

Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes October 21th, 2024

Arcadia Village Council met for a special rescheduled regular session on October 21th, 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, Rhonda Dingelstedt, Aadam Duckett, and Angela Kimble. Fiscal Officer; Amie Clouse and Village Administrator; Mark Bowman were present. Solicitor; John Filkins and Council Member; Jennifer Bowman were not present.

Residents in Attendance: Michelle Hengsteler, Vicki Simon, Nathan Simon, Nan Boone, Teresa Margraf, Carol McDonald, Shelley Hill, Karen Hanna, Jeff Hanna, Michelle Santa Cruz, Carol Berning, Vi Fink, Simone Jacomet and Kenneth Nault.

Guests in Attendance: Ruth Tong, Heart and Soul Coordinator.

Minutes: Mayor Brian Fink asked for a motion to forgo the reading of the September 9th, 2024 minutes. Donald Moses made a motion to forgo the reading of the September 9th, 2024 minutes. Rhonda Dingelstedt seconded the motion. Roll call 5-0. All in favor. Motion passes.

Mayor Fink asked for a motion to accept the September 9th minutes as written. Stephanie Balderson made a motion to accept the September 9th minutes as written. Angela Kimble seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5-0. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Brian Fink asked for a motion to forgo the reading of the special September 16th, 2024 minutes. Stephanie Balderson made a motion to forgo the reading of the special September 16th, 2024 minutes. Donald Moses seconded the motion. Roll call 5-0. All in favor. Motion passes.

Mayor Fink asked for a motion to accept the special September 16th minutes as written. Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to accept the special September 16th minutes as written. Donald Moses seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5-0. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills: Mayor Fink asked for a motion to pay the September bills. Donald Moses made a motion to pay the bills. Angela Kimble seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Resident Concerns: Vi Fink was in attendance to ask about the limb that hung over her alley. She explained that the tree drops limbs in the alley. She would like to see the village trim the tree. Mark Bowman explained that he would look into it but he believed that it was a village tree. Mayor Fink recommended trimming the tree to avoid the limbs hitting vehicles.

Carol McDonald had a question about a fence that was installed between Route 12 and 101 Scott Street. She was concerned that the fence was actually in the village right of way, and if they applied for a building permit. Mrs. Clouse explained that they did receive a building permit. Mr. Bowman stated that he believed that the fence was on the property line. The village will check into the fence. Mrs. McDonald was concerned that you have to walk very close to the road because the fence is so close to Route 12 and in the way if a sidewalk was to be installed.

Nan Boone thanked Mayor Fink for contacting Mr. Golden and the safety service director about the students driving recklessly when they leave school each day. She also thanked Mr. Bowman for helping divert the students. Mrs. Boone is still seeing issues but with improvement. Mayor Fink explained that he would speak to Mr. Saltzman about the issue again. Mrs. Boone mentioned placing speed bumps in the alleyway to slow students down. This is something the council would have to address and residents could not install speed bumps themselves. Mr. Bowman explained that he could put a stop sign in the alley. He will also look into speed bumps. Mrs. Boone also explained that a new home is going into an empty lot near her home. She was

concerned about water from a new home going on to her property. Mayor Fink explained that residents are not allowed to push water onto another property. This will be addressed when a building permit is applied for.

Teresa Margraf wanted to inform the council and other residents that the Trinity Lutheran Church was having a blood drive December 19. She encouraged everyone to sign up and donate. Please support the Red Cross.

Shelly Hill thanked Mayor Fink, Mark Bowman and Brett O'Conner for cleaning the curbs. She also thanked Mr. Bowman for helping with the kids leaving school. Mrs. Hill wanted to address the council and Mr. Filkins. She was concerned about a resident that spoke to Mrs. Boone very rudely. She further explained that when a curse word was used that she expected the council to excuse the resident. She was concerned that this was acceptable behavior at a meeting to the council. She was concerned with how residents belittle each other and no one makes an effort to stop the behavior. Mrs. Hill was concerned about a zoning question a resident had at the last meeting. She recommended that the zoning book be looked over to clarify and update it. Mrs. Hill also asked for the council and the mayor to work together.

Mr. Kenneth Nault addressed the council about where he had placed a new shed on his property. He was asking the council for a variance to allow him to leave the shed where it is or only move it 5 feet instead of 10 feet. He explained that his wife stores her motorized chair in the shed and moving it to a different location will be difficult for her to maneuver. The council discussed some options and decided to allow the shed to stay where it is until the beginning of 2025. Council agreed and they will look into the matter further. Mr. Nault also asked about having chickens in the village. Mayor Fink explained that there are not any rules on the topic.

Jeff Hanna explained that he is part of the variance committee and he has been looking over the zoning book. He explained that there is a lot of missing information in the book. He explained that the book will refer you to a section that does not exist in the book. He also explained that he believed that the public notice for a variance meeting was 10 days not 30. Mrs. Clouse asked some questions and also explained that she would look into it. She explained that at the beginning of the zoning book it refers to a Section 7.13 of the Ohio Revised Code. If you need clarity on the book you can refer to this code. This is where Mrs. Clouse found the information about the 30-day notice. She also agreed that previously 10 days was the time frame that was used. Mrs. Balderson explained that she had previously spoken with Mr. Filkins about the matter, she thought the notice was 10 days as well. Mr. Filkins referred to Section 7.13 and the 30-day notice.

