

Village of Arrowsmith

Board Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2024

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

Absent: Megan Lopez

Guests: Nancy Black, Lorey Morefield, Todd Fingerle

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 August 2024 meeting minutes and voted to approve the minutes with no changes.

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

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

Nays: None

Public Comment

Todd Fingerle asked the board what the locate flags were for along Tipsord Street? Chad explained to Todd that the village is looking at the drainage issues on the east side of Tipsord Street. He stated that it was unlikely that any work would be done this year and that work would not go as far north as Todd's residence. The locates were done so the village understands what utilities are along the east side of the street.

Lorey Morefield voiced a concern about individuals hanging around the buildings on Main St. Chad said that he would make Downs PD aware and have them monitor that area more closely.

Lorey Morefield made the board aware that Zack Dowdy was now providing garbage hauling services in our part of the county. She stated that she had been told that his pricing was very competitive. She provide his contact information to the board for future reference as an option when the contract with Republic Services is up for renewal.

SAFPD Representative District Report

The SAFPD had a total of 14 calls for the month of August 2024. Saybrook had 10 EMS; Arrowsmith had 4 EMS.

Forced entry and large animal rescue are the topics that will be addressed in upcoming training classes. These classes are provided from Cornerstone.

Finance

Brent Beyer provided the board with all account balances in the CIBM and Illinois Funds accounts for the month of August 2024. There were not any additional questions or comments on the financial reports.

Property and Grounds

Arrowsmith signage update: Cheryl and Chad still need to contact sign companies and other communities to determine what materials hold up the best and obtain pricing estimates.

Chad also asked Cheryl for an update about the ARROWSMITH oak log sign since it will need to be moved by the end of October. Cheryl and the beautification committee need to decide where to put the pedestals so that the sign can be put into place by Benjamini Landscaping.

Water/Garbage and Recycling

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

Chris Ebert Company has completed the well pump #2 replacement. New wiring and all new pipe were installed. The village is currently waiting for bacteria sampling to pass so that the well can be put back into service. Chad stated that the final invoice came in \$1400 less than what was quoted.

Streets/Alleys and Drainage

2024 Streets program update: The village engineer contacted Chad and let him know that the village would need to amend the approved MFT budgeted amount by \$9,000 more than we had budgeted. Chad stated that the funds were not available to be able to do that and requested that the engineer try to find additional contractors to bid the work. Beniach Construction out of Tuscola came in \$4,000 lower than the contractor that had bid the work originally. This required that the village would only need to amend the program for an additional \$5000.00.

Chad requested a motion to amend the 2024/2025 MFT program from the original \$17,000.00 up to \$22,000.00.

Ray Wilson made a motion to approve the new total amount of \$22,000 for the 2024/2025 MFT program, Cheryl West seconded.

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

Nays:

Community Relations/Website Information

Community center rentals for 2024: September 14th (Barn keepers), 3 new rentals have been reserved for October, November 9th, 24th, 28th and December 8th. All these dates are on the website calendar.

Beautification committee has not met so no report from that group.

Board Calendar Items

2023/2024 Audit preparations are underway for Chad, Megan, and Andrea. Megan will be reaching out to Matt at Feller ASAP to set up a time to meet.

Chad told the board members present that he would like to appoint Nancy Black to the Village of Arrowsmith board of trustees. Everyone agreed with this decision.

Cheryl West made a motion to approve Nancy Black to the board of the Village of Arrowsmith. Ray Wilson seconded the motion.

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

Nays:

Cheryl asked if anyone is opposed to letting a 5th/6th grade girls' basketball team use the gym as a backup in case the gym at the school is occupied. No one had a problem with this. This group used the gym a few times last year without issue. This group is not charged for the use due to their school affiliation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.