

Village of Arrowsmith

Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2024

Present: Chad Walden, Ray Wilson, Brent Beyer, Nancy Black, Taryn Cross

Absent: Cheryl West

Guests: Tim Christensen

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 October 2024 meeting minutes and voted to approve the minutes with one change.

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

Ayes: Ray Wilson, Brent Beyer, Nancy Black, Taryn Cross

Nays: None

Public Comment

N/A

SAFPD Representative District Report

Tim Christensen provided the following information to the board members: The SAFPD had a total of 12 calls for the month of October 2024. Saybrook had 11 EMS, 1 Fire; Arrowsmith had 3 EMS, 3 Fire.

Tim told all board members present that he has a meeting with EDP Renewables about Battery Energy Storage Systems. More to come on this meeting and what this means for the SAFPD and surrounding communities where these may be placed. Chad stated he would like to attend this meeting to learn more about them as well.

Tim and some of the members of the SAFPD went to North Carolina to help with the hurricane recovery. The SAFPD donated a fire truck that had just been taken out of service by the department. In addition to the truck the group took two trailers full of donations from other departments in central Illinois including: financial, gear and other items. This was a successful and life changing trip that Tim and other crew members went on. The board was appreciative and thankful for all that Tim and his crew did for another fire department. This is a huge example of the values that SAFPD stands on.

Finance

Brent Beyer provided the board with all account balances in the CIBM and Illinois Funds accounts for the month of October 2024. The financial monthly reports were emailed to all board members earlier today. There were not any additional questions or comments on the financial reports.

2023/24 audit completion: The 2023/2024 audit has been completed and Matthew Morgan from Feller & Kuester will be at the December 2024 meeting to present the audit report to the board members.

Chad Walden spoke to all board members present about the 2025 tax levy for the Village of Arrowsmith. Each year, we levy for a 5% increase and that amount to raise the levy is calculated to be an additional \$1440. The increase was divided to increase the amount levied for insurance by \$720 and audit fund was increased by \$720.

Chad Walden then asked the board to make a motion to approve ordinance number 204: Tax Levy ordinance for the Village of Arrowsmith.

Taryn Cross made a motion to approve the tax levy for 2025 and Brent Beyer seconded.

Ayes: Taryn Cross, Brent Beyer, Ray Wilson, Nancy Black

Nays:

Property and Grounds

Log sign in the park: The carved log with ARROWSMITH on it has been moved from LeRoy and is now on the community center property. Chad and Taryn will complete installation of the logs base within the next few days.

Building door replacements at CC and pump house: Chad let all board members present know that the front doors of the community center building and the pump house will need to be replaced soon. A lengthy discussion ensued and more research will be done regarding a source and pricing for new doors.

Water/Garbage and Recycling

Chad Walden provided the monthly revenue report for October 2024 for water and garbage collections.

IEPA audit preparations: Corey has let Chad know that an IEPA audit will likely occur within the next few months. Once Corey is notified, there is usually only a one day warning given and then someone will be here to audit the Village's water, pump house and anything else that has to do with water in the village. These audits happen every 4 years.

Bulk fill enclosure at FS: The enclosure over the bulk fill meter was damaged back in the spring and needs to be replaced. Chad stated that FS had contacted him asking when something would be done to repair or replace the cover. Chad stated that he was looking into options to either have the cover replaced or find a temporary solution to get through the winter.

Ordinance Processes and Enforcement

Dilapidated structures and zoning: A very lengthy discussion was had by all board members present on what to do regarding an old residential structure that is about to collapse on Ulmer St. and an old church that is being used as a house. The board discussed what should be done since both structures are currently in violation of the village ordinances. The board decided that next steps would be to reach out to the village attorney for direction on how to proceed with enforcement of the village ordinances.

More to come on both of these structures and the ordinance violations.

Streets/Alleys and Drainage

Fall Brush Pickup: Chad asked all board members present if they thought that a fall brush pickup was needed for the Village. The consensus was yes, we should do one before the end of the year. Ray Wilson said that he would reach out to Brian Becker and get on his schedule for hopefully right after Thanksgiving. Ray will notify Cheryl and Chad of the date so that it can be placed on the sign and village website to notify the community.

Sidewalk and curb work estimate at W. Crosson and Oak Streets: This will be tabled until spring due to the contractor not having a quote ready for the village at this time.

Community Relations/Website Information

Chad provided the community center rental dates in Cheryl West's absence:

Rentals are as follows: Nov 9th, 24th, 28th December 1st and December 8th. The Veteran's Breakfast will be held on the 9th of November.

The Beautification committee has not met. The committee planted additional trees and bushes in the park at the community center.

Board Calendar Items

3 trustees and the mayor position are up for re-election in April 2025: Chad Walden (Mayor), Brent Beyer, Taryn Cross, and Nancy Black (trustees). Megan Lopez went over everything that the candidates need to know and answered any questions that the board members had regarding reelection. The turn around time for getting the independent candidate petition, the statement of candidacy and the statement of economic interest forms notarized and filed at the county clerk's office is from Nov. 12th-18th this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.