

Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes, June 19th, 2023

Arcadia Village Council met for the regular rescheduled session on June 19th, 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: Stephanie Balderson, Donald Moses, Rhonda Dingelstedt, Sherrie Keefe, and Harry Colvin. Village Administrator; Brian Dingelstedt, Fiscal Officer; Amie Clouse. Council Member; Aadam Duckett, and Solicitor; John Filkins was absent.

Residents in Attendance: Teresa Margraf, Maxine Papenfuse, Vi Fink, Carol Mc Donald, Roger Keefe, Vicki Simon, Nathan Simon, Karen Hanna, and Jeff Hanna.

Visitors in Attendance: No guests were in attendance.

Minutes: Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the May 8th, 2023, minutes as written, and Sherrie Keefe seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5–0. Motion carried.

Bills: Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to pay the May bills and Harry Colvin seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Report: Brian Dingelstedt reported receipts and expenditures for May 2023:

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$26,419.86	\$17,275.81	+\$9,144.05
Sanitary Sewer	\$10,943.86	\$10,145.30	+\$798.56
Electric	\$52,376.50	\$47,309.78	+\$5,066.72

42 delinquent accounts: \$10,821.35

0 residents were disconnected for nonpayment.

Water: Brian Dingelstedt reported that Buckeye Pumps replaced the back flow valves at the water pump station located on SR 12. Fostoria would also like to have a new meter installed. Mr. Dingelstedt explained that this new meter has been ordered and will be installed later this year.

Sanitary Sewer: Nothing to report.

Electric: Nothing to report

Other: Mr. Dingelstedt reported that the storm sewer grant had been completed and submitted. The village will hear later this year if we received the grant.

The Village also received a grant from the EPA to purchase a valve turner. The grant will cover \$10,000.00 of this purchase. The valve turner will be used to open gate valves as well as yearly exercising.

Mr. Dingelstedt explained to council that he would be looking into removing some trees in town. One of the trees on his list is located in front of the parking lot beside the salon on N. Main Street. Tom Moses is planning on making improvements to the parking lot where the tree is located. Mr. Moses will need the tree to be removed to complete his project. The village needs this tree removed because it is hazardous and is causing problems to the storm sewer. This tree has caused a blockage to the storm sewer many times over many years. Removing the tree will improve storm water flooding in this area.

Mr. Dingelstedt asked council to decide how they would like to handle the cost to remove this tree. He presented 3 options, 1) the village pays the cost 2) Mr. Moses pays the cost 3) the cost is split between the village and Mr. Moses. Council discussed the options. Mayor Balderson stated that the tree has been a problem for many years. Mayor Balderson asked for members to raise their hands if they would like the village to pay to remove the tree. All in favor, 5-0 motion carried.

Zoning: nothing to report

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

<u>For May</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General fund:	\$277,800.71	\$283,356.73
Streets:	\$209,751.19	\$212,809.37
Highway:	\$14,281.53	\$14,482.55
Storm Sewer:	\$85,544.17	\$85,544.17
Permissive Tax:	\$3,593.80	\$3,818.80
ARPA Corona Virus:	\$61,716.57	\$61,716.57
Heart and Soul:	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Water:	\$167,068.52	\$176,212.57
Sanitary Sewer:	\$231,292.99	\$232,091.55
Electric:	\$939,211.73	\$944,278.45

Amie Clouse explained that she and Teresa Margraf met with Ben Nolan from the University of Findlay earlier this year and Mr. Nolan applied for an educational tree grant with the village. We received the grant and Mrs. Clouse and Mrs. Margraf will be working with Mr. Nolan on this project. The project is planned to offer workshops for the community to learn more about tree care. There is also a plan to have equipment for residents to use to help maintain the village trees and create some community involvement.

Mrs. Clouse informed council that the CCR has been distributed. This is part of EPA's yearly requirements.

Mrs. Clouse also passed out the updated Ordinance from AMP that she presented at last month's meeting to accept the after-market contract for years 2024 and 2025. The ordinance is ready to be accepted now.

