

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 5, 2026

The Archbold Village Council met in regular session on Monday, January 5th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members present: Gary Dominique, Mike Evans, Kevin Eicher, Chad Kern and Karla Ball. Aaron Babcock was absent. Mayor Brad Grime opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and presided thereat.

Mayor Bradley Grime swore in Council Members Chad Kern, Gary Dominique, and Mike Evans.

Mayor Grime asked for a motion to nominate a Council President. Gary Dominique nominated Karla Ball, seconded by Chad Kern. There were no other nominations.

Roll: Yeas: Evans, Eicher, Kern, Dominique

Nays: None. Ball abstained. Motion carried.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the December 15, 2025 Council meeting, Kevin Eicher moved to approve, seconded by Karla Ball.

Roll: Yeas: Kern, Ball, Dominique, Eicher

Abstain: Evans

Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Following a review of the list of bills and payroll totaling \$999,152.63, Gary Dominique moved to approve, seconded by Chad Kern.

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

Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Wastewater Superintendent Mike Short recognized Mason Siegel for passing the OEPA Class III Wastewater Operator license test. He will be classified as an “operator in training” until he meets the required 4 years of work experience. Upon completion, he will then receive the full Class III license.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

Mayor Grime then presented the following items of legislation:

ORDINANCE 2026-01: APPOINTING OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS IN SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF ARCHBOLD, OHIO EFFECTIVE 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

After a brief explanation by Village Administrator Aaron Alt, Karla Ball 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: Dominique, Evans, Eicher, Kern, Ball

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Gary Dominique moved to pass Ordinance 2026-01, seconded by Chad Kern.

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

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Nays: None. **Ordinance 2026-01 passed.**

RESOLUTION 2026-02: AUTHORIZING SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION (GOV-DEALS) IN 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Karla Ball moved to pass Resolution 2026-02, seconded by Chad Kern.

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

Nays: None. **Resolution 2026-02 passed.**

RESOLUTION 2026-03: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID FROM S&S DIRECTIONAL BORING FOR ST RT. 2 WATERLINE REPLACEMENT CONTRACT 1-2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

After an explanation from Village Administrator Aaron Alt, Mike Evans 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, Kern, Ball, Dominique, Evans

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Gary Dominique moved to pass Resolution 2026-03, seconded by Karla Ball.

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

Nays: None. **Resolution 2026-03 passed.**

Mayor Grime then opened a **PUBLIC HEARING** for a rezoning request for **100 Acres at the NE corner of N Defiance Street & E Lutz Road**. Planning & Zoning Inspector Grant Schaffner was there to explain the process and the proposed zoning map.

Public in attendance asked for clarification of the corner lot of Lutz & 66. That corner is reserved for open greenspace, perhaps a walking path. It will be privately maintained by an HOA, not the Village.

The public second question asked what the difference was between the terms "R2" and "R3." R2 generally refers to larger residential lots with more restrictions on setbacks and thus more space on a lot and R3 is a higher density residential lot with less setback restrictions.

Councilman Chad Kern asked what was being done to mitigate the flooding issues common to the village and that area specifically. The plans include an oversized stormwater detention area which will be connected to a ditch being expanded and working with Sauder Village to help alleviate stormwater flooding issues.

The third public question was about the "No trespassing" signs on the property. The signs will eventually be removed once construction is completed.

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**ORDINANCE 2026-04: ACCEPTING A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ARCHBOLD
PLANNING COMMISSION TO REZONE 100 ACRES LOCATED AT
THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF NORTH DEFIANCE STREET AND
EAST LUTZ ROAD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

With the Public Hearing Requirement met, 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: Kern, Ball, Dominique, Evans, Eicher

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chad Kern moved to pass Ordinance 2026-04, seconded by Mike Evans.

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

Nays: None. **Ordinance 2026-04 passed.**

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

- Appointment Worksheet 2025
- December & 2025 Year-End Income Tax Report
- Fire & EMS Calls for Service December 2025
- Fire Chief Year in Review 2025
- Street Department Labor & Fleet Report December 2025
- November 10, 2025, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Council then reviewed and discussed the following item of correspondence:

- Archbold Community Garden Annual Report

Council comments included Mayor Brad Grime presenting Vaughn Bentz with a plaque recognizing him for his 26 years of service on the Archbold Village Council. He thanked him for his many years of selfless service and dedication to the Village.

Village Administrator Aaron Alt asked if Finance Committee could meet to discuss the approval of the starting wage for a police officer. This hire will help alleviate some of the pressure from recent staffing changes.

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

Council President

Mayor

Clerk