

**VILLAGE OF ARMADA
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024
5:30 PM**

President Coenen called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Coenen, Boelke, Clark, Adair. Absent: Ballard, Shall, and Sledz. Also present: Clerk Poulos, Treasurer Porter, Dave Wagner, Chief Maierle, and Amy Barzyk.

Discussed Village Park, Police/STI, and DPW Funds.

Meeting completed at 6:45 pm.

**VILLAGE OF ARMADA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024
7:00 PM**

President Coenen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All rose for Pledge of Allegiance. Present at roll call: Clark, Coenen, Adair, Sledz, and Boelke. Absent: Shall and Ballard. Also present: Clerk Poulos, Treasurer Porter, Amy Barzyk, Kevin Grand, Dawn LaVasseur, and Stacy Sobatka.

AGENDA, APPROVAL OF

MOTION by Clark, seconded by Boelke, to approve agenda as presented.

All Ayes

CARRIED

CITIZEN COMMENT

Dawn LaVasseur, President of the Chamber of Commerce and owner of Armade In Michigan, informed Council that the Chamber will be applying for a Special Event Permit Application to hold the second annual Ice Breaker event. She asked if the Village would consider filling the ice rink in Memorial Park for this event. She was informed that the rink, unfortunately, is no longer usable as an ice rink.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- The Code Enforcer submitted his December, 2023, Report.
- Treasurer Porter submitted her December, 2023, Treasurer's Report.
- F & V submitted the November, 2023, Monthly Operating Report.
- Water Commissioner Boelke updated Council on several items and provided a written report to the Clerk:
 1. The Council was provided a request letter from ZBA President Dennis LeMieux at the last RCM that was not signed. He stated that the letter is now signed and on file.
 2. He responded to the Township regarding water hook up at the Fire Department and provided the letter he sent along with the fee schedule (on file).

3. He provided Council with information from DTE regarding their updates and time schedules.
 4. He and Sewer Commissioner Clark will be meeting with F & V regarding the upcoming contract review on January 19, 2024.
 5. He stated that the Clerk had provided Council with e-mails from Candice Miller regarding upcoming legislative issues that would, he believes, affect water customers in the Village. The legislation would add a \$2.00/month service fee on all water meters in the state. Brief discussion with Attorney Bahorski suggested that the Village needs to watch this and contact the MML to see what is necessary to fight this.
 6. He will be submitting an application to EGLE to see if the Village can qualify for a lead service line replacement no match requirement grant to help offset costs involved with this program. The state has also moved the completion date of this to October 16, 2024, which is eleven weeks earlier than the original date. Boelke assumes that if the Village is in the middle of the program that there will not be any adverse issues.
- Sewer Commissioner Clark briefly reviewed the F & V Report.
 - Street Administrator Sledz briefly discussed the request by David Wagner, DPW Superintendent, to hire a fourth full time employee, which Council informed him that they were not pursuing at this time. He stated that he has signed and returned the Category B application. He will also bring back to the next RCM a cost estimate from the Engineers for the Category B project (First and Simons Streets).

1. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Adair, seconded by Boelke, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. Approval of RCM Minutes of 12/18/23 approved as presented.

B. Payment of Bills totaling **\$60,426.87** approved for payment as follows:

1. General Fund	\$ 11,890.84
2. Police STI	\$ 122.41
3. Water Fund	\$ 13,327.24
3. Sewer Plant Fund	\$ 23,391.37
4. Sewer System Fund	\$ 2,833.66
5. Major Street Fund	\$ 864.95
6. Local Street Fund	\$ 8,007.00
7. Municipal Street Fund	<u>\$ 989.40</u>
Total	\$ 60,426.87

All Ayes

CARRIED

2. OLD BUSINESS

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. TO CONSIDER COMPLIANCE WITH PA152 OF 2011 THROUGH THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 80/20 EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE CONTRIBUTION

To continue compliance with Public Act 152 of 2011 the Village Council must annually pass a resolution stating that they intend to continue with the 80/20 option for employee health care costs.

MOTION by Clark, seconded by Sledz, to comply with Public Act 152 of 2011 by continuing the 80/20 option for the Village's contribution to the cost of employee health insurance effective beginning February 1, 2024.

All Ayes

CARRIED

B. PAYMENT OF CONSULTING FEES TO FORMER OR RETIRED VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

This item was brought back by Trustee Boelke after it was pulled from the Schedule of Bills at the last RCM. A request for payment was submitted by Edward Serwatowski for \$100.00 after he was consulted by a DPW on how to shut off a water main at the School. This employee was given direction by his Supervisor, who was scheduled to be off of work, and was unable to get the water shut off. The DPW Supervisor was not able to be contacted, the F & V representative was also unavailable, as was the Water Commissioner (although he stated he would not have been able to help with this). It was a brief conversation with Serwatowski, but it did complete the job. Discussion followed with Boelke requesting, and Attorney Bahorski recommending, that the Village prepare a policy to guideline these types of payments. A policy discussion will be brought back to a future RCM.

MOTION by Adair, seconded by Clark, to pay Edward Serwatowski \$100.00 as a consultant fee for services rendered on 11-20-23.

Ayes: Adair, Clark, Sledz, Coenen, Boelke

Nays: None

Absent: Ballard, Shall

CARRIED

C. CABLE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

The Clerk brought this to Council for approval. She missed that this position should have been reappointed on December 31, 2023.

MOTION by Clark, seconded by Sledz, to comply with the President's recommendation to appoint Jo Adair to the Cable Commission to a term ending December 31, 2026, subject to the appointee meeting the qualifications set forth in Chapter II of the General Law Village Act.

All Ayes

CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATION SESSIONS CONNECTED WITH THE NEGOTIATION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

MOTION by Sledz, seconded by Clark, to enter into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. after a five (5) minute recess.

Ayes: Sledz, Clark, Boelke, Coenen, Adair

Nays: None

Absent: Ballard, Shall

CARRIED

Returned to Regular Meeting at 7:36 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE AGREEMENTS

David Wagner's Employee Agreement was presented to Council for approval.

MOTION by Sledz, seconded by Boelke, to approve the employment agreement between the Village of Armada and David Wagner.

Ayes: Sledz, Boelke, Clark, Coenen, Adair

Nays: None

Absent: Ballard and Shall

CARRIED

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Disposal of outdated audio equipment
2. Independent Contractor Policy/Motion
3. Rowe Professional Services Design Engineering Proposal

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

None.

No further business.

MOTION by Sledz, seconded by Boelke, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm.

All Ayes

CARRIED

Minutes submitted by:

Michelle Poulos, MiPMC, CMMC
Armada Village Clerk