Mrs. Clouse explained that the Resurfacing Street Program application needs to be turned in by July 1st. She presented council with some areas that were discussed including finishing an area on West Brown Road that was completed in 2022. West Brown Road to South Main and County Road 254 going south from West Fremont Street to the city limits. Council decided on these two areas and to keep the cost around \$50,000.00. Mrs. Clouse will communicate with Doug Cade from the Hancock Engineer Office to finalize the application. Council members voted to move forward with the project with a raise of hands. All in favor.

Mrs. Clouse reminded council that the village received a letter from Josh Clark, the Safety Service Director for Fostoria. The letter states that water rates will go up for Fostoria residents and Northwest water agreement. It then says that Arcadia will see a 10% increase in the coming

months. The letter is dated January 4, 2023, but the post mark for the letter was April 28th. She then emailed Mr. Clark and attached the water contract explaining that per the contract the decision to increase the water rate is to be made before February 15. Mrs. Clouse never received a response from Mr. Clark. Mrs. Clouse contacted Jenny in the billing department in Fostoria. She explained that she received the letter that we recently received back in January. Jenny also stated that she received a letter dated May 8th to increase the water rate. Mayor Balderson stated that he would reach out to Fostoria Mayor about the increase. Mrs. Clouse asked council what they would like to do about the residents' water rate. A 10% increase was discussed. Council decided to table the topic and wait to hear how conversation with Mayor Balderson and Fostoria's Mayor goes.

Mrs. Clouse reminded council of the quote for a dump trailer that was presented last month. She has the resolution ready to purchase the trailer.

Mrs. Clouse also passed out a letter informing council that the county will be dropping tablets in the catch basins for mosquitos.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Balderson presented Ordinance 2023-3 to accept the aftermarket contract for 2024 and 2025 at \$65.00 per MWh. Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the ordinance. Donald Moses seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Balderson read Resolution 2023-G a resolution to contract and accept a quote for a dump trailer from DR Trailers and not to exceed \$13,500.00. Harry Colvin made a motion to purchase the dump trailer. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 motion carried.

Solicitor Report: nothing to report

Old Business: nothing to report

New Business: nothing to report

Resident Concerns: Roger Keefe, Vicki Simon, Nathan Simon, and Carol Mc Donald was in attendance to observe.

Jeff Hanna was in attendance to inquire about the tall grass located behind the abandoned building on N. Main St. He explained that some kids stopped by to mow the grass but the grass was too tall for the equipment they had available. The problem will be addressed and mowed by the Village before the next council meeting.

Karen Hanna was in attendance to inquire what the rules were for having farm animals in town and is there a limit on how many you can have. Mrs. Clouse stated that the rules only state that it is permitted but you cannot make a profit from them. There is not anymore information than that. Mrs. Hanna was concerned about the number of chickens and ducks that a neighbor has. The problem was surprising and council will investigate the matter further. Other residents in town have farm animals that do not cause an issue.

Maxine Papenfuse asked a question about the grant for a storm sewer project. She wanted to understand how much the village asked for and how the amount is determined. Mrs. Papenfuse also asked how much it would cost to remove the tree on N. Main St. Mr. Dingelstedt could only speculate but thought it would be around \$1,800.00. Sherrie Keefe asked if the Village could coordinate with residents and the tree service to have trees removed on residents' property at the property owner's expense. Mrs. Clouse explained that residents can and do call the office to get the information to have their personal trees removed.

Mrs. Papenfuse also asked about the Ordinance that was passed about the aftermarket energy. Mayor Balderson explained that AMP supplies the village with electric and the ordinance was to set a price for a portion of the aftermarket energy that AMP provides us.

Vi Fink asked what other trees in the village are going to be removed. Mr. Dingelstedt explained that he has a tree on Monroe Street that he would like to remove. There are many trees that need removed but he has not determined any others at this time. Mrs. Papenfuse inquired why

a tree was removed in recent years close to her property. Mr. Dingelstedt explained that the tree in question was causing issues with fallen branches and visibility to the intersection.

Guest Concerns: no guests in attendance

Adjourn: Rhonda Dingelstedt moved to adjourn the meeting. Harry Colvin seconded the motion. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

Mayor, Chester Balderson