

## **Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Arcadia Village Council met for regular session on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 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, Rhonda Dingelstedt, Jennifer Bowman, Aadam Duckett, and Angela Kimble. Fiscal Officer; Amie Clouse, Village Administrator; Mark Bowman and Solicitor; John Filkins were present. Council member Donald Moses was 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, Vi Fink, Simone Jacomet and David J. Roberts Sr.

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

**Minutes:** Mayor Brian Fink asked for a motion to forgo the reading of the October 21<sup>st</sup> 2024 minutes. Angela Kimble made a motion to forgo the reading of the October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 minutes. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. Roll call 5-0. All in favor. Motion passes.

Mayor Fink asked for a motion to accept the October 21<sup>st</sup> minutes as written. Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to accept the October 21<sup>st</sup> minutes as written. Angela Kimble 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. Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to pay the bills. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

**Resident Concerns:** David J. Roberts Sr. was in attendance to ask the council about moving a pole leading to his property on Farmers Lane. He explained that the utility pole makes it difficult to get his equipment to his property without being on private property. He stated that he talked to the administrator but Mr. Roberts has not heard any news on the matter. He would like an update on the topic. Mr. Bowman advised that the infrastructure would meet to discuss the matter. Mr. Roberts also asked for an update about his inquiry about getting recycling containers in the village. Mr. Bowman explained that he called Rumpke to get more information about recycling, but he has not gotten a response. Mrs. Dingelstedt explained that she had a contact with the county that she will refer to Mr. Bowman. She explained that the county has a recycling program through Rumpke and the county will take on the cost for recycling.

Jeff Hanna addressed the council about the ditch bank on his property that was cleaned recently. Mr. Hanna explained that his property pin was removed. He would like to know if the village is going to have his property resurveyed and have his pin replaced. Mr. Bowman will look into having Peterman Associates replace the missing pin. Mr. Hanna also wanted to comment on the recycling containers that Mr. Roberts inquired about. He explained that recycling is handled by the county. Courtney Comstock at the Commissioner's Office is who you would reach out to for information about the recycling containers being put in the village. Mrs. Dingelstedt explained that she will get the contact information for the Commissioner to Mr. Bowman. She also explained that the county takes on the cost of the recycling containers.

Vi Fink was in attendance to ask about the limb that hung over her alley. Mark Bowman explained that he had taken care of the limbs.

Michelle Hengsteler was in attendance to discuss the issue of chickens. She explained that she would like to form a committee to discuss some rules about having animals in town. She has spoken with Mrs. Hanna and Shelly Hill. They do not have animals but understand that kids have

animals and they want to be open minded. Mrs. Hengsteler would also like to ask Mrs. Vicki Simon to be a part of the committee as well as she does have animals. Mrs. Hengsteler would like to find a couple more residents that do have animals to be a part of the committee. She would like to ask the council if she can have this committee meet to discuss the issue. Mrs. Simon explained that she believed that she should be in charge of this committee. She explained that she has animals that she takes care of. Mayor Fink explained that they can form a committee, meet and then return to council with a recommendation. Mr. Filkins can address any legal issues at the meeting when they present their recommendations. Council can then discuss the recommendations.

Carol McDonald inquired about street lights on Farmers Lane. She explained that there is not any lighting and it is very dark. Mr. Bowman explained that the electric on Farmers Lane is in the back of properties and limited electric on Farmers Lane. He will look into it for her. Mrs. McDonald also wanted to thank all of the veterans for their service, as it was veterans' day.

Teresa Margraf had a question about a fence that was installed at 101 Scott Street. She asked if there was an update about the fence. She inquired if the fence was actually in the village right of way. Mr. Bowman explained that the fence is on the property line. Mrs. Margraf also asked Mr. Roberts why the utility poles are a problem now and not in the past. Mr. Roberts explained that in the past farmers would cut onto private property and he is trying to avoid this. Stephanie Balderson asked Mr. Roberts if he was planning on driving semi-trucks down Farmers Lane. Mr. Roberts explained that he is but he does not plan to have them loaded. He would like to have a pole barn so he may service his equipment. Mrs. Balderson explained that the village roads are not built for this type of traffic.

