

Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes,

August 14th, 2023

Arcadia Village Council met for the regular scheduled session on August 14th, 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, Aadam Duckett, and Harry Colvin. Village Administrator; Brian Dingelstedt, Fiscal Officer; Amie Clouse, and Solicitor; John Filkins. Council member Sherrie Keefe was absent.

Residents in Attendance: Teresa Margraf, Vi Fink, Angela Kimble, Vicki Simon, Nathan Simon, Carol Berning and Carol Mc Donald.

Visitors in Attendance: John Grossman

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

Bills: Stephanie Balderson made a motion to pay the July bills and Donald Moses seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Administrator Report: Brian Dingelstedt prepared the reports for receipts and expenditures for July 2023:

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$29,803.20	\$20,728.51	+\$9,074.69
Sanitary Sewer	\$9,455.53	\$5,327.39	+\$4,128.14
Electric	\$47,668.29	\$46,261.68	+\$1,406.61

41 delinquent accounts: \$11,026.05
0 residents were disconnected for nonpayment.

Water: Administrator Brian Dingelstedt explained that the Village is in the process of ordering the valve turner. This a purchase that the Village will make, then be reimbursed through the grant that was approved through the EPA. The cost of the valve turner will be a few hundred dollars over the \$10,000 that the grant will cover.

Sanitary Sewer: Nothing to report.

Electric: Nothing to report

Other: Mr. Dingelstedt explained that he and Amie Clouse went out to evaluate some residents' tree concerns. Don Hull Tree Service was contacted for pricing and opinions. Mrs. Clouse also contacted Stephanie Miller, a certified arborist with the Department of Forestry. Mrs. Clouse explained that Mrs. Miller determined that a some of trees that were discussed for removal did not need to be removed at this time. She explained that some of them would need to be watched for problems in the future. Mrs. Clouse explained that the original quote for the trees was around \$15,000. With the removal of some of the trees on the list the quote will be under \$10,000. Mrs. Clouse has a resolution for council to pass if they decide to move forward with the removal of these trees. Solicitor John Filkins inquired if other quotes have been requested. Mr. Dingelstedt explained that Don Hull has provided this service for many years. Mayor Balderson explained that getting someone to complete the work has also been an issue in the past.

Zoning: Mr. Dingelstedt explained that the Washington Township Trustees have turned in a building permit. They would like to construct a maintenance building for storage of the Township’s equipment. Mr. Dingelstedt explained that the building does not meet the required setbacks. He also explained that there are not any utilities in that area that will be an issue. Mr. Dingelstedt explained that the property that abuts the Washington Twp is a village right of way and in a flood zone and construction in this area is not possible. John Grossman, Washington Twp Trustee explained that they did not want to construct the building where the house is as the basement is still settling. Mayor Chester Balderson called for a vote to accept the variance for the Washington Twp construction. All in favor no one opposes. Motion carried.

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

<u>For July</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General fund:	\$286,175.28	\$288,372.33
Streets:	\$213,562.93	\$214,020.23
Highway:	\$14,702.10	\$12,564.07
Storm Sewer:	\$85,544.17	\$85,544.17
Permissive Tax:	\$4,226.30	\$4537.33
ARPA Corona Virus:	\$61,716.57	\$61,716.57
Heart and Soul:	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Water:	\$107,101.97	\$116,176.66
Sanitary Sewer:	\$231,332.18	\$235,460.32
Electric:	\$951,044.03	\$952450.65

Amie Clouse presented Resolution 2023-H to authorized Doug Cade, Hancock County Engineer to prepare and submit an application with the Ohio Public Works Commission for a street project to be completed in 2024. Mrs. Clouse explained that this is the final step for the application that was submitted to complete the street project on East Brown Road and County Road 254 from West Fremont to the city limits going south.

