

Village of Arrowsmith

Board Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2023

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

Absent: Megan Lopez

Guests: Tim Christensen

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

All board members present reviewed the April 2023 meeting minutes and voted to approve the minutes with one grammatical change on page 2.

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

Ayes: Brent Beyer, Cheryl West, Taryn Cross, Ray Wilson

Nays: None

Public Comment

No public comments were presented.

SAFPD Representative District Report

Tim Christensen provided the total number of calls that SAFP was a part of last year. 178 calls were completed and 20% of those calls were in Arrowsmith and out of the 178 calls, 15 were non-medical calls.

Chad asked Tim if there was an update on the cement work to be done around the fire station including the sidewalk replacement. The district has received two bids to date for the work. The fire district wants to know if the village would be willing to go in on the cost for a part of the sidewalk work being done. Tim stated the proposal would be that the village would pay for materials and the district would pay for labor. Chad and Tim discussed this idea at length.

Chad asked Tim to sit down with the SAFP district board and himself and come up with a plan on paper so that the Arrowsmith board would have an idea what it would be agreeing to. Tim asked Chad to go to the next SAFP board meeting on June 5th in Arrowsmith. Chad stated that he would try to attend the meeting. There will be additional discussion on this after further information is available.

Ray Wilson gave the monthly status report: 14 total calls in April were completed: 4 in Arrowsmith- 3 medical and 1 fire; Saybrook had 10 calls, all medical.

Cornerstone class on ventilation will be done on Monday.

Chad informed the board that FS will be adding a new 26,000-gallon LP storage at the plant on the edge of town. He stated that FS had informed him that the State Fire Marshall has already signed off on it. Chad stated that he would set up a meeting between the village, fire district and FS if there was interest. Tim stated he would be willing to attend a meeting and said that he would also do some checking to see what he could find out about the sign off process by the local fire officials by the state prior to the final installation of the tank.

Property and Grounds

The board members went outside to look at the community center grounds to determine where to install a basketball court and look at replacing or tearing out old playground equipment that is installed on the grounds due to safety concerns. It was determined that some portions of the existing equipment would need to be removed due to deterioration of the wood on the equipment. The board also approved moving forward with obtaining pricing for placing a basketball court in northwest corner of the existing playground space.

Water/Garbage and Recycling

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

Chad informed the board that the protective box over the bulk fill meter at FS has deteriorated and is in need of replacement. He informed the board that a quote for a new box was \$13k. The board will look into other options that would be more cost effective for the box replacement.

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.

Chad told the board that he had been asked by Chief Dingler if the village had an ordinance enforcement policy in place, which we do not. Chad presented the board with a proposed process created with input from Chief Dingler so that the village would have a documented repeatable process.

A proposed process was presented to the board for its review and discussion. The board agreed that the content of the process document was sufficient and would be beneficial. Chad stated that he would send the final process document to Chief Dingler for his review and any final comments and bring those back to the board at the June meeting.

CIRA resolution SB684

Chad informed that the CIRA bill SB684 bill will pass allowing the airport authority to tax all of McLean County. The rural mayors have been working with the farm bureau very closely to add an amendment to the bill that would require three of the 7 seats on the board to be filled by members from two rural communities and one from rural McLean County. Those three seats would be appointed by the county board chairman. The bill currently is written that all 7 board seats would be appointed by the Bloomington and Normal mayors.

Finance

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

Chad stated that the village is going to need to prioritize spending and its budget as costs have noticeably increased over the past year across all areas of the budget including attorney fees, utilities, street lighting, water treatment chemicals etc.

Streets/Alleys and Drainage

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 out of town as well as some work done to direct water into existing inlets.

Community Relations

Future community center rentals include: May 14, 20, June 4 and 25, July 27, 28, August 12, 26, Thanksgiving of 2023 and December 2023.

Cheryl showed drawings from Chad's mom that show different ideas on what to do on the grounds at the community center.

There is a cleanup day this coming Saturday for main street clean up.

Thank you to Nancy Black for painting all the picnic tables at the community center.

Board calendar Items

Budget 2023/2024 will be reviewed next month.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.