

**Village of Arrowsmith**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 12, 2023**

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

Absent: Taryn Cross

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

All board members present reviewed the September 2023 meeting minutes and voted to approve the minutes with one spelling change.

Ray Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes, Brent Beyer seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cheryl West, Ray Wilson, Brent Beyer

Nays: None

**Public Comment**

No public was present.

**SAFPD Representative District Report**

Ray Wilson was unable to provide the monthly status report this month.

**Property and Grounds**

Beautification committee park work: Cheryl West provided an update- 5 trees have been planted and stepping stones with old bricks from the school have been used to line the path and make some floral designs in the mulch beds. Cheryl asked if there would be a way for a hose to be set up so that they can water the trees and flowers more easily. They also need more mulch. The board agreed to work on something in the spring for easier watering and Ray stated he would place an order for mulch from Becker Tree Service.

Playground border repairs: Chad told the board members present that the boarder boards around the playground will need to be replaced as soon as possible due to potential safety issues. He found a commercial grade playground boarder in 4 feet length, 8 inches high made available from multiple suppliers. Pricing ranged between \$30 to \$45 per piece depending on the supplier. The board decided that funds for replacing the boarder will come out of the building fund.

Chad asked the board to make a motion to approve funding up to \$2500 to purchase playground border pieces.

Cheryl West made a motion to approve up to \$2500, Ray Wilson seconded.

Ayes: Ray Wilson, Cheryl West, Brent Beyer

Nays:

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

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

Water tower and Oak Street project finalization:

Benjamin Landscaping came in yesterday and finished the final grade behind the water tower and on North Oak Street.

Quality Spot Repair has been delayed due to weather, but is hoping to be in town the following week. Chad has marked the areas throughout town with white paint where the spray patch will be done.

### **Ordinance processes and enforcement**

108 Ulmer has a trailer that has been disassembled and the items that were in the trailer are now in the right-a-way. There are vehicles on Grant St. and Ulmer St. that have vehicles in the right-a-way and violation letters will be sent out soon.

### **Finance**

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

### **Streets/Alleys and Drainage**

Chad continues to fill the holes along Main Street that were made by a fiber laying company earlier this summer. Chad is going to contact the county to let them know that these holes continue to show up and they will need ongoing monitoring.

Becker Tree Service will be in after October 22 to do trim designated trees overhanging village right of ways and to pick up homeowners brush piles that are placed curbside.

### **Community Relations**

Website update: The arrowsmithil.gov domain has been approved as our village website address. This approval process took 3 months. Taryn Lopshire and Chad Walden have had training from the vendor to be able to configure the website for the village. Taryn Lopshire will present the new website to the board at the December meeting and once the board approves it, the website will be communicated to the public.

Future community center rentals include: October 21, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26th and December 2023.

Halloween activities at the community center: Cheryl West will ask the beautification committee members if they can help and Brent and Ray offered to help as well. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served like in years past.

Cheryl West read a thank you note from the Auxiliary thanking the board for allowing them to use the community center for the rummage sale this past summer. The Auxiliary gave a \$150.00 check to the park project.

November 11 veteran's breakfast starts at 8:30 AM.

### **Board calendar Items**

Lori from Feller and Kuester will meet with Chad and Andrea on October 18<sup>th</sup> to finish this year's audit. The audit findings will be presented to the board at the November or December 2023 meeting.

Tax levy and truth in taxation needs to be filed by mid-December.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.