

Village of Arrowsmith
Board Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2023

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

Absent: Lorey Morefield

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

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

Cheryl West made a motion to approve the minutes, Ray Wilson seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ray Wilson, Brent Beyer, Cheryl West

Nays: None

Public Comment

No comments were made

SAFPD Representative District Report

Ray Wilson told all board members present that Saybrook had 7 EMS calls and Arrowsmith had 1 call-power line down and 1 mutual aid call with Ellsworth for January 2023.

Property and Grounds

The board discussed moving forward with the sale of the vacant lot at 302 South East Street. Chad stated that in order to meet the 30-day requirement for posting the sale of the property, he had gone ahead and submitted the necessary information to Normalite Publications. The village will utilize the same public auction process as was done for properties that were sold in 2022. Bids will be opened at the March 2nd meeting.

Ray Wilson made a motion to approve resolution 18.1.2023 for the sale of 302 S. East St, Cheryl West seconded.

Ayes: Cheryl West, Ray Wilson, Brent Beyer

Nays:

2023 Mowing program: The board discussed how it wanted to proceed with contracting the village mowing this year. The board discussed the following questions: do we want to bid this out? Do we want all the properties listed as 1 or continue to have separate properties? Do we want to hire one business to do everything and not bid it out this year? A lengthy discussion ensued. The board decided to proceed with looking to contract one vendor for all properties to simplify the process. Chad will obtain pricing for all mowing the village will need done in 2023 and there will be further discussion at the March meeting.

Water/Garbage and Recycling

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

Water operator salary review: The village has had two water operators for 13 years and has not increased their pay amount during that period. They currently are paid \$40.00 per hour which is their total compensation. Chad asked the board to consider increasing the hourly rate by \$2.00 per hour. Ray Wilson suggested an increase of \$5.00 an hour which was discussed and agreed to by the rest of the board. This raise will be effective February 1st 2023.

Brent Beyer made a motion to increase their hourly rate to \$45.00 an hour, Ray Wilson seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ray Wilson, Brent Beyer, Cheryl West

Nays:

Police/EMA

Chad stated that the McLean County Highway Department has offered to install the villages new radar speed control signs at each end of Main Street. Chad will work with Downs PD and the highway department to determine the best locations and installation method. They will be installed in the Spring 2023. The village will remove the signs at the end of fall and reinstall them in the spring to prevent them from being damaged during the winter months by ice, snow, and salt.

Finance

The village has received a FOIA request the Painters District Council number 30 for information pertaining to the contractor who performed the water tower work that was completed in 2022. We were notified by our engineer that the City of Lexington had also received a FOIA notice from the same union. Chad will be contacting the village attorney to discuss a proper response to the request.

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

Streets/Alleys and Drainage

IDOT audit: The village continues work on gathering all the information that has been requested by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) going back to their last audit in 2010. They have requested all financial information on the villages MFT accounts (both CIBM and Illinois Funds) for the past 13 years. They have also requested copies of all transactional documents (checks and invoices) for the same time period. This is proving to be very difficult as some of those documents were destroyed by

water. Chad asked Brent Beyer if he could work with the Illinois Funds account to obtain either monthly statements or yearly summaries for the MFT account to provide to IDOT. Brent will follow up to see if those can be made available.

Community Relations

Future community center rentals include: March 18, April 2,12, 18, 19, 20, May 20, August 12, 26, Thanksgiving of 2023 and December 2023.

Board calendar Items

Nothing to report

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.