund. She explained that if council were to spend \$10,000.00 on a contract with the sheriff's office that would leave \$20,000.00 for other projects including trees and sidewalks. She would also like to see the general fund grow again to have emergency funds available. Solicitor John Filkins had questions regarding the sheriff's contract. Mayor Balderson and council shared information about the contract. Details were explained including the ability to change hours, recording the hours, and ending the contract. Mayor Balderson asked for a motion to contract with the Hancock County Sheriff's department at 4 hours a week. Harry Colvin made a motion. Aadam Duckett seconded the motion. All in favor, 6-0. Motion passed. Mayor Balderson will contact the Sheriff's department and have a resolution to pass at the next council meeting.

Solicitor Report: Mr. Filkins asked for more information about the Heart and Soul grant. He asked how much the grant was for and what can the money be used for. The amount of the grant is \$140,000.00 and it will be dispersed and used over a two-year period. It will be used for events and different ways to gather information about what the residents would like to see for their community's future.

Mr. Filkins also asked about the information from the February meeting regarding tickets/ court jurisdiction changing from Seneca County to Hancock County for Washington Township. It was explained that the Senate bill is still in motion and out of our hands. This bill will change the courts district to Hancock County Courts, Findlay Ohio from Seneca County. We do not have any more information at this time.

Zoning Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Mayor Balderson presented the brochure that Stephanie Balderson had completed. Council passed it around to look over.

Vicki Simon asked if the sheriff will be going around town looking for a problem or will they be looking at more specific problems. She had concerns about the type of service the sheriff will be providing the community. She would also like to see some of the problems in the community be solved by helping each other.

New Business: Sherrie Keefe asked about a storage pod on the corner of CR 254 and Walnut St. She stated that it is difficult to see around the intersection and it is on the sidewalk. Mr. Dingelstedt explained that the resident was using the storage container to store items in her home while work was being completed.

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

Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

Mayor, Chester Balderson