**Guest Concerns:** Heart and Soul Coordinator, Ruth Tong updated the council on the recent community events. She explained that 150 people participated in the Hide and Seek event. Everyone had a great time and were excited to do it again next year. Then the Chili Cook Off event. Heart and Soul and residents enjoyed taste testing 12 unique chilies. They also took part in creating statements from the Heart and Soul data that residents have been sharing. The team will be working towards the action statements. She also explained that Heart and Soul will be working on the Christmas event coming up very soon.

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

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$35,529.81	\$29,900.75	+\$5,629.06
Sanitary Sewer	\$9,852.56	\$16,435.82	-\$6,583.26
Electric	\$58,336.07	\$58,583.26	+\$255.24

41 delinquent accounts: \$12,606.35

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 he had a quote for a Scada system, the quote is for \$27,000.

**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 collecting leaves.

**Other:** Amplex has been around town and is finishing up in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Bowman also explained that the bucket truck had a recall. The truck was taken to Ashland today to be repaired at Altec. They will pick the truck up in a couple of days.

Mr. Filkins inquired as to why the sanitary sewer had a loss this month. Mrs. Clouse explained that the loss was likely due to an emergency repair to the sanitary sewer that was paid.

**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:	\$375,384.27	\$370,897.23
Streets:	\$212,855.71	\$213,639.32
Highway:	\$17,829.08	\$18,038.23
Storm Sewer:	\$121,706.03	\$121,329.72
Permissive Tax	\$8,094.53	\$8,348.47
ARPA Coronavirus:	\$50,385.79	\$9,607.89
Heart and Soul:	\$84,595.70	\$78,129.81
Water:	\$169,354.30	\$174,983.36
Sanitary Sewer:	\$249,457.89	\$242,874.62
Electric:	\$1,007,463.14	\$1,007,718.38
Enterprise Deposits:	\$19,497.97	\$19,297.97
Enterprise Improvement:	\$109,422.36	\$110,530.48

Mrs. Clouse explained to the council that the line item in the water fund that she uses to pay the bulk water did not have enough funds to cover the monthly billing. She further explained that the water fund overall is seeing a gain. The line item only used to pay bulk water starts with more than the expense from last year so this does not happen at the end of the year. Mrs. Clouse moved \$30,000 from one line item to another in the water fund to cover the remaining expense to bulk water from Fostoria. Mrs. Clouse wanted the council to be aware that the cost of bulk water has gone up. She will look into the loss further.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Brian Fink explained that he has spoken with Mr. Golden and Mr. Saltzman about the traffic issue after school. Mayor Fink is working with the school to resolve the issue. Mayor Fink also explained that the school sold the village 25 speed bumps for \$25. Mr. Bowman will continue to monitor the situation. If traffic becomes an issue again Mr. Bowman will be installing these to help. Mayor Fink believed that students that were causing issues were talked to and the traffic in this area has been better recently. These speed bumps can be utilized in other ways. Mayor Fink explained that a stop sign was put in the alley and he had a letter sent out in the mail. He will consider putting speed bumps in the alley and possibly on CR 216 if students begin to drive recklessly again. As a last resort Mayor Fink reported that students may lose driving privileges.

Stephanie Balderson asked if the village receives a report from the sheriff office. Mayor Fink stated that he does receive a report each month. Mrs. Clouse explained that she also receives the report and prints it out and puts it in a binder. The report gives short details about when and where they were while in town.

**Solicitor Report:** nothing to report

**Building Inspector:** nothing to report

**New Business:** Carol McDonald wanted to wish Mayor Fink a happy birthday.

**Old Business:** Mayor Fink asked about the utility fees. The topic was tabled.

**Adjourn:** Mayor Brian Fink asked for a motion to adjourn. Rhonda Dingelstedt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Bowman seconded the motion. Roll call 5-0. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

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Mayor Brian Fink