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Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes,

December 11th, 2023

Arcadia Village Council met for the regular scheduled session on December 11th, 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, Sherrie Keefe, Rhonda Dingelstedt, Aadam Duckett, and Harry Colvin. Village Administrator; Mark Bowman, Fiscal Officer; Amie Clouse, and Solicitor; John Filkins.

Residents in Attendance: Teresa Margraf, Jeff Hanna, Karen Hanna, Vicki Simon, Nathan Simon, Carol Berning, Brian Fink, Lonnie Moses, Mary Alak-Moses, Tom Drake, Angela Kimble, Tim Kimble, Lee Laird, Laurie Laird, Brian Coppus, Vi Fink and Carol Mc Donald.

Visitors in Attendance: No visitors were in attendance.

Minutes: Mayor Chester Balderson asked for a motion to forgo reading the November 13th,2023 minutes. Sherrie Keefe made a motion to forgo the reading. Harry Colvin seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried. Roll call vote 6-0. Donald Moses made a motion to accept the November 13th, 2023, minutes as written. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Bills: Harry Colvin made a motion to pay the November bills and Sherrie Keefe seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

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

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$29,365.88	\$19,321.18	+\$10,044.70
Sanitary Sewer	\$9,625.88	\$6,998.73	+\$2,627.15
Electric	\$47,486.64	\$48,445.90	-\$1,959.26

43 delinquent accounts: \$15,995.50

0 residents were disconnected for nonpayment.

Water: The daily water reading in town and at Red Hawk have been normal. Washing Twp Fire Department responded to a fire on County Road 248, They used roughly 45,000 gallons of water from a hydrant just past Redhawk. Pulling this water to the furthest part of the water line helps pull fresh water through the system.

Sanitary Sewer: Everything is working properly. The Sanitary Pump station is scheduled to be cleaned out by Findlay. They will also be cleaning out catch basins on Route 12 as well as North and South Main Street. Mr. Bowman explained that in the spring he will be getting to other catch basins in town.

Electric: No power outages in November. There was a power outage the night before the meeting, this has been taken care of. A new service line was installed to a home on State Route 12. The bucket truck will be getting services by Class 8 for a bad fuel injector or pump.

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Streets: Mr. Bowman explained that he is still cleaning curbs, and leaf collection is coming to an end. He stated that if residents are willing to put piles out, he will be out to collect them. He also explained that he would like to purchase a used in bed all salt stainless steel salt spreader with a wire harness and controller for \$3,500.00. Mr. Bowman also explained that with this equipment the village could purchase bulk salt at Legacy or the County Garage. Snow plows are also tested and ready to be used.

Other: Mr. Bowman has temporarily fixed the broken equipment at Snyder Park. The piece of the equipment that needs replaced will cost \$719.00 and a delivery charge of \$250.00. He explained that he will purchase the nuts and bolts separately for cost savings. Mr. Bowman also has the wood cut for the new seats on the merry-go-round and he will be installing them. Mr. Bowman explained that the street signs in town are old. The village has spares for some of the street signs. Mr. Bowman also explained that we have had some signs stolen around town. He would like to replace and upgrade the street signs to a new look with red background and white lettered signs that meet ODOT requirements. There was a concern that the new signs look so good they may be stolen.

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 November</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General fund:	\$308,391.78	\$313,017.63
Streets:	\$222,877.94	\$224,903.72
Highway:	\$13,208.02	\$13,408.98
Storm Sewer:	\$96,947.68	\$96,947.68
Permissive Tax:	\$5,310.82	\$5,503.32
ARPA CoronaVirus:	\$61,716.57	\$61,716.57
Heart and Soul:	\$47,596.21	\$42,685.47
Water:	\$146,118.60	\$156,163.30
Sanitary Sewer:	\$247,487.83	\$250,114.98
Electric:	\$973,041.14	\$971,081.88

Amie Clouse explained that currently Harry Colvin is one of the signers for the Old Fort account. His term as a council member will end at the close of the year. She explained that Rhonda Dingelstedt would be a good fit to take over this responsibility. Harry Colvin made a motion to make Rhonda Dingelstedt a signer for the Old Fort accounts. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried, 5-0. Rhonda Dingelstedt abstained.

Amie Clouse presented the council with Resolution 2023-P. She explained that the resolution was for the purchase of a used Meyer Salt Spreader from Mike Elchert. Mr. Bowman went over the purchase during his report. The cost of the equipment is \$3,500.00 (three-thousand five hundred dollars).

Mrs. Clouse then presented Ordinance 2023-5, for temporary appropriations for 2024. Temporary appropriations will be used for receipts and expenses during the beginning of 2024 until permanent appropriations can be completed and 2023 has been closed.

Mrs. Clouse also explained that Ruthie Tong, the Heart & Soul Project Coordinator, was not at the meeting but she did prepare a hand out that was passed out to council members and Mayor, that explained what has been happening with Heart and Soul.