Mrs. Clouse also presented 4 resolutions to certify delinquent accounts to the auditor office. Resolution 2023-I certify delinquent water, Resolution 2023-J certify delinquent electric, Resolution 2023-K certify delinquent sanitary sewer, and Resolution 2023-L certify delinquent trash. Mrs. Clouse explained that this is the time of year when accounts that are past due are sent to the auditor’s office to be applied to residents’ property tax.

The final resolution Mrs. Clouse presented was Resolution 2023-M to contract with Don Hull Tree Service for tree removal and not to exceed \$10,000.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Chester Balderson asked for a motion to pass Resolution 2023-H to authorize Doug Cade, Hancock County Engineer to prepare and submit an application with Ohio Public Works Commission for a street project that will be completed in 2024. Donald Moses made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-H. Harry Colvin seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes 5-0.

Mayor Balderson presented Resolution 2023-I to certify delinquent accounts to the auditor office for water. Stephanie Balderson made a motion to accept the resolution. Donald Moses seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Balderson presented Resolution 2023-J to certify delinquent accounts to the auditor office for electric. Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the resolution. Rhonda Dingelstedt seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Balderson presented Resolution 2023-K to certify delinquent accounts to the auditor office for sanitary sewer. Stephanie Balderson made a motion to accept the resolution. Donald Moses seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Balderson presented Resolution 2023-L to certify delinquent accounts to the auditor office for trash. Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to accept the resolution. Harry Colvin seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Balderson presented Resolution 2023-M to contract with Don Hull Tree Care Service for removal of trees, stumps, and debris, and not to exceed \$10,000. Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the resolution. Donald Moses seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Balderson explained that he spoke with the sheriff department about the golf carts concerns. He has gotten reports from residents that the sheriff is stopping golf carts and giving warnings.

Solicitor Report: nothing to report

Old Business: nothing to report

New Business: Stephanie Balderson reported that the Heart and Soul had their first event at “Meet the Team” The event went very well. Heart and Soul will also be at the first home game “tailgate”, junior high football game and Arcadia Schools “Open House”.

Resident Concerns: Nathan Simon, Vi Fink and Angela Kimble were in attendance to observe. Carol Berning was in attendance to inquire when the council meeting minutes would be up on the website for April, May, and June. Council member Aadam Duckett apologized that he had not gotten them up but would resolve the issue.

Carol McDonald wanted to explain to the council that she believed that 3 council seats were up for election this year. She called the Hancock Board of Elections and found out only 2 seats were up for election. Mrs. Clouse explained that when she took over the fiscal officer job the terms for each council member was hard to determine as they were not tracked properly. Stephanie Balderson was not up for reelection this year. When the Mayor is up for election only 2 council members are. This is where the confusion was.

Teresa Margraf explained that she reviewed the minutes with Mrs. McDonald. Mrs. Margraf did not feel like the minutes are not always documented well. Mrs. Margraf suggested that the minutes should be read at the meetings. Mrs. Margraf inquired that a variance was addressed at the meeting. She inquired about the rules. She believed that a 48-hour notice should go out for a variance meeting. She explained that nearby residents should be made aware. Mrs. Margraf asked if Solicitor John Filkens could speak to the topic. Mr. Filkens did not have an answer. Mrs. Margraf also wanted to inform the council that a resolution does not need 3 readings, only an Ordinance does. Mrs. Margraf went over the tree grant and survey that she and Mrs. Clouse are working on. She explained some of the classes and how the surveys will help determine what type of classes to present.

Vicki Simon was in attendance and spoke to the council about her concerns. She feels like the council does not understand what they are voting on each month. She believes that the council just votes yes. She also had concerns about the variance committee process. She voiced concerns about involving the residents in the community and asking more people to get involved.

Guest Concerns: John Grossman was in attendance to inform council that the school was going to be removing the old fence at the community park on Sept. 9th and was hoping the village was still going to be helping with the removal.

Adjourn: Rhonda Dingelstedt moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

Mayor, Chester Balderson

