

Village of Arrowsmith

Board Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2024

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

Absent: Cheryl West and Taryn Cross

Guests: N/A

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

Megan Lopez swore in Nancy Black as a trustee of the Village of Arrowsmith board.

All board members present reviewed the September 2024 meeting minutes and voted to approve the minutes with no changes.

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

Ayes: Ray Wilson, Brent Beyer, Nancy Black

Nays: None

Public Comment

N/A

SAFPD Representative District Report

Ray Wilson provided the following information to the board members: The SAFPD had a total of 10 calls for the month of September 2024. Saybrook had 4 EMS, 1 Fire, 1 Mutual Aid; Arrowsmith had 2 EMS, 1 Fire, 1 Mutual Aid.

A large animal rescue class will be coming up later this month for training purposes.

Finance

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

Property and Grounds

Backup storm siren: Clinton power plant is removing their storm sirens and is donating them to municipalities. Chad Walden has put in a request for one siren if one becomes available. This siren would be a backup siren for the village since our village siren is almost 30 years old. Chad does not know when we will know if we will receive one.

Water/Garbage and Recycling

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

Water service work has been completed for the new township building. This work was completed in one day and there were no complications or issues.

Chad noted that the contract with Republic Services for garbage/recycling collection does not expire until March 2026.

Ordinance Processes and Enforcement

Chad Walden let the board members present know that ordinances regarding “solar panel installation and use” in town are in development. Some companies have contacted the village and asked if the village has any requirements in place before installation. Chad and Taryn are in the “fact finding and education stage” of this issue. This is a growing industry and will become more prevalent over the next several years so the village needs to implement ordinances to be able to ensure appropriate oversight.

Streets/Alleys and Drainage

Tipsord drainage review update: Chad met with Brian Benjamin to look at a potential drain tile at the corner of South and Tipsord Streets. It has been determined that the village will need to use the tile camera to determine the direction and condition of the tile. At this point in the year there are not any plans to do any work to try and repair or replace any drainage tile. This will be looked at again in the spring.

South Walnut drainage repairs: Chad informed the board that the storm tile running along South Walnut was no longer functioning due to tree roots and collapse. He also notified the board that at some point the tile size had been reduced to 6 inch from 8 inch and that it had all been replaced with 8 inch again. This will be watched through the fall and winter to determine if it helps drainage north of the train tracks.

2024 Streets Program: Chad Walden marked streets and got everything ready to go so Quality Spot Repair can come on Monday, October 7th to complete this seasons spray patch program.

Community Relations/Website Information

Cheryl West was absent so no update on the community center rentals.

Beautification committee: Some trees have been ordered for planting at the community center.

Trick or Treat hours will be from 5:30-8 on Thursday, October 31st, 2024.

Trunk or Treat hours are from 5:30-8 at the community center. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served. Volunteers and board members are needed to make this event successful. Open to the

community and you can bring your candy to the community center if you don't want the kids to come to your door. This is a yearly event that the Village does for our community.

Board Calendar Items

2023/2024 Audit will be on October 30th. The village auditor may be here to present his audit findings at the November 7th meeting. Megan Lopez has sent all needed documents to the auditor from the Village and Andrea Thompson will be sending the water department documents this week.

3 trustees and the mayor are up for re-election in April 2025: Chad Walden (Mayor), Brent Beyer, Taryn Cross, and Nancy Black (trustees). In November, Megan Lopez will go over everything that candidates will need to know and submit back to her in order to be eligible to run for office.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.