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Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes,

February 12th, 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 explained that the time and day of the meetings for 2024 was not addressed during the January meeting. He asked the council if they wanted to keep the date and time the same or if they would like to make a change. Council agreed to keep the time and date the same. Meeting for 2024 will continue to be on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Mayor Brian Fink took this time to read a mission statement. He explained that it would coincide with what happened the last couple weeks. He mentioned that he was honored to be elected mayor. He is proud to serve the residents and their concerns, while using the tools at his disposal to promote a clean and proud community. Mayor Fink has been and will work with Village Administrator Mark Bowman to bring attention to overlooked matters from the past. Mr. Bowman has already been working on these matters. Mayor Fink explained that he hopes to work with the council for the betterment of the village. He explained that not every decision they make together is easy but it is necessary. He explained that he encourages open communication with council, employees and residents. He is looking forward to making a positive impact.

Residents in Attendance: Karen Hanna, Jeff Hanna, Vicki Simon, Nathan Simon, Carol Berning, Vi Fink, Nan Boone, Michelle Hengsteler, Chester Balderson, Tim Kimble, Lonnie Moses, Mary Moses and Carol Mc Donald.

Visitors in Attendance: Ruthie Tong; Heart and Soul Coordinator, Harry Phillips and Nathan Perry; representatives from American Municipal Power, and Scott Welch.

Minutes: Mayor Brian Fink asked for a motion to forgo reading and pass the January 8, 2024 minutes. Stephanie Balderson made a motion to forgo the reading and accept the January minutes as written. Donnie Moses seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried. Roll call vote 6-0.

Bills: Stephanie Balderson made a motion to pay the January bills and Rhonda Dingelstedt seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Resident Concerns: Mayor Brian Fink explained that some residents looked confused during last month's meeting when he addressed resident and guest concerns. He explained that he moved this portion of the meeting to the beginning of the meeting so concerns could be addressed and then residents/ guests could leave or stay for the rest of the meeting. He then asked the residents if anyone had something they would like to address.

Jeff Hanna was in attendance to address the water that stands on the property across the street from his. Recently, when it rains this property fills with water and then runs off onto Mr. Hanna's property and sidewalks. Mr. Hanna would like the village to address the problem and

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he believes it may be a broken tile. He also asked if the village has an easement or right of way in the area to have access to fix the problem. Mayor Fink stated that this is an issue that he is going to address.

Michelle Hengsteler explained that she also lives next to the property with the standing water. She stated that the area is moldy and yucky. She was in attendance to discuss the topic of having farm animals inside the village. Mrs. Hengsteler explained that she has been working on the animal ordinance for the village. She talked to the Solicitor, Mr. Filkins and had a list of suggestions for the council to consider. She recommended no roosters, Guinea or Peacocks or any animal that created an excessive nuisance noise. She recommended a size restriction with the option for larger animals permitted with a fee, this could help monitor 4H projects. She explained rules for keeping and maintaining animals. Also, ways to address residents' issues. Mayor Brian Fink explained that he was going to address this issue during the meeting and agreed with a lot of the topics she mentioned. Mayor Fink would like to address this issue and plan a meeting for residents to discuss the matter. Vicki Simon asked if there would be a petition for residents to sign. She was concerned that when she got her animals she asked if it was permitted and she was told that it was. She is concerned that she will be required to get rid of her turkeys. Mayor Fink stated a meeting will be planned to address everyone's concerns. He explained that this meeting would have a lot of different ideas to discuss that will simply take more time than a regular council meeting.

Nathan Simon stated that the council has discussed raising the water rates. He explained that with the quality of water that the village provides that council should find a different solution. Mayor Fink explained that we have not seen the letter informing the village of a rate increase. Mr. Simon explained that he understood that but was concerned that a rate increase was coming. Mayor Fink explained that this will be discussed further at the next council. He also explained that he has met with individuals and council members to get updated on the issue as well.

Vicki Simon asked if the water issue that Mr. Hanna had addressed in the meeting was the responsibility of the property owner or the village. Mr. Bowman explained that he would need to look into the matter to determine if there is a right of way or if the village has access to the drainage tile. This issue has been worked on before and this work was discussed with Mr. Hanna, the previous administrator. Mr. Bowman will look into this further.

Guest concerns: Harry Phillips and Nathan Perry, from American Municipal Power (AMP), were in attendance to explain the cost recovery for transmission cost that council discussed in the January meeting. They explained how the transmission cost was not charged in 2023. The amount that was not charged to the Village of Arcadia was approximately \$1950. This amount may be paid back to AMP in one of two ways. The village could sell the green energy recs or be billed for the amount throughout the year. Either option will only recover the amount owed. Ruthie Tong, Arcadia Heart and Soul project coordinator, was in attendance to update the council about Arcadia's Heart and Soul. Mrs. Tong shared a handout with the council about what Heart and Soul has accomplished in 2023, as well as some upcoming plans. Mrs. Tong explained that she is going to send out a postcard requesting information about veterans in the community as well as any interest in veteran's banners around town. She presented information about Veteran flags that would be displayed on poles during the summer. She explained the cost of the flags and that the revenue from the project could be used for community events including fireworks. Mrs. Tong explained that there has been a lot of interest for a summer event and fireworks. She presented the council with information about working with Ryan Breyman to honor Jim Breyman, his father, with a firework display for the 4th of July. She still needs to meet with Mr. Breyman to find out what he would like to do.

