

**VILLAGE OF ARMADA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019
7:00PM**

President Wolak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All rose for Pledge of Allegiance. Present at roll call: Ballard, Clark, Coenen, Shall, Sledz, Boelke and Wolak. Also present: Clerk Poulos, Treasurer Adair, Matt Carstens, Jeff Yaroch, Kevin Grand, and Doug Skylis.

AGENDA, APPROVAL OF

MOTION by Ballard, seconded by Shall, to approve agenda as presented.

All Ayes

CARRIED

CITIZEN COMMENT

State Representative Jeff Yaroch thanked Council for opening the Council Chamber early for his Listening Tour and thanked the members of Council who attended.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- F & V submitted their September, 2019, monthly operating reports (on file). Matt Carstens gave a brief synopsis of the report.
- Received the Treasurer's Report for September, 2019.
- Received the Code Enforcement Report for September, 2019.
- The Planning Commission submitted their Meeting Minutes from August 5, 2019.
- Trustee Boelke stated that the Sesquicentennial is now over and he had a meeting last week to discuss how everyone felt it went. He stated that the profit balance is \$594.00 which will allow for all of the tributes received to be put in picture frames and displayed. He stated that the one complaint was that there needed to be a more dynamic, more inclusive website or way of notifying the public of events.
- Water Commissioner Boelke gave a brief report on the Water Department. He stated that the Invitation to Bid for Well #6 repairs has been sent out and he expects to open and award at the next RCM. He also stated that he has the final review of the Water Reliability Study prepared by Rowe.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approval of RCM Minutes of 10/14/19 approved as presented.

B. Payment of Bills totaling **\$21,495.15** approved for payment as follows:

1. General Fund	\$10,498.12
2. STI	\$ 350.94

3. Water Fund	\$ 5,508.00
4. Sewer Plant Fund	\$ 2,868.88
5. Sewer System Fund	\$ 758.37
6. Major Street Fund	\$ 755.16
8. Local Street Fund	\$ 755.68
9. Municipal Street Fund	\$ 0
Total	\$21,495.15

C. Special Event Permit Application – Armada Lions Club Events – approved the applications from the Armada Lions Club for Special Event Permits on: October 31, 2019 for the Halloween Costume Parade, November 22 – 24, 2019, for the Goodfellow Paper Four Corner Fundraiser, November 30, 2019 for the Christmas Tree Set-up and Tree Decorating, December 6, 2019 for Candy Cane Four Corner Fundraiser, December 7, 2019, for Holly Days and the Lighted Christmas Parade, December 21, 2019 for Santa Day.

All Ayes

CARRIED

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. SEWER PLANT UPDATE

Doug Skylis from Rowe Professional Services Inc. updated Council on the status of the bids collected for the Wastewater Treatment Plant updates and the bond the Village needs to obtain to pay for these updates which have been mandated by EGLE (formerly MDEQ). He stated that they received three bids and the lowest bid was from Sorensen Gross Company in the amount of \$4,925,000.00 which is well over the amount anticipated by Rowe and the bonding fund limit of \$3,500,000.00. He said that he has been in contact with Karen Nickols and Dennis Ryan of EGLE to discuss timing options and the contractor from Sorensen Gross Company to work on lowering the bid amount. He stated that these have been productive meetings and he hopes to have the bid lowered to meet the bond limit by the next RCM when the resolution/ordinance should be approved by Council.

B. WEST MAIN STREET UPDATE

Street Administrator Ballard informed Council that he received the punch list of items still to be completed from Spalding DeDecker, which has five items left. He will contact Gus from Spalding DeDecker to see when the contractor expects to have them finished.

C. WATER COMMISSIONER UPDATE

Water Commissioner Boelke submitted a letter from Rowe Professional Services Company which outlines the feasibility analysis for a backwash detention system at the Water Treatment Plant (on file). The study outlines options to implement a backwash detention system. He will bring this back to the next RCM.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. TO APPROVE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PERPETUAL LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMADA, AS LESSOR, AND THE VILLAGE OF ARMADA, AS LESSEE, FOR THE PUBLIC WATER TOWER

Water Commissioner Boelke presented Council with amendments to the Perpetual Lease between the Village of Armada and the Township of Armada. The Lease has a 99 year term from its original date of July 1, 1995, and renews annually after 99 years as

long as the Village uses the leased premises for a water tower that it constructed to store public drinking water. The amendments address the issue of unbilled/unaccounted for water as the lease allows for the Fire Department to fill its tanker if necessary from the hydrant. Boelke would like to meter the hydrant to see how much water is used but he would like to comply with the Lease agreement and not bill for the water. Treasurer Adair stated that free water is a direct violation of the DWRF Bond and suggested a remedy would be to pay a lease payment for the land to the Township in the amount of the metered water. Boelke was unaware of this and asked the Treasurer to discuss with Bond Council and bring back to the next RCM.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Perpetual Lease
- B. Water Feasibility Analysis
- C. Water Reliability Study

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Clerk addressed Trustee Boelke's statements regarding the website at the beginning of the meeting. She stated that all Sesquicentennial information received from Boelke was put on the website the day it was received. She stated that she feels the Village website is a great source of information. Boelke suggested that the Village could have a more interactive website, which the Clerk objected to. She stated in order to have a social forum of any kind would require all of her time as the Village does not have an IT Department or any staff to handle this type of forum. Boelke stated that there are other communities that have these types of websites but could not offer names of these communities at this time but would provide them when he has them. The Clerk stated that she is sure that these communities have a staff to work on these forums. Trustee Coenen stated that if the public has an issue with how the Village puts out information that they should attend a meeting to bring up their concerns.

Halloween is October 31, 2019, between 6:00 and 8:00 pm followed by the Armada Lions Costume Parade.

No further business.

MOTION by Ballard, seconded by Boelke, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm.

All Ayes

CARRIED

Minutes submitted by:

Michelle Poulos, CMMC
Armada Village Clerk