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**Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes,
November 13th, 2023**

Arcadia Village Council met for the regular scheduled session on November 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: Sherrie Keefe, Rhonda Dingelstedt, Aadam Duckett, and Harry Colvin. Village Administrator; Mark Bowman, Fiscal Officer; Amie Clouse, and Solicitor; John Filkins. Stephanie Balderson and Donald Moses were not in attendance.

Residents in Attendance: Teresa Margraf, Jeff Hanna, Vicki Simon, Nathan Simon, Stephanie Powell, Britton Powell, Carol Berning, Michelle Hengsteler, John Proniewicz, Shelley Hill, Ron Hartman, Charlotte Hartman, Dave Ginnever, Brian Fink, Lonnie Moses, Mary Alak-Moses, Dennis Tesnow, Laurie Lucas, Angela Kimble, Tim Kimble, Vi Fink and Carol Mc Donald.

Visitors in Attendance: Ruthie Tong

Minutes: Mayor Chester Balderson read the October 9th, 2023 minutes. Aadam Duckett presented a revision to the date of “forgoing the reading of the September 19th” to “the September 11th”. Harry Colvin made a motion to accept the October 9th, 2023, minutes with revisions, and Rhonda Dingelstedt seconded the motion. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Bills: Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to pay the October bills and Harry Colvin seconded the motion. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Administrator Report: Mark Bowman prepared the reports for receipts and expenditures for October 2023:

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$38,339.18	\$ 15,290.38	+\$23,048.80
Sanitary Sewer	\$9,479.63	\$6,035.61	+\$3,444.02
Electric	\$52,722.01	\$52,901.08	-\$179.01

46 delinquent accounts: \$9,865.78
0 residents were disconnected for nonpayment.

Water: The daily reading had some low reading at Red Hawk. Adjustments were made and some additional flushing to get our numbers up per EPA requirements.

Sanitary Sewer: Everything is working properly.

Electric: Outage Wednesday 11/08/2023 on Joslyn/ Grant and Sunday 11/12/2023 Brown Road/ Farmers Lane.

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Other: Mr. Bowman updated council that he has been cleaning the curbs in town, specifically Fremont St. (Route 12). He is also cleaning around catch basins.

Mr. Bowman explained he will continue to collect leaves throughout the village. The leaves can cause problems with water drainage. The village will vacuum these leaves until there is no longer a danger of them getting into the catch basins.

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 September</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General fund:	\$308,397.93	\$308,391.78
Streets:	\$220,309.70	\$222,877.94
Highway:	\$12,985.28	\$13,208.02
Storm Sewer:	\$96,947.68	\$96,947.68
Permissive Tax:	\$5,029.83	\$5,310.82
ARPA Corona Virus:	\$61,716.57	\$61,716.57
Heart and Soul:	\$48,461.83	\$47,596.21
Water:	\$123,069.80	\$146,118.60
Sanitary Sewer:	\$244,043.81	\$247,487.83
Electric:	\$973,220.21	\$973,041.14

Amie Clouse presented the council with Resolution 2023-O. She explained that the resolution was for the purchase of water meter supplies. That the cost of the supplies is over the \$3,000.00 (three-thousand dollars) limit of a purchase without council’s approval.

Mrs. Clouse then presented Ordinance 2023-4. This ordinance was to authorize the administrator to execute an agreement with American Municipal Power, the village’s electric supplier.

Mrs. Clouse reminded the council that the finance committee needs to meet before the next council meeting to decide on raises for employees. Aadam Duckett, Stephanie Balderson, and Donal Moses are on the finance committee. Duckett was present at the council meeting. Stephanie Balderson and Donald Moses were absent.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Chester Balderson read Resolution 2023-O to authorize the purchase of water meter supplies for \$3,435.00 (three-thousand four hundred and thirty-five dollars) from United Systems. Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-O. Sherrie Keefe seconded the motion. All in favor, 4-0. Motion passed.

Mayor Balderson read Ordinance 2023-4 to authorize the 2023 OMEG Power Pool Schedule with AMP. Solicitor John Filkin asked to see Exhibit 1 (Exhibit A in the agreement). Mrs. Clouse went to her email to print the schedule out for the council. Sherrie Keefe made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-4. Harry Colvin seconded the motion. All in favor, 4-0. Motion passed.