Vicki Simon wanted to address something that Mrs. Hill had said to the council. Mrs. Simon asked who was running the meeting, she explained that the mayor was running the meeting. She further explained anyone could address the behavior in question, not just the council or the mayor. She wanted it to be stated that she did not feel it was fair to only blame the council for not acting.

Guest Concerns: Ruth Tong updated the council on both of the grants that she applied for through the Findlay Hancock Foundation, one for an electric upgrade and lighting at the community park and a grant for a community garden area and walking path. She also shared information about Heart and Soul. She passed out information about upcoming events and what Heart and Soul has been up to. She encouraged everyone to come to the chili cook off.

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

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$40,68.04	\$28,474.90	+\$12,153.14
Sanitary Sewer	\$9,561.05	\$8,522.33	+\$1,038.72
Electric	\$61,741.98	\$61,461.41	+\$280.57

34 delinquent accounts: \$12,037.06

0 residents were disconnected for nonpayment.

Water: Mr. Bowman explained that the water testing in town and at Red Hawk has been normal. He explained that the water tower recently was overflowing. This was due to the Scada not communicating between the pumps and the water tower properly. The company we purchased the Scada from is no longer in business. Mr. Bowman has a short-term solution. He will have a quote next meeting.

Sanitary Sewer: The pump station is working properly. Waiting on Buckeye Pump to replace the impeller for the grinder pump.

Electric: No power outages this month.

Streets: Mr. Bowman explained that he and Brett O'Connor have been working on cleaning and painting the curbs. He explained that the radar speed sign is installed and working.

Other: Amplex has been around town and started to install the fiber today. Mrs. McDonald had a question about a stake that is on Farmers Lane. Mr. Bowman stated that he agreed it was close to the road but on the owner's property. He explained that he would talk to someone about it.

Fiscal Officers Report: Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse prepared the following reports for the council: Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Cash Summary by Fund, and the year-to-date monthly fund balance.

<u>For August</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General fund:	\$371,916.74	\$375,384.27
Streets:	\$215,231.88	\$212,855.71
Highway:	\$17,532.96	\$17,829.08
Storm Sewer:	\$121,706.03	\$121,706.03
Permissive Tax	\$7,807.03	\$8,094.53
ARPA CoronaVirus:	\$50,385.79	\$50,385.79
Heart and Soul:	\$60,619.48	\$84,595.70
Water:	\$157,201.16	\$169,354.30
Sanitary Sewer:	\$248,419.17	\$249,457.89
Electric:	\$1,007,182.57	\$1,007,463.14
Enterprise Deposits:	\$19,197.97	\$19,497.97
Enterprise Improvement:	\$108,320.72	\$109,422.36

Mrs. Clouse explained to the council that the Findlay Hancock Community Foundation was hosting a meeting on Wednesday October 23. Mrs. Tong explained that it was a mayors meeting. There will be people to talk about resources for grants and funding. Mayor Fink was unable to attend. Council President Aadam Duckett and Ruth Tong will attend the meeting.

Mayor Report: Mayor Brian Fink presented Resolution 2024-Q to authorize the administrator to contract with American Municipal Power (AMP) to Purchase electricity from Blue Creek Wind. Donald Moses made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-Q to authorize the village administrator to contract with AMP. Rhonda Dingelstedt seconded the motion. Roll call 5-0, all in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor Fink presented Resolution 2024-R to authorize an emergency to repair the sanitary sewer. Mayor Fink asked for a motion to accept 2024-R. Donald Moses made a motion to accept 2024-R. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. Roll call, 5-0. All in favor motion carried.

Mayor Fink also presented the council with information from Kalynn Sommers, a Harm Protection Coordinator at Hancock Public Health. She inquired about placing Narcan boxes in the community. Her organization puts them where the village decides they want them and they

also maintain them. The council asked for more information and recommendations regarding where to place them. Mayor Fink explained that he would share her email with the council. Mayor Fink also explained that he spoke with Mr. Leathers about his property by the tracks on N. Main St. He informed Mayor Fink that he did not receive the grant to remove his building. Mr. Leather explained that he did not move forward with the grant and that the building was declared historical. Mr. Leathers told Mayor Fink that he was not in a hurry to address the building because he will not be able to utilize the property when the building has been removed due to zoning and setbacks. He would like the village to purchase it and then tear it down.

Solicitor Report: nothing to report

Building Inspector: nothing to report

New Business: no new business

Old Business: Mayor Fink asked about the utility fees. The topic was tabled. Mr. Nault addressed council and apologized for not cleaning his property sooner.

Executive Session: Mayor Fink asked for a motion to go into executive session for confidential information and personnel issues including council, administrator, fiscal officer, Heart and Soul Coordinator Ruth Tong and mayor. Angela Kimble made a motion to go into executive session to discuss confidential information and personnel issues. Aadam Duckett seconded the motion. All in favor. Roll call, 5-0. Motion carried. Enter executive session, 7:51 p.m. Stephanie Balderson made a motion to come out of executive session. Donald Moses seconded the motion. Roll call, 5-0. All in favor, motion carried. Out of executive session, 8:05p.m.

Adjourn: Mayor Brian Fink asked for a motion to adjourn. Donald Moses made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Angela Kimble seconded the motion. Roll call 5-0. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

Mayor Brian Fink