

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 17, 2025

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

There being no corrections to the minutes of the March 3, 2025 Council meeting, Kevin Eicher moved to approve, seconded by Gary Dominique.

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

Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Following a review and discussion of the list of bills and payroll totaling \$790,923.36, Chad Kern moved to approve, seconded by Karla Ball.

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

Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Billy Rufenacht, Doug Krauss, and Kevin Morton, representatives of the board committee for the Bluestreak Athletic Complex, presented Council with its vision, plan, and progress with a slideshow.

Rufenacht opened with sharing how the Bluestreak Athletic Complex began with the Homerun Club's vision of a space for the baseball/softball teams and grew into today's plan as other coaches and teams had conversations and made connections. The Complex committee presented to the school board which gave them parameters for partnership. In order to break ground on Phase 1, they had to have 5.5 million in pledges and 2.5 in hand or in kind. The committee accepted those parameters.

Phase 1 of the Complex will be 45,000 sq. ft. and include 60 yards of turf, 4 indoor batting cages, a 5,000 sq. ft. weight room, 3 wrestling mats, a golf simulator and some additional space yet allocated. The total cost for completion of the facility is approximately 5 million dollars.

"Coach" Krauss emphasized that while the cost is not an insignificant number, the Complex will be a huge asset to the whole community, not just the athletes and school. The committee hopes that many generations will be able to take pride in and utilize the facility. He then spoke to phase 2 of the Complex. Phase 2 will be an additional 3-4 million dollars and include a 2-lane indoor track and courts that could be used for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball.

Mayor Grime then presented the following items of legislation:

RESOLUTION 2025-08: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

After an explanation by Village Engineer, Dexter Krueger, Kevin Eicher moved to suspend the rule that requires a resolution of general nature to be read on three separate days. Chad Kern seconded the motion.

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

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Nays: None. Motion carried.

Karla Ball moved to pass Resolution 2025-08, seconded by Aaron Babcock.

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

Nays: None. **Resolution 2025-08 passed.**

RESOLUTION 2025-09: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID FROM KRUEGER CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE RUIHLEY PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

After much deliberation on whether to stay within budget but reduce the number of courts to 4 or going over budget to fulfil the original plan of 6 courts, Aaron Babcock moved to suspend the rule that requires a resolution of general nature to be read on three separate days. Chad Kern seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Gary Dominique moved to pass Resolution 2025-09 in support of creating **four** pickleball courts, seconded by Chad Kern.

Roll: Yeas: Kern, Ball, Dominique

Nays: Eicher, Babcock **Resolution 2025-09 passed.**

RESOLUTION 2025-10: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID FROM BRYAN EXCAVATING, LLC, SOUTH DEFIANCE STEET ALLEY WATERLINE REPLACEMENT, CONTRACT 3-2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

After a brief explanation from Village Engineer, Dexter Krueger, Gary Dominique 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, Kern, Ball, Dominique

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kevin Eicher moved to pass Resolution 2025-10, seconded by Aaron Babcock.

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

Nays: None. **Resolution 2025-10 passed.**

RESOLUTION 2025-11: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR MISCELLANEOUS RESURFACING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

After brief discussion, Gary Dominique moved to suspend the rule that requires a resolution of general nature to be read on three separate days. Chad Kern seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Karla Ball moved to pass Resolution 2025-11, seconded by Gary Dominique.

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

Nays: None. **Resolution 2025-11 passed.**

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RESOLUTION 2025-12: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TETRA TECH INC. TO COMPLETE PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT, FINAL DESIGN, AND DEVELOP CONSTRUCTION PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS FOR A ROUND-A-BOUT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

After addressing the positive public feedback of the four-way stop, the negative public feedback of the proposed roundabout, and consulting Village Engineer Krueger if there was time to speak with the state on the pros and cons of keeping the 4-way or continuing with the original roundabout plan, Council decided to make this the FIRST READING of RESOLUTION 2025-12.

Council then reviewed and discussed the following committee and board minutes:

- Park Committee Minutes

Council reviewed and discussed the following report:

- February 2025 Police Calls for Service

There was no correspondence to review.

There were no Mayor or Council comments to report.

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