Solicitor Report: nothing to report

Old Business: Mayor Balderson asked Michelle Hengsteler if she had any updates about the animal legislation. Mrs. Hengsteler explained that she went to the Board of Elections where they informed her that they would get ahold of Mr. Filkins to assist her with this legislation. She also needs the old Ordinance to determine what needs to be in the new one. Mrs. Hengstler will get information from Mr. Filkins after the meeting. Mayor Balderson asked the council if they were ok with this and they all agreed.

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New Business: Ruthie Tong, the Heart and Soul Coordinator, was in attendance to update the council on Heart and Soul. She presented a cash flow report of up-to-date expenses and revenue of the Heart and Soul funds. She also shared what the committees have accomplished and what they are working on. She informed the council that Heart and Soul had some upcoming events: the chili dinner and tree lighting event. She explained that she would be asking for donations to cover the cost for many of the items that she plans to be part of a yearly event. She explained that she is excited to see people start to meet and connect with each other during the phase of the process that interviews start.

Zoning: Mark Bowman proposed that the position for the building inspector be filled. He also explained that he would also like to see the board of zoning appeals to be reinstated. He asked the residents that were in attendance to ask around to be a part of this committee. Teresa Margraf explained the cost of permits and variances and how these fees are used to pay a zoning inspector and variance committee members. She also explained that she was on the board of appeals and explained that the final decision is made by the council. She explained that she stepped away because she and members of the committee did not feel like their opinion was heard by the planning commission; council. Mr. Bowman asked more questions about who was the final authority of the variance. Mrs. Clouse explained that when she has looked up matters about variances that the planning commission is the council and the final decision. They will investigate this matter further. Mr. Bowman again encouraged residents to join the board of appeals. Vicki Simon, Shelley Hill, Stephanie Powell and Michelle Hengsteler agreed to be on the board of appeals; they need one more member. A zoning inspector is still needed.

Resident Concerns: Carol Berning, Vi Fink, Carol Mc Donald, Nathan Simon, Vicki Simon, Angela Kimble, Tim Kimble John Proniewicz, Shelley Hill, Jeff Hanna Stephanie Powell, Charlotte Hartman, Dave Ginnever, Brian Fink, and Mary Alak-Moses were in attendance to observe.

Teresa Margraf updated council about the tree workshops that Amie Clouse and Ben Dolan have been working on with her. The workshops were provided through a grant that Ben Dolan, with the University of Findlay applied for on the behalf of the Village of Arcadia. The 3 workshops recently concluded with a tree climbing demonstration to complete the workshops. She also explained that the grant will also provide tools that residents can check out and use. Teresa Margraf informed the council that she and Mrs. Clouse recently attended a tree conference in St. Mary, Oh. She explained that the tree committee has been very busy. Mrs. Margraf was concerned with some damage to the playground equipment, including the toddler park and basketball hoop. Village Administrator, Mark Bowman took the pictures that Mrs. Margraf provided and stated that he would complete the repairs. Lonnie Moses was in attendance to confirm that the variance for his building will be heard at the December 11th council meeting. It has been posted in the paper and that is the plan. Dennis Tesnow was in attendance to notify council that the intersection on North Joslyn Street and Peters Street is dangerous. He cannot see around the property that is on this corner. He is concerned someone is going to be hurt there. He asked if there is anything that could be done to make this intersection safer. A stop sign was suggested. Mayor Balderson stated that he would investigate it.

Laurie Lucas was in attendance about the topic of farm animals in town. Mrs. Lucas has chickens and would like some clarity about the concern and what the rules are. Mayor Balderson explained that there was a complaint about the noise and mess of a resident with chickens. Mayor Balderson stated that years ago, Rick Aurand found rules stating that you could have animals as long as you did not make a profit from them. Mayor Balderson explained that no one has been able to find this information. An Ordinance was found from the 1960s that states animals are not allowed within 100 feet of other residents along with other stipulations.

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These are the reasons and the details about what the topic of animals is about. Mrs. Lucas also wanted to make it clear that her chickens are enclosed and not a harm to anyone. She has had issues with a dog that has been scary to her but her point was that she does not expect anyone

to get rid of their dogs. Mayor Balderson explained that he wants this to be on the ballot so residents can decide.

Ron Hartman explained that he called the town hall to inquire about a racoon that he was concerned about and wanted to know what he should do. Mayor Balderson explained that he could not shoot in town. Critter Getter was recommended and Mayor Balderson will get information to Mr. Hartman.

Guest concerns: No guests were in attendance.

Adjourn: Rhonda Dingelstedt moved to adjourn the meeting. Harry Colvin seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Amie Clouse
Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

Chester J. Balderson
Mayor, Chester Balderson