

**VILLAGE OF ARMADA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020  
7:00PM**

President Wolak called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. All rose for Pledge of Allegiance. Present at roll call: Clark, Wolak, Ballard, Sledz, Boelke, Shall, and Coenen. Also present: Clerk Poulos, Treasurer Adair, Steve Nikkel, and Darwin Martindale.

**AGENDA, APPROVAL OF**

**MOTION** by Ballard, seconded Shall, to approve agenda as amended:

**Move** New Business Agenda Item C to Agenda Item A.

**Removed** Approval of Hydrocrop, Inc. Contract for Non-Residential Cross Connection Inspections until the next RCM.

All Ayes

**CARRIED**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Steve Nikkel, 22755 Barrows, held a lengthy discussion with Council regarding the water quality at his home. He brought in a piece of pipe to show the amount of rust accumulated over a three-month period. He stated that he has had to install filters in his home that cost \$3,200.00 a piece, a reverse osmosis system, and that the water is not drinkable and is ruining appliances. He stated that he needs to install a carbon filter to stop the sulphur gas which is collecting in the t's of his water lines and stated that he is paying the same amount for water/sewer usage as everyone else in the Village and he has inferior water quality and that he is forced to use more water to flush out his lines. After a lengthy discussion, Water Commissioner Boelke stated he will talk to DPW Supervisor Serwatowski and Village Engineering Firm Rowe Professional Services to discuss options and will meet with Nikkel following those discussions. Boelke will also report back to Council at the next RCM.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- Did not receive the F & V Monthly Operating Report for September, 2020. Sewer Commissioner Clark will discuss plant during Old Business.
- Treasurer Adair submitted her September, 2020, Treasurer's Report.
- The Code Enforcer submitted his September, 2020, Code Enforcement Report.
- Trustee Boelke informed Council that the Police related plaques have been placed on the wall of the Conference Room and that he spoke to Amanda Minaudo (Macomb Orchard Trail) to discuss the downtown wayfinding signs. She informed him that they have been produced but they are looking for someone to install.
- Planning Commission Liaison Coenen informed Council and the public that there is a Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2020, at 7:30 pm, for a Powder Coating business proposed to open in Mark Ezzo's building (74130 Fulton Street).

# **GENERAL BUSINESS**

## **1. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Ballard, seconded by Clark, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

**A. Approval of RCM Minutes of 10/12/20** approved as presented.

**B. Payment of Bills** totaling **\$346,948.53** approved for payment as follows:

1. General Fund	\$ 23,999.34
2. Water Fund	\$ 11,268.98
3. Sewer Plant Fund	\$ 294,617.60
4. Sewer System Fund	\$ 4,662.89
5. Major Street Fund	\$ 2,162.17
6. Local Street Fund	\$ 2,152.41
7. Municipal Street Fund	\$ 1,708.91
8. STI	<u>\$ 6,376.23</u>
Total	\$ 346,948.53

Ayes: Ballard, Clark, Shall, Boelke, Coenen, Sledz

Nays: None

Abstain: Wolak

**CARRIED**

## **2. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT**

Darwin, from D & E Landscaping and Grading, Inc. provided Council with three proposals for sidewalk replacement. Street Administrator Ballard stated that he elected not to do downtown sidewalks at this time. Resident's pay 50% of the cost to replace sidewalks on their property.

**MOTION** by Ballard, seconded by Shall, in accordance with Village Code Section (c)(vii) to waive the requirement of a bid to RFP and accept proposal #6016 from D & E Landscaping & Grading, Inc. at a cost of \$45,180.96 and to authorize the Street Administrator to sign on behalf of the Village.

Ayes: Ballard, Shall, Boelke, Wolak, Sledz, Clark, Coenen

Nays: None

**CARRIED**

### **B. DPW SUPERVISOR RETIREMENT**

Transition Committee member Boelke presented Council with a lengthy report regarding the Transition Committee's recommendations for the Village's DPW Supervisor's Retirement Path Forward (on file). Several options were put forth but the Committee is recommending Option #3 which will:

1. Contract out Water Works Management
2. Hire a new working Supervisor (internal or external)
3. Maintain two additional full-time DPW staff members; part-time contingency laborer for seasonal capacity
4. DPW employee (Supervisor or staff member) must act as the Water Works alternate

Boelke also recommended that President Wolak form a Committee to interview for the DPW Supervisor position and the full-time DPW position. President Wolak and Pro-Tem Coenen will do the interviews.

**MOTION** by Boelke, seconded by Clark, to authorize the Transition Committee to proceed with Option #3.

All Ayes

**CARRIED**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. SEWER PLANT UPDATE**

Sewer Commissioner Clark stated that he has been talking to Matt Carstens at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the autoclave, an important piece of equipment used to sterilize equipment for testing, has stopped working. This equipment is at least 15 years old and the replacement cost is between \$6,000.00 and \$7,000.00. Clark approved and this cost will show up on the next schedule of bills.

Clark stated that the construction is moving along and gave a brief update of the progress.

### **B. WATER DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Water Commissioner Boelke updated Council on several items:

1. He spoke to the Macomb County Board of Commissioners regarding the arsenic detention easement and it was approved unanimously at their recent meeting. This will allow the Village to complete the design engineering for the project. He also informed Council that the Board of Commissioners has waived the \$1.00 easement fee.
2. He spoke with Sunshine Water Systems about the G-2 media. He stated that the media has been sent for recertification and was informed that this is a very slow process. He was told by John at Sunshine that there is a new media on the market which Boelke may be reviewing.
3. Boelke stated he and Becky Henderson have been working to get financial relief for residents with past due water/sewer bills under Senate Bill 690 which offers relief for low income households. He stated that 71 households were identified of which 5 qualified. He stated that more money may be available in the future and he and Henderson will watch closely so if there is any relief for water customers in the future they can be submitted for consideration.
4. Boelke informed Council that he will be setting up a meeting with Trustees Ballard and Clark for Capital Improvement Plans.

## **UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Reply to Steve Nikkel's Concerns

B. Approval of HydroCorp, Inc. Contract for Non-Residential Cross Connection Inspections

## **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNITY EVENTS**

None.

No further business.

**MOTION** by Ballard, seconded by Boelke, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm.

All Ayes

**CARRIED**

Minutes submitted by:

Michelle Poulos, CMMC  
Armada Village Clerk