Solicitor Report: nothing to report

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Mayor's Report: Mayor Chester Balderson asked for a motion to pass Resolution 2023-P to authorize the purchase of a used Meyer Salt Spreader from Mike Elchert. Stephanie Balderson made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-P. Donald Moses seconded the motion. All in favor, 6-0. Motion passed.

Mayor Balderson read Ordinance 2023-5 for temporary appropriations for 2024. Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-5. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. All in favor, 6-0. Motion passed.

Mayor Balderson informed the council that the Ohio Public Works Program approved the street project for 2024. He explained that a portion of Brown Road from Farmers Lane to South Main St. will be completed. Township Road 254 from State Route 12 going South to the corporation limits will be completed as well.

Mayor Balderson reminded the council that Fostoria will increase the water rate 10% in 2024. With the expected water increase he wanted the council to be aware of the decision that will need to be considered in the coming year.

Solicitor Report: nothing to report

Old Business: Mayor Balderson addressed Lonnie Moses's building permit variance. Mayor Balderson explained that the new construction does not meet the setbacks but, in his opinion, he did not find any issues with allowing the variance. Harry Colvin and Stephanie Balderson stopped to look at the property and where the building will be built. Mayor Balderson asked for a vote of ayes to accept the variance. All in favor 5-0, motion passes. Donald Moses abstained. Tom Drake, Lonnie Moses' lawyer, thanked the council for accepting the variance.

New Business: Stephanie Balderson asked if the village could adjust the December usage of electricity at the Community Center. She explained that the lights that are up for the Heart and Soul event will be an additional cost that she would like to see the Village excuse. Stephanie Balderson made a motion for the village to adjust the additional use and cost to the community building electric bill for Christmas lights. Donald Moses seconded the motion. All in favor 6-0, motion carried. Mrs. Balderson mentioned that the lights keep going out. Mr. Bowman is aware and will be fixing the problem this week.

Solicitor John Filkins was concerned about the timeline of when Arcadia will see the price increase from Fostoria. Mayor Balderson explained that the increase should happen in March 2024 and the village should see the letter informing us of the increase in January. Mr. Filkins was concerned the increase would come in January and the issue should be addressed.

Zoning: nothing to report

Resident Concerns: Vi Fink, Carol Mc Donald, Nathan Simon, Vicki Simon, Angela Kimble, Tim Kimble, Jeff Hanna, Karen Hanna, Brian Coppus, Brian Fink, Lonnie Moses, and Mary Alak-Moses were in attendance to observe.

Lee Laird was in attendance with his wife, Laurie Laird. He inquired about a tree that was growing in the ditch bank next to his property. He would like to cut the tree and place stone or gravel in that area. He wanted to know if he needed a building permit. Council and the zoning inspector agreed that he did not need a building permit.

Teresa Margraf thanked Mark Bowman for fixing the playground equipment. She also explained that the village used to check the equipment each month. Mr. Bowman explained that he will check the equipment more regularly. Mr. Margraf also inquired about the yearly testing that is completed on the trucks each year. Mr. Bowman explained that the dielectric testing is due in March.

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Mrs. Margraf inquired when Mayor Balderson was informed about the water rate increase from Fostoria. Mayor Balderson explained that in the summer when he talked to Fostoria it was explained that the increase would be 10% and we would see the proper letters to notify the village of the increase. Mrs. Margraf also thanked Mayor Balderson for reading the minutes during the November meeting.

Carol Mc Donald wanted to mention how impressed she was with the Christmas Heart and Soul event. She thanked the council for going forward with the Heart and Soul. It was very nice to see everyone come together.

Carol Berning asked if anyone was aware that there was a hornet's nest on South Street. Mr. Bowman explained that he was aware of the nest and he had plans to address it when it gets colder. Mrs. Berning also was very pleased with the Heart and Soul event. She also thanked Mr. Bowman for a good report.

Guest concerns: No guests were in attendance.

Stephanie Balderson made a motion to go into executive session, to discuss employee finances, and for potential litigation. The council members, mayor, solicitor, and fiscal officer will be in attendance. Harry Colvin seconded the motion. All in favor 6-0, motion passed.

In executive session 7:36 p.m.

Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to come out of executive session. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. All in favor 6-0, motion passed.

Out of executive session 7:56

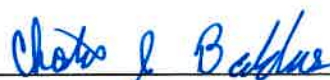
Stephanie Balderson made a motion to give a 3% raise to current employees. Amie Clouse, Jason Mattox, and Travis Bohn. Village Administrator, Mark Bowman will receive a \$2.00 raise and his pay will be evaluated in 6 months. Raises will be effective for the first payroll completed in 2024. Harry Colvin seconded the motion. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.

Mayor Balderson wanted to state for the record that village employees are not to change fuses for electric outages. Mayor Balderson also explained that Solicitor Filkins' contract will be discussed at the January meeting.

Adjourn: Rhonda Dingelstedt moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. Vote 6-0 All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09p.m.



Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse



Mayor, Chester Balderson