



Board Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2026

Present: Chad Walden, Ray Wilson, Nancy Black, Taryn Cross, Cheryl West, Megan Lopez

Absent: Brent Beyer

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

All board members present reviewed the June 2026 meeting minutes and voted to approve the minutes with no changes.

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

Ayes: Ray Wilson, Nancy Black, Taryn Cross, Cheryl West

Nays: None

Public Comment

No public was in attendance

Review Judiciocracy suit and proposed resolution/ FOIA requests

Chad made the board aware of the village receiving another FOIA request from Judiciocracy. This request went into the village email spam folder automatically and Megan found it after Judiciocracy contacted the village asking for an update on the 2nd FOIA request from said entity. This FOIA was odd though since the FOIA request was about disclosing the Village's spam parameters i.e. how an email goes into the spam folder. Short answer: Google does it automatically with Google's proprietary spam folder requirements. After the "update email" from Judiciocracy, Chad contacted Jay Greening, the Village attorney from Miller, Hall and Trigg and he drafted a response to the FOIA. That response was then emailed back to them. The village also added some information regarding FOIAs and how to FOIA the village on our website. That information is found here: <https://arrowsmithil.gov/freedom-of-information-act-foia>.

Chad also asked Megan to speak about the Municipal Clerks of Illinois survey that was sent to her asking to fill out a survey listing how many FOIA requests we have received since October 2025, names of people asking for the information and if we have been sued and the outcome of the lawsuit. Megan and

Chad both are encouraged by receiving this survey request from Municipal Clerks of Illinois. More to come on this, hopefully.

Finance

Chad Walden provided the board with all account balances in the CIBM and Illinois Funds accounts for the month of June 2026. The monthly financial report for June has not been provided to the board members in advance for their review because it is only the 1st of the month.

Property and Grounds

CC roof surface update: The Village has a 15-year written guarantee for the roof work that was completed in November 2025 from C & C Construction out of Gibson City, IL. Taryn Cross will be contacting the contractor to address the failing roof coating that was completed in November 2025. The roof work cost the village \$43,000. Chad wants the contractor to come and take a look at the roof and correct the failed coatings. The coatings that were installed are peeling already and do not appear to have been applied correctly. Additional information will be provided after Taryn has spoken with the contractor. Taryn has not heard back from the contractor since June 4th.

Chad will contact the Village of Arrowsmith attorney to determine next steps from a legal perspective if the contractor continues to be unresponsive to the board.

Water/Garbage and Recycling

Chad Walden could not provide the monthly revenue report for June 2026 for water and garbage collections because it is July 1st.

Chad has been covering for Corey and John for the daily testing of the water and when Chad went into the pump house, he noticed that both pumps were not running. Chad reached out to Heartland Electric and they have been trying to determine why both pumps are not able to be utilized as normal. The generator is also not working correctly so we are currently only running on one pump and without backup power for the pump house. It is believed that both problems are a result of a single issue.

FS contacted Chad asking what the Village intends to do about the housing on the bulk meter at their chemical plant. Chad stated he has researched replacing the housing with the same housing type and a new one would be \$13,000. Chad has asked Taryn to take a look at it and see what other options may be available to bring back to the board for additional discussion.

Ordinance Processes and Enforcement

A solicitor was notified by Chad that he needed a permit in order to solicit in town and that solicitor said that he shouldn't need a permit because "he is a nice person". Chad explained to him that the company that he works for would need to pay the ordinance violation for him soliciting without a permit and asked him for company information and contacts. At that point the individual was not cooperative and did leave town.

Per our village ordinance: a solicitor is required to wear a name tag from the company and they must present their solicitation permit to the homeowner. The village ordinance also allows a homeowner to

put a no solicitor sign on their door. Chad asked board members to share this information with community members so that they are aware of the villages solicitation ordinance and requirements.

Streets/Alleys and Drainage:

The Mclean County highway department rescinded the boring permit again regarding GBH internet for the fiber that is being installed between Saybrook and Arrowsmith. The owner of GBH has contacted Chad and stated that he is escalating his concerns to have the permit reinstated by the county. Once this connection is completed GBH will be able to provide high speed fiber internet to homes within the village. Fiber was installed throughout the village last summer.

Community Relations/Website Information:

Community Center rentals and information:

There are currently rental reservations on

July 19th 11-3pm and July 29-31st,

Aug 15th, Aug 16th 12-4pm, Aug 29th 12:30-4:30pm

September 3- 5th,

November 2- 3rd (election day) 7th (Veteran's breakfast), 22nd, 26th

December 6th on the 2026 calendar.

Beautification Committee updates:

Maintaining, surviving the rain and watering.

Community service project for volunteer group: A group that will be holding their annual youth retreat event at the Community Center later this month has contacted Chad about doing a community service project again this year. Chad asked the board for ideas and removing old boards from the playground was mentioned. Chad will contact the group to see if this is a project they would consider.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.