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Administrator Report: Mark Bowman prepared the reports for receipts and expenditures for January 2024:

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$25,992.15	\$21,059.34	+\$4,932.81
Sanitary Sewer	\$9,770.63	\$7,412.88	+\$2,627.15
Electric	\$56,409.68	\$49,042.57	+\$7,367.11
43 delinquent accounts: \$11,040.28			
0 residents were disconnected for nonpayment.			

Water: The daily water reading in town and at Red Hawk have been normal. Mr. Bowman explained that he flushed at the dead end on the north end of County Road 254. Mr. Bowman also reported that the meter at the water pump station has been changed. He explained that the signalizer needs to be repaired so information about our flow and usage can be accessed. Mr. Bowman reported that the Cathodic protection system was recently evaluated. It was found that repairs are needed and will be completed in April. The water tank will be drained for this work.

Sanitary Sewer: Mr. Bowman explained that the flow meter was calibrated and everything tested ok. Everything at the sewer station is working properly.

Electric: No power outages.

Streets: Mr. Bowman and Jason Mattox did some snow removal and everything went well.

Other: Mr. Bowman explained that the area located behind Nan Boone property on Farmers Lane has a terrible drainage problem. Mrs. Boone has water that does not drain properly when it rains and creates a large area of water. Mr. Bowman explained that he would like to resolve this issue. A meeting has been scheduled with Hancock Regional Planning and Neil Materni from Poggermeyer to go over a storm sewer project.

Mr. Bowman presented council with a cell phone that he would like Mayor Fink to have to respond to village matters. Stephanie Balderson asked if the phone number will be given out to the public. Mr. Bowman explained that it was. She asked for the number. Mrs. Clouse explained that she will get the phone number sent out to council members. Council agreed this would be acceptable.

The county will be in town to clean around the creek and repair the stones at the bridge on North Main Street.

Mr. Bowman wanted the council to clarify which option they would like to take to pay the loss transmission cost to AMP. Council agreed that either option would result in the same amount being recovered and was content to have Mr. Bowman decide.

Fiscal Officers Report: Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse presented the council with the following reports: Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Cash Summary by Fund, Year End Balances comparisons (gains/ losses), and the monthly fund balance.

<u>For January</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General fund:	\$318,548.79	\$322,742.53
Streets:	\$219,961.91	\$221,919.01
Highway:	\$13,364.49	\$13,613.81
Storm Sewer:	\$96,947.68	\$96,888.07
Permissive Tax:	\$5,760.82	\$5,971.99
ARPA CoronaVirus:	\$61,716.57	\$61,716.57
Heart and Soul:	\$53,724.03	\$44,815.08
Water:	\$163,152.83	\$158,085.64

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Sanitary Sewer:	\$249,617.24	\$251,974.99
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Enterprise Deposits:	\$17,997.97	\$18,297.97
Enterprise Improvement:	\$99,566.72	\$100,633.74

Amie Clouse presented the council with Permanent Appropriations for 2024 Ordinance 2024-2. Mrs. Clouse also presented Resolution 2024-A; this resolution is with AMP to give authorization to purchase our aftermarket energy for the village.

Mrs. Clouse informed new council members Jennifer Bowman and Angela Kimble that they need to complete public records training during their first year of office. Mrs. Clouse asked if they would like to complete the training on their own or would they want Mrs. Clouse to complete the training on their behalf. Both new council members would like to complete the training. Mrs. Clouse will get the information to them.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Brian Fink presented Permanent Appropriation Ordinance 2024-2 and declared it an emergency. Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-2.

Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. 6-0

Mayor Fink presented Resolution 2024-A authorizing the execution of the 2023 OMEG Power Pool Participation Schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc. Donald Moses made a motion to pass Resolution 2024-A. Jennifer Bowman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed, 6-0.

Mayor Fink explained that Ordinance 2024-1 was not passed as an emergency during the January meeting so he will pass it again this month correctly. Mayor Fink presented Ordinance 2024-1 to employ the solicitor for 6 months commencing January 2024 and declaring it an emergency. Stephanie Balderson made a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-1. Donald Moses seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed, 6-0.

Mayor Fink discussed the website being updated. Aadam Duckett is currently updating the site but does not have time to work on it. Ruthie Tong showed interest in managing the site, Mr. Duckett will give Mrs. Tong the information she needs to access the site to update it. Mayor Fink also explained that residents can have the paper minutes from the meeting if council members do not want them. Last month's minutes will be available if requested.

Mayor Fink explained that he talked with Dave Golden, Arcadia Superintendent, about the traffic leaving school each day. Mr. Bowman has been parking on S. Main St. to direct traffic to exit the school parking lot in the correct direction. This has been effective, but a more permanent solution is necessary. The sheriff will be contacted to monitor the traffic during this time. He discussed some options to improve this traffic including alternate exits to the school. Angela Kimble explained that as a parent and council member she is also concerned that the traffic is always backed up and congested when school lets out. A solution is still being considered. Mayor Fink will discuss this with Mr. Golden again.

Solicitor Report: nothing to report

Old Business: Mayor Fink asked if anyone is interested in being on the variance committee. Michelle Hengsteler and Jeff Hanna volunteered. Three more members will be needed. A notice will be placed in the utility bill. He also asked if anyone is interested in being the Zoning inspector. This will also be placed in the notice. Two residents have shown interest.

New Business: Mr. Bowman asked the council if he could hire someone to help him. There are things that he can not do by himself and he would like someone around. This would be a part time position right now. This person will replace an employee that is no longer with us. An ad will be placed for the position. The position and wages will be addressed at the next council meeting. Council agreed to post the position.

Adjourn: Rhonda Dingelstedt moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. Vote 6-0 All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Amie Clouse
Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

Mayor, Brian Fink