

Village of Arrowsmith

Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2023

Present: Chad Walden, Brent Beyer, Cheryl West, Megan Lopez, Taryn Cross

Absent: Ray Wilson, Lorey Morefield

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

Megan Lopez swore in Taryn Cross and he stated the oath of office for the Village of Arrowsmith trustee appointment. Taryn was appointed to the Village of Arrowsmith board for a two-year term.

All board members present reviewed the March 2023 meeting minutes and voted to approve the minutes with no changes.

Taryn Cross made a motion to approve the minutes, Brent Beyer seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brent Beyer, Cheryl West, Taryn Cross

Nays: None

Public Comment

No comments were made (no public present)

SAFPD Representative District Report

Chad Walden told all board members present that there were 12 total calls: Saybrook had 7 EMS calls; Arrowsmith had 4 EMS calls and 1 mutual aid call with Ellsworth for March 2023.

Property and Grounds

2023 Mowing program:

Contractor A bids- estimate was per mow. Based it off of 4 mows per month. Contractor A: community center mow- \$900 a month; East Street property- 140 dollars; water tower- 200 per month; right of way on Tipsord- 160 per month for a grand total of \$1400 per month if there were 4 mows a month per property listed. Additional lots are \$25 per mow per lot when and if needed if we still own them. \$1600 a month total

Contractor B- \$900 a month for our fixed properties (Community Center, Park around water tower, East Street lot and right of way along South Street. Additional open lots would be \$35 per lot of the ones that the village own right now. Total of \$1180 per month.

Chad presented the two bids from the two different lawn care/ landscaping companies. The board decided on contractor B due to cheaper cost than contractor A (Getty).

Brent Beyer made a motion to approve contractor B (Benjamin Lawn Care) and Cheryl West seconded.

Ayes: Brent Beyer, Cheryl West, Taryn Cross

Nays: None

Water/Garbage and Recycling

Chad provided the monthly revenue report for March 2023 for water and garbage collections.

Well pump 2 replacement: Last time we had a power outage, the pumps were not working correctly. When the heater would run, power to the pumps was degraded forcing the VFDs into alarm and shutting down the well pumps. This seems to be a symptom caused by the new larger heater installed late last year. Chad stated that he was working with Heartland Electric for a solution to disconnect power to the heater when the pumps ran. Chad informed the board that well pump 2 has is functioning normally since the VFDs were installed last year. A decision has been made to delay replacing that pump until 2024. The pump is approximately 23 years old so it should be replaced next year due to its age.

Replacing garbage and recycling can replacement: The village will work with the community and Republic Services this year to coordinate the exchange of broken garbage and recycling receptacles with new ones. More to come on this in the next few months.

CIRA resolution opposing SB684

The board reviewed a resolution opposing SB 684. This bill has passed was passed by the Illinois House under another bill number recently. If passed and signed by the governor the bill will expand the taxing authority of the Central Regional Airport Authority to all of McLean County.

This bill is being opposed by all rural towns in McLean County and by the Farm Bureau.

Taryn Cross made a motion to affirm the resolution opposing the SB 684 to expand the taxing authority of CIRA, Brent Beyer seconded the motion:

Ayes: Taryn Cross, Cheryl West, Brent Beyer

Nays: None

Finance

Brent Beyer provided the board with all account balances in the CIBM and Illinois Funds accounts for the month of March.

Streets/Alleys and Drainage

2023/2024 MFT program: The village will not be utilizing MFT funds this year for any street improvement work. The village will save funds in 2023 to be able to conduct a larger MFT program in

2024. Chad stated that the village would still have some spray patch work done later in the summer utilizing general fund budget dollars.

North Walnut drainage: Chad stated that there is an inlet on the north side of Grant Street that is settling down into the ground. This will need to be dug up to determine what is causing this and if a new inlet needs to be installed or simply repair the tile beneath it. He also stated that additional work will need to be done on the north east corner of town to try to get water flowing east of town as well as some work done to direct water into existing inlets.

Community Relations

Future community center rentals include: April 11,12, 18, 19, 20, 21, May 14, 20, June 4, July 27, 28, August 12, 26, Thanksgiving of 2023 and December 2023.

Village website agreement: Chad sent out information to all board members about a company that would create a Village of Arrowsmith website through the company:

<https://www.municipalimpact.com/>

A committee will be put together to work with the vendor for the website design and content. Megan Lopez, Andrea Thompson, Cheryl West will all represent the village on the committee with two individuals from the community being sought for the committee for public input. Once the committee has been assembled Chad will schedule a kick off and demonstration meeting with the vendor. The cost to the village will be an upfront setup cost of \$399 followed by a monthly cost of \$50 per month. Since the website will benefit both the water department and village it was decided that the cost would be evenly divided between the two.

Taryn Cross made a motion to move forward with an agreement between the village and Municipal Impact, Cheryl West seconded.

Ayes: Taryn Cross, Brent Beyer, Cheryl West

Nays:

Board calendar Items

Budget 2023/2024

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.