

Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes

July 14th, 2025

Arcadia Village Council met for regular session on July 14th, 2025, 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: Angela Kimble, Rhonda Dingelstedt, Jennifer Bowman, Stephanie Balderson and Chester Balderson. Fiscal Officer; Amie Clouse, Village Administrator; Mark Bowman and Solicitor; John Filkins was present. President of Council, Aadam Duckett was absent.

Residents in Attendance: Nan Boone, Carol McDonald, Teresa Margraf, David J Roberts Sr., Vi Fink, Jeff Hanna, Vicki Simon, Nathan Simon, Carol Berning, Michelle Hengsteler, Simone Jacomet, Shelley Hill, Seth Jacomet, Barbara Brooks, Ron Wagner, Clay Lily, Tim Kimble and Michelle Santa Cruz.

Guests in Attendance: Angela (Ruthie) Tong and Joshua Tolento, Fostoria Free Press

Minutes: Mayor Brian Fink asked for a motion to forgo the reading of the June 9th, minutes. Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to forgo the reading of the June 9th, 2025 minutes. Chester Balderson seconded the motion. Roll call 5-0. All in favor. Motion passes.

Mayor Fink asked for a motion to accept the June 9th, 2025, minutes as written. Stephanie Balderson made a motion to accept the June 9th, 2025. 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 June bills. Chester Balderson made a motion to pay the bills. Jennifer Bowman seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Resident Concerns: Mayor Fink reminded residents that they have 3 minutes to speak. He would like to keep comments to a minimum, no outburst, no comments until you are recognized to speak.

Nan Boone explained that the person she wanted to address was not at the meeting and she would wait.

Shelley Hill was in attendance to address a comment about the council being bullied by residents. She asked the council if they felt as if they were being bullied. Chester Balderson explained that he did not feel this way. Mrs. Hill explained that she did think bullying was going on along with other nasty comments. She further explained that council members have also said rude things to residents during meetings. She explained that council members should resign if they do not like the people that they represent. Then Mrs. Hill explained that someone at the table has talked about topics from executive sessions because she has heard things that have come from these sessions.

Teresa Margraf was in attendance to ask about dumpster days. She explained that in the spring it was mentioned that the village may have a dumpster day in the fall this year. She also wanted to address a Facebook post. She inquired who the administrators of the Arcadia community page were. Mrs. Clouse stated it was herself and Ruthie Tong. Her question was about an anonymous post. She passed out a statement about what she was going to speak about. She further explained that she spoke with Craig from the Health Department about the food trucks and he explained that she and Ruthie had 2 of the same food trucks. During the event Mrs. Margraf explained that an employee, and later a person named Bonnie, came to the farmers market to tell food trucks that they needed to move down to the Main St. location. She explained that she started with 9 food trucks and most of them relocated to the Main St. location. Then relocated back to the farmers market later in the day. She explained that the

anonymous post had a lot of misinformation, and she did not think any anonymous post should be allowed on the page as it is causing confusion and makes the village and the church look bad. Simone Jacomet was in attendance to address an incident from the June meeting. She explained that as she was waiting outside after the meeting with some other residents, a car drove by her very recklessly and threw rocks when they took off. Her take away from this was you should be aware of your surroundings in a small parking lot. Mrs. Jacomet's second point was about Facebook. It is a part of our lives and we all have concerns and we are all entitled to our own opinion. She would like to see problems or issues addressed at a council meeting, in person or through a private message or conversation instead of Facebook.

Seth Jacomet asked Mr. Bowman if he had an update about the pole on his property. Mr. Bowman explained that this pole was not a village pole and belonged to TDS. Mr. Jacomet would need to call TDS. Then he spoke about the incident with the car in the parking lot. He explained that it was Aadam Duckett. He would like to see something happen.

Carol Berning was in attendance to ask Amie Clouse and Ruthie Tong to take down the anonymous post on the community page. She explained that it was cyber bullying and people are not accountable for what they post. It's just for attention.

Jeff Hanna asked when the trees were going to be trimmed. He has one marked in his yard to be trimmed. Mr. Bowman explained that the trees are being worked on a little at a time and he is on the list. The tree service comes in every few weeks when they have available time. Mr. Hanna asked if the village was going to resurvey his property because Mr. Bowman pulled a property pin out last fall. Mr. Bowman explained that the pin was only bent over and that he would go down and pound the pin back in. Mr. Hanna explained that the village wrecked it and he thought they would fix it. He explained that Mayor Fink said it would be fixed. Mayor Fink agreed that it should be fixed. Mr. Bowman explained that he would go down and pound the pin back in.

Vicki Simon explained that after hearing residents' comment about removing the anonymous post she had some thoughts. Mrs. Simon asked who is Amie Clouse to censor what is permitted to be on the page, and where does that end. She explained that we live in America and have freedom of speech. As an American we should be allowed to post whatever we want. She further explained that if Mrs. Clouse needs to dictate what is permitted then maybe the page should come down. Mrs. Margraf stated that anonymous people cannot vote. Mrs. Simon explained that it doesn't matter and you could just scroll by. Mrs. Simon did not understand why everyone was so angry. She explained that she did not know why Shelley Hill was so angry. Shelley Hill responded that she was not angry at anyone. She questioned a post because an anonymous post degraded residents and she disagreed because she believes this post to be from a council person. She explained if you do not like who you work for then you should step away.

