

Village of Arrowsmith

Board Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2023

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

Absent:

Guests: Vernon Myers

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

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

Ray Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes, Taryn Cross seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cheryl West, Taryn Cross, Ray Wilson

Nays: None

Brent Beyer arrived to the meeting at 7:05.

Public Comment

Vernon Myers asked how many years that the windmills have been here (Chad said a long time) and how long do the windmills last? Chad stated that 30 years is how long current owners have said their lifespan will be per a conversation he had with Jim Soeldner. The wind turbines that are currently in place around Arrowsmith are no longer the standard, so they will need to be replaced at some point with the newer wind turbine designs.

SAFPD Representative District Report

Ray Wilson provided the monthly status report: A total of 21 calls in July 2023 were responded to: 19 medical calls in Saybrook and 2 calls in Arrowsmith: 1 medical and 1 fire.

Training on the 7th and 14th: grain bin rescue simulation with Cornerstone

September 25th: Training in Arrowsmith on how to fight a propane fire (this is a yearly drill)

Property and Grounds

N/A

Water/Garbage and Recycling

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

Water tower repairs: The village is working with GA Rich, Snyder Companies and Farnsworth Group to develop a new plan which will pull the new flexible joint that was installed back together to get the vertical fill pipe back plum. The new plan is to pour a block of concrete around the vertical pipe to prevent it from pushing out again. One engineer has told Chad that we are in uncharted territory here with how to fix this issue. Chad will continue to update the board as he finds out more from the engineers. He is having another meeting on August 7th. Additional information will be provided at the September meeting.

Richard Vance at 202 West Crosson notified Chad that their water pressure is very low. Chad stated that the Vance's and the home to the east have very poor water pressure. The board determined that this issue needed to be corrected as soon as work could get be scheduled to correct the issue. Chad stated that it would require installing a new service line for one of the two homes that are currently sharing one $\frac{3}{4}$ water line, giving each home their own service. Chad will talk with Charlie Olson from Snyder Companies to determine when the work can be done.

Chad informed the board that there is a good chance that not all the ARPA funds that were allocated by the county for the rural communities will be utilized. The county has stated that if this is the case there will be a second round of funding requests that will be accepted for the remaining funds. Chad stated that with the unexpected costs for tower repairs this summer he will request some of this funding to help offset the costs of a new well pump.

The water department will be purchasing a second pressure release valve. Estimated costs are about \$2500 for the new device. We have been borrowing one right now from Saybrook and need to return it as soon as tower repairs are complete. Chad stated the village needs to have two valves when the tower needs to be taken out of service in order to adequately equalize pressure across the system.

Ordinance processes and enforcement

N/A due to water issues

The board discussed the ongoing problem on North Oak with the homeowner setting off explosive devices. Citizens have been asked to call the non-emergency police number at the county if they hear or see anything out of the ordinary. Downs PD and Mclean County police department are continuing to address this issue.

Finance

Brent Beyer provided the board with all account balances in the CIBM and Illinois Funds accounts for the month of July 2023.

Streets/Alleys and Drainage

Tree trimming in village right of ways: Chad told Ray that some trees on the south end of town need to be trimmed before the buses start running August 16th. These trees or limbs are located at the Corner

of Ulmer and Walnut, a tree by the bus shed, the tree limbs on South Oak need to be trimmed or removed and limbs over the road on South and North Walnut need to be trimmed. The north end of town is fine at this point. Ray said that he would contact Becker Tree Service for a quote for trimming as well as a brush pickup.

Community Relations

Cheryl stated that there were no new rentals to let the board know about for this year.

Chad gave the board an update on the new village website. The new web address for the village of Arrowsmith website: www.arrowsmithil.gov once the domain has been approved for the village. The cost initially is a \$399 set up fee and service for 1 year is \$1000 total. This cost will be split between the village and the water department. Taryn Lopshire has offered to be our webmaster. Chad said that we should have the website up and running by the end of this year.

Board calendar Items

Megan informed the board that the next task for the village to complete will be the yearly audit. We have not heard from Stan's replacement at Feller and Associates. Megan will follow up again to see if we can lock in a date for the audit. Additional information will be provided to the board on this next month.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.