

Arcadia Village Council Meeting Minutes December 11th, 2025

Arcadia Village Council met for an emergency session on December 11th, 2025, at the Town Hall located at 104 South Gibson Street Arcadia, Ohio at 5:30 P.M. Chester Balderson called the meeting to order. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call Attendance: Council Member; Chester Balderson. Voting Council Members: Angela Kimble, Rhonda Dingelstedt, Jennifer Bowman, Aadam Duckett, Stephanie Balderson and Chester Balderson.; John Filkins; Solicitor and Fiscal Officer; Amie Clouse was present. Mayor Brian Fink was not in attendance. Aadam Duckett arrived late.

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

Guests in Attendance: no guest in attendance

Mrs. Clouse informed the council that without a current administrator in place there are other responsibilities that need to be managed. She reminded them that the water is being taken care of by Jason Mattox and Chris Basinger, but other things will need attention. OUPS/ 811 is the service that requires the village to locate underground utilities owned by the village. She informed the council that no one has been checking the OUPS after Mr. Bowman left as Mr. Mattox does not have experience locating utilities. Mrs. Clouse also explained to the council that Mr. Mattox has a fulltime job. There are times that he will not be available for the entire day as he works a 24-hour shift. She explained that if it snows and the streets need plowed there is currently no one available if Mr. Mattox is working his regular job. Options to address these issues as well as others that may come up were discussed. Mrs. Clouse also asked the council for permission to spend up to \$3,000 if the need arose. She did not see the need but asked to have the issue addressed in case it came up before a new administrator was hired. Council agreed to authorize up to \$3,000 to be spent.

Executive Session: Solicitor John Filkins asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. A resident expressed to the council that it is not allowed to go into executive session during an emergency meeting. Mrs. Balderson explained that the county prosecutor was asked and inform the council that it was acceptable. Again Mr. Filkins asked for a motion to go into executive session. Stephanie Balderson made a motion to go into executive session for pending litigation including the council, and the fiscal officer, excluding Aadam Duckett. Rhonda Dingelstedt seconded the motion. All in favor. Roll call, 5-0. Motion carried. The executive session started at 5:45 p.m.

Stephanie Balderson made a motion to come out of executive session. Jennifer Bowman seconded the motion. Roll call, 4-0. All in favor, motion carried. The executive session ended at 5:45 p.m.

Chester Balderson explained that council has been informed that the village insurance will not cover the submitted claim in respect to the complaint filed by Ashley Duckett vs. Brian Fink, because the insurance excludes claims related to public officials mishandling of public records. As a result.

Chester Balderson asked for a motion for the Village of Arcadia to not provide Mayor Brian Fink with legal representation for current public records litigation.

Rhonda Dingelstedt made the motion not to provide Mayor Brian Fink with any legal representation for current public records litigation.

Angela Kimble seconded the motion. Roll call, 4-0. Aadam Duckett abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Balderson asked for a motion for the Village of Arcadia to not pay for the legal cost for representation incurred by Mayor Brian Fink. Stephanie Balderson made the motion. Jennifer Bowman seconded the motion. Roll call, 4-0. Aadam Duckett abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

Mr. Balderson asked for a motion for the Village of Arcadia to not pay for any liability incurred resulting from said litigation. Rhonda Dingelstedt made the motion. Angela Kimble seconded the motion. Roll call, 4-0. Aadam Duckett abstained for the vote. Motion passed.

Adjourn: Chester Balderson asked for a motion to adjourn. Rhonda Dingelstedt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Angela Kimble seconded the motion. Roll call 5-0. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Fiscal Officer, Amie Clouse

Mayor Brian Fink