Guest Concerns: no guest concerns.

Administrator Report: Mark Bowman presented the report for receipts and expenditures for June 2025:

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Water	\$28,332.40	\$97,405.64	-\$69,073.24
Sanitary Sewer	\$9,649.03	\$10,577.47	-\$928.44
Electric	\$49,768.49	\$48,939.48	+\$830.01

38 delinquent accounts: \$9,408.77

0 residents were disconnected for nonpayment.

Water: Everything is running properly. Mr. Bowman explained the loss in water was due to the loan payment and aeration guarantee.

Sanitary Sewer: The pumps are working and running properly.

Electric: There were no power outages.

Streets: Mr. Bowman reminded the council that the application for the OWPC program was due August 1st he would like to see Scott Street and Vine Street completed.

Other: Mr. Bowman explained that he, Jason Mattox and Brett O'Connor worked to clean up trees in the road and on power lines from the storm damage.

Mrs. Margraf asked if there was a power outage on Scott Street. Mr. Bowman replied, no.

Stephanie Balderson asked if the sanitary sewer was down because of delinquent accounts, repairs or something else. Mrs. Clouse explained that the sanitary fund had either sees a small gain or a small loss for several months. Mrs. Clouse will look into it further.

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

<u>For June</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General fund:	\$424,637.85	\$420,986.48
Streets:	\$213,934.22	\$213,843.13
Highway:	\$19,230.25	\$17,052.66
Storm Sewer:	\$133,137.09	\$133,137.09
Permissive Tax:	\$10,046.20	\$10,393.70
ARPA Coronavirus:	\$9,730.89	\$9,730.89
Heart and Soul:	\$79,639.89	\$72,674.29
Water:	\$252,057.31	\$182,984.07
Sanitary Sewer:	\$242,153.23	\$241,224.79
Electric:	\$979,872.09	\$980,701.10
Enterprise Deposits:	\$18,131.90	\$17,931.90
Enterprise Improvement:	\$118,131.90	\$119,260.90

Amie Clouse presented the council with the estimates of revenue for 2026 that she will turn into the Auditor's Office. Mrs. Clouse explained that she also had a budget meeting with the Hancock Auditor's office on August 18.

Mayor Report: Mayor Fink thanked the anonymous Facebook poster because they let residents know that he did what they asked him to do when they signed his petition to run for mayor. He thanked the person that posted for letting residents know he tried.

Solicitor Report: Nothing to report

Building Inspector: Mr. Bowman explained that he spoke with the new inspector Scott Lute, and things are going well. Mayor Fink asked if Mr. Crace got a permit for his fence. Mr. Bowman explained that he did, and there is one more permit in the works.

Old Business: Stephanie Balderson asked if we had received the minutes from the previous variance meetings. Carol Berning will get the minutes from Barb Ebersole's variance to the office.

New Business: Stephanie Balderson asked Mayor Fink if Facebook posts could be removed as a topic for the council meetings so that the council could address village business more effectively. Mayor Fink explained that if this is what the residents want to address, he is going to let them speak. He will keep the comments to 3 minutes and will get a timer if necessary.

Mr. Bowman proposed to purchase a skid steer with a street sweeper attachment. The Village has rented the equipment a couple of times. The rental cost of \$900 can be applied to the purchase of the equipment or it will be billed for a rental.

Stephanie Balderson asked when the crack sealer will get started. Mr. Bowman explained that the work on Route 12 will start making a mess but he will start it soon.

Rhonda Dingelstedt explained that the council needed to decide about having a dumpster day. Ideas of having another dumpster day in 2025 was discussed. The council decided that Dumpster Day is usually in the Spring and it made more sense to wait until 2026 in the spring with the "Arcadia Cares Day", then students could help residents by picking up the trash from their homes. Carol McDonald explained that she did not know about the day until she was at a council meeting. Mrs. Clouse explained that it was advertised in the bill and on Facebook. She also explained that the amount of people that utilized the Dumpster Day usually is more some years and less others.

Executive Session: Mayor Brian Fink asked council to make a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues and Ordinance violation and litigation. Chester Balderson made a motion to go into executive session and include the council, mayor, solicitor, administrator and fiscal officer. Angela Kimble seconded the motion. Roll call, 5-0. All in favor, motion carried. The executive session started at 7:28 p.m.

Rhonda Dingelstedt made a motion to come out of executive session. Stephanie Balderson seconded the motion. Roll call, 5-0. Motion Carried. Out of executive at 7:51 p.m.

Chester Balderson stated that no action was taken.

Adjourn: Mayor Brian Fink asked for a motion to adjourn. Stephanie Balderson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Angela Kimble seconded the motion. Roll call 5-0. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

Mayor Brian Fink