

**Village of Arrowsmith**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 2, 2023**

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

Absent:

Guests: Taryn Cross

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

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

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

Ayes: Ray Wilson, Brent Beyer, Cheryl West, Lorey Morefield

Nays: None

**Public Comment**

No comments were made

**SAFPD Representative District Report**

Ray Wilson told all board members present that Saybrook had 3 EMS calls and 3 fire calls; Arrowsmith had 1 EMS call and 1 fire call for February 2023.

**Property and Grounds**

There were no bids to open for the sale of the vacant lot at 302 South East Street.

2023 Mowing program: Chad provided the board with mowing costs for the previous four years along with one quote for the 2023 mowing season. Lorey Morefield asked if Getty Lawncare from Colfax had been contacted for a quote, which they had not. Chad will contact them to determine they have interest in providing a quote. This topic will be added to the April agenda for additional discussion.

Chad informed the board that Heartland Electrical had replaced the damaged conduit on the north gymnasium wall.

The company the village purchased the security camera system has replaced the wireless camera that had not functioned correctly since the system was purchased. Chad will work to get it installed in the entryway of the community center.

### **Water/Garbage and Recycling**

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

FOIA request from Painters Union update: Chad provided the painters union with the documentation they had requested. He stated that some of the requested information would have violated HIPPA laws, so this information was not passed along from the contractor.

The water testing lab that Arrowsmith and Leroy uses was bought out by a new company named PACE and we have had a lot of trouble with them due to financial issues. We are now looking at pricing from another water testing lab so we no longer would have to use PACE. More to come on this issue.

### **Police/EMA**

Main street radar sign installation: Chad is working with the county for to install the radar signs next month. He is still working with the highway department to finalize the locations of the two signs.

Downs PD was able to hire an additional officer. They will now have two officers attending training over the next several months with a goal to have them off their probation periods by the end of the year.

### **Finance**

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

Anchor Bank CD renewal: The village renewed the CD at Anchor State Bank for 12 months.

CIBM loan refinance: The village will refinance the building loan for 5 years at a rate of 4.5%. The loan will be repaid at the end of this term.

### **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.

Homeowner communications and contacts after the heavy rain last week: Two homeowners contacted Chad following regarding flooding on their properties following the heavy rains the prior week. The village received 2.5 inches of rain in a matter of 6 hours. Chad and Ray will investigate the areas specific to these properties on Tipsord St. and Main St. this summer along with North Walnut.

The homeowners on the corner Main and South St. would like to remove the walnut trees in the village right of way and would like the town to pay half of the cost for the removal. The board discussed their request and stated that the trees were healthy and that the village would not share the cost for the removal. The board had previously agreed to allow the homeowners to remove the two trees at their own cost. Chad will let the homeowner know of the board's decision.

### **Community Relations**

Future community center rentals include: March 18, April 2, 12, 18, 19, 20, May 20, July 27, 28, August 12, 26, Thanksgiving of 2023 and December 2023.

No easter egg hunt this year due to poor attendance the past few years.

The Erthel Rose scholarship information has been sent to the school.

Chad made the recommendation to the board for the appointment of Taryn Cross to a two-year open village trustee position.

Brent Beyer made a motion to appoint Taryn Cross on the board for a two-year open term, Lorey Morefield seconded.

Ayes: Brent Beyer, Lorey Morefield, Ray Wilson, Cheryl West

Nays:

### **Board calendar Items**

Budget 2023/2024

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.