

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800.325.8094 FORM NO 10148

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Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes, January 8th, 2024

Arcadia Village Council met for the regular scheduled session on January 8th, 2024, at the Town Hall located at 104 South Gibson Street Arcadia, Ohio at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Brian Fink called the meeting to order. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call Attendance: Mayor; Brian Fink. Voting Council Members: Stephanie Balderson, Donald Moses, Jenny Bowman, Rhonda Dingelstedt, Aadam Duckett, and Angela Kimble. Village Administrator; Mark Bowman, Fiscal Officer; Amie Clouse, and Solicitor; John Filkins.

Reorganizational Meeting: Mayor Brian Fink asked council if anyone wanted to be President of council. They agreed to have Aadam Duckett remain President of Council. He then asked if they were happy with the committees that they were on last year? They all agreed they were happy with their committees. New council members Jenny Bowman and Angela Kimble were appointed to the committee openings.

Committees are as follows:

Finance Committee: Aadam Duckett, Stephanie Balderson and Donald Moses

Infrastructure Committee: Donald Moses, Rhonda Dingelstedt and Jenny Bowman

P.R.P.R. Committee: Aadam Duckett, Rhonda Dingelstedt and Angela Kimble

Residents in Attendance: Teresa Margraf, Jeff Hanna, Vicki Simon, Nathan Simon, Carol Berning, David Roberts Sr., Vi Fink, Chester Balderson, John Pronwiewicz and Carol Mc Donald.

Visitors in Attendance: Ruthie Tong; Heart and Soul Coordinator and Cassie Turner; Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation.

Minutes: Mayor Brian Fink asked for a motion to forgo reading and pass the December 11, 2023 minutes. Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to forgo the reading and accept the December minutes as written. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried. Roll call vote 6-0.

Bills: Donald Moses made a motion to pay the December bills and Rhonda Dingelstedt seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Resident Concerns: Mayor Brian Fink asked the residents if anyone had something they would like to address. John Pronwiewicz explained that he was experiencing drainage issues with his sanitary line. He has had problems in the past but recently a large clump of grease was clogging the line out in the street. Mr. Pronwiewicz explained that his wife noticed that they seem to have issues when the sanitary lift station is being cleaned. Mr. and Mrs. Pronwiewicz live just south of the lift station. Mr. Bowman explained that it did not make sense that grease would travel up the sanitary line in the way that Mr. Pronwiewicz explained. Mr. Bowman will look into the matter further.

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Guest concerns: Cassie Turner from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation and Ruthie Tong, Arcadia Heart and Soul coordinator, were in attendance to update the council about Arcadia's Heart and Soul. They discussed some of the accomplishments and some future ideas. Mrs. Tong shared a handout with the council with more detailed updates on the process. Mike Cortez was in attendance to explain to residents and council that he is running for sheriff. He explained his history and what made him want to run for this office. He also explained some of the changes and improvements he would like to make to Hancock's Sheriff Department.

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

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$27,116.49	\$20,126.96	+\$6,989.53
Sanitary Sewer	\$7,940.59	\$8,438.33	-\$497.74
Electric	\$51,410.27	\$49,371.62	+\$2,038.65
41 delinquent accounts:	\$8,795.47		

0 residents were disconnected for nonpayment.

Water: The daily water reading in town and at Red Hawk have been above normal. Mr. Bowman explained that he tested the water every day per EPA requirements to ensure the water is safe and meets regulations. Mr. Bowman explained that he flushed a hydrant at the dead end on the north end of County Road 254. Mr. Bowman used this water that was being flushed to clean out the sanitary sewer in this area. He also reported that the water tower system is working properly.

Sanitary Sewer: Mr. Bowman explained that the generator was tested at the sanitary sewer station. Everything at the sewer station is working properly.

Electric: No power outages. Electricity is functioning as it should. Refrigerator magnets are on order and will be inserted into the utility bill when they arrive. They will also be available at the town hall.

Other: Mr. Bowman reported that he will be closing the compost area Friday January 12th. He explained that if someone needed to access the area, they could call the office. We will make arrangements for the resident to be able to use the area. He also explained that the ditch banks have been cleared from overgrowth. He will keep up on maintaining the banks from here on out. Mr. Bowman also reminded council that the plows are on the trucks and ready for any snow. Mr. Bowman presented council with a hand out explaining a Transmission Cost Recovery Option from AMP. He explained that the Village was under billed for transmission costs. The options were to recover the costs. The two options were unclear and the response was required in the next few days although the information was recently received. Mr. Bowman explained that he would call and get more information on the options before making a decision. Council agreed and stated that they would not like to sell any of the shares of the hydro project.

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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 December</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General fund:	\$313,017.63	\$318,548.79
Streets:	\$224,903.72	\$219,961.91
Highway:	\$13,408.98	\$13,364.49
Storm Sewer:	\$96,947.68	\$96,947.68
Permissive Tax:	\$5,503.32	\$5,760.82
ARPA CoronaVirus:	\$61,716.57	\$61,716.57
Heart and Soul:	\$42,685.47	\$45,352.03
Water:	\$156,163.30	\$163,152.83
Sanitary Sewer:	\$250,114.98	\$249,617.24
Electric:	\$971,081.88	\$973,120.53

Amie Clouse reminded council that the Village should expect to see a letter from Fostoria Water Department informing the Village of a 10% rate increase. The Village has not received a letter from Fostoria yet but it is expected. Mrs. Clouse passed out some information that explained how much revenue would be generated by a 3%, 6% and 9% increase. The information also explained the difference residents would see in a normal bill. She explained that since 2018 the water fund has seen a loss every year, over \$100,00.00. In 2022 the water rate was increase by 6%. This year, 2023 was the first time the fund has seen an increase, approximately \$20,00.00. Teresa Margraf had concerns that the information that Mrs. Clouse shared with council was not a good comparison of the rate. She explained that the 10% increase from Fostoria would be on the bulk rate, not the rate that customers of Arcadia will see directly. Mrs. Margraf also reminded council that the loss to the fund was due to an aeration system that was required to improve the TTHM results. This loan has been paid off but an insurance guarantee is still being paid for each year. Mrs. Clouse explained that the bottom line to the issue is that the fund has continued to lose revenue each year and this should be addressed. Mrs. Clouse asked the council to look over the information for the next council meeting. She would have more information at that time.

Solicitor Report: nothing to report

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Brian Fink asked for a motion for himself and the council members to go into executive session for personnel issues, and dismissal. Aadam Duckett made the motion. Angela Kimble seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes 6-0. Council goes into executive session at 7:49 p.m.

Donald Moses made a motion to come out of executive session. Aadam Duckett seconded the motion. All in favor 6-0. Council comes out of executive session at 8:20.

Mayor Brian Fink asked for a motion to extend the solicitors contract for 6 months and to review the contract at that time. Mayor Fink added he wanted to post the position for availability. Aadam Duckett made the motion. Donald Moses seconded the motion. All in favor, 6-0. Motion passes.

Solicitor Report: John Filkins presented Ordinance 2024-1 to extend his contract for 6 months. Donald Moses made a motion to accept the Ordinance 2024-1 to extend Mr. Filkins contract. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. All in favor, 6-0. Motion passes.

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New Business: Nothing new to report

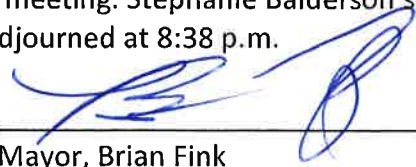
Old Business: Nothing new to report

Zoning: nothing to report

Adjourn: Rhonda Dingelstedt moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. Vote 6-0 All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse



Mayor, Brian Fink