

COUNCIL MINUTES

November 17, 2025

The Archbold Village Council met in regular session on Monday, November 17th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members present: Gary Dominique, Vaughn Bentz, Kevin Eicher, Aaron Babcock, and Karla Ball. Chad Kern was absent. Mayor Brad Grime opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence and presided thereat.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the November 3, 2025 Council meeting, Karla Ball moved to approve, seconded by Kevin Eicher.

Roll: Yeas: Dominique, Bentz, Eicher, Babcock, Ball

Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Following a review of the list of bills and payroll totaling \$632,349.50, Aaron Babcock moved to approve, seconded by Vaughn Bentz.

Roll: Yeas: Ball, Dominique, Bentz, Eicher, Babcock

Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Village resident Kevin Baez shared his enthusiasm and gratitude for Archbold's continued effort in expanding ease of public access to village updates and information. The community calendar has been updated, but not all web browsers are able to properly view it.

Village resident Pat Turpening asked Council if a fall leaf collection service was ever an option or consideration. She stated that the leaf dump site is nice, but any property with mature trees might need to make multiple trips to get rid of all the leaves. Council responded that it has long been a discussion, but the cost of purchasing the necessary equipment has never outweighed the demand for the service, especially when paired with the cost of maintaining the dump site service already provided. Turpening then asked if renting the equipment from another town for a special pickup day or two could be an alternative to purchasing one. Renting the equipment was a new idea and Council said a follow up conversation could be arranged with the Street Department and the Street and Sidewalk Committee to do more research in renting or finding other alternatives.

Turpening then added to the conversation about public information access and suggested adding a 1-page newsletter to the water bills. Village Administrator Aaron Alt explained that the Village is trying to shift to all electronic statements for the bills. With the continuing increased costs of the folding machine and postage, the process needs to be updated to be more cost and time efficient. Adding a PDF newsletter to the electronic bills could be an option. Council shared that another avenue they are looking into for information dispersal is the radio. Max from the radio station has offered to work with the Village. The current idea being explored is a Q & A session led by Max with the agendas from the 2 monthly Council meetings that could be broadcasted and then later posted online. More ideas include a monthly calendar and newsletter update with a few physical copies printed and available at the water bill office. All these options are being weighed and more ideas generated to find the most effective and efficient ways to keep the broadest Archbold population in the loop. Council also wanted to thank the other local papers for doing such a great job covering news in the absence of the Buckeye.

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Wastewater Superintendent Mike Short shared with Council that Mason Siegel just passed the Class II Wastewater License. Council congratulated and thanked him for his dedication and hard work.

Mayor Grime then presented the following items of legislation:

ORDINANCE 2025-49: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 96-34, FIXING CERTAIN TRAFFIC SPEEDS FOR MISCELLANEOUS ARTERIAL ROADWAYS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

After brief explanation by Village Administrator Aaron Alt, Aaron Babcock moved to suspend the rule that requires an ordinance of general nature to be read on three separate days. Gary Dominique seconded the motion.

Roll: Yeas: Ball, Dominique, Bentz, Eicher, Babcock

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Karla Ball moved to pass Ordinance 2025-49, seconded by Kevin Eicher.

Roll: Yeas: Dominique, Bentz, Eicher, Babcock, Ball

Nays: None. **Ordinance 2025-49 passed.**

RESOLUTION 2025-50: AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE STATE ROUTE 2 WATERLINE, CONTRACT 1-2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

After brief discussion, Vaughn Bentz moved to suspend the rule that requires a resolution of general nature to be read on three separate days. Karla Ball seconded the motion.

Roll: Yeas: Eicher, Babcock, Ball, Dominique, Bentz

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Gary Dominique moved to pass Resolution 2025-50, seconded by Aaron Babcock.

Roll: Yeas: Bentz, Eicher, Babcock, Ball, Dominique

Nays: None. **Resolution 2025-50 passed.**

ORDINANCE 2025-51: AMENDING 2025 APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Village Administrator Aaron Alt explained that this housekeeping change simply appeases the rules of the state audit in how the different accounts and funds are balanced. Kevin Eicher moved to suspend the rule that requires an ordinance of general nature to be read on three separate days. Gary Dominique seconded the motion.

Roll: Yeas: Babcock, Ball, Dominique, Bentz, Eicher

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aaron Babcock moved to pass Ordinance 2025-51, seconded by Karla Ball.

Roll: Yeas: Ball, Dominique, Bentz, Eicher, Babcock

Nays: None. **Ordinance 2025-51 passed.**

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RESOLUTION 2025-52: ACCEPTING AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE FULTON COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Vaughn Bentz moved to suspend the rule that requires a resolution of general nature to be read on three separate days. Kevin Eicher seconded the motion.

Roll: Yeas: Eicher, Babcock, Ball, Dominique, Bentz

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Karla Ball moved to pass Resolution 2025-52, seconded by Gary Dominique.

Roll: Yeas: Dominique, Bentz, Eicher, Babcock, Ball

Nays: None. **Resolution 2025-52 passed.**

Council then reviewed and discussed the following Committee, Board & Department Report:

- Police Calls for Service October 2025

Council comments included Councilman Vaughn Bentz reiterating the good news of being awarded the million dollar grant from federal appropriations to help get started on Lugbill Road, waterline, and sanitary storm.

Councilman Gary Dominique asked if there were any updates on the David K. Aeschliman Memorial. Village Administrator Aaron Alt answered that weather pending, everything should be ready by Memorial Day 2026.

Councilman Dominique also shared that he has been approached multiple times about the policy and fees regarding food trucks operating within the Village limits. The Village currently charges \$100 a year, but it is on the 2026 agenda of the Planning and Zoning Inspector to revisit and update some of the fees and requirements for various services like food trucks.

There being no further business to discuss, Kevin Eicher moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Aaron Babcock. All agreed; meeting adjourned.

Council President

Mayor

Clerk