

Village of Arrowsmith

Board Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2025

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

Absent:

Guests: Ian Reyna

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 P.M.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

Megan Lopez swore in Nancy Black, Brent Beyer, Taryn Cross and Chad Walden to continue their service to the Village of Arrowsmith board. All 4 members were reelected in the April 2025 election.

All board members present reviewed the April 2025 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, Taryn Cross, Nancy Black, Cheryl West, Brent Beyer

Nays: None

Public Comment

N/A

Finance

Brent Beyer provided the board with all account balances in the CIBM and Illinois Funds accounts for the month of April 2025. The board was sent the April financial reports from the village accountant prior to the meeting for their review.

Chad Walden went over the changes for this year's budget for all board members present. Those changes include the following: the roof work for the community center has been included under the maintenance category; there was an increase to the audit fund; the mowing fund has been increased a small amount; the demolition line item has been increased; the police fund has been increased due to insurance fees increasing and the garbage fund has been increased. The MFT line items will be zero this year due to the village delaying the MFT program to next year.

Cheryl West made a motion to approve the 2024/2025 budget, Ray Wilson seconded.

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

Nays: None

SAFPD Representative District Report

Ray Wilson provided the following information to the board members: The SAFPd had a total of 13 calls for the month of April 2025. Saybrook had 2 Fire and 10 EMS; Arrowsmith had no calls and 1 mutual aid call with Ellsworth.

There will be a 40-hour class about “pipeline safety” provided from One Earth ethanol plant in Gibson City.

Property and Grounds

Beautification committee summary: Cheryl West and Nancy Black provided an update to the board regarding the design and options for the Arrowsmith welcome signs. Prairie Signs in Bloomington, IL quote was for \$2,498 per sign and another \$2,598 for installation. Aftershock in Fairbury quote was for \$6,982.84 for 2 signs. Fast signs in Bloomington, IL cost is \$1570.94 for both signs and installation. Pictures of sample signs were shown to board members present. Chad said that he would talk to the mayors of Heyworth, Chenoa and Gridley and get some pricing on their signs at the mayor’s meeting this month. More to come on this.

The annual Main Street clean-up day is May 9th this year.

Community center roof repairs update: Taryn Cross will be meeting with Llyod Campbell from C & C Construction on Monday, May 12 to look at the condition of the roof and obtain a cost estimate. More to come on this next month after Taryn’s meeting.

Water/Garbage and Recycling

Chad Walden provided the monthly revenue report for April 2025 for water and garbage collections.

Water department manager role discussion is tabled for now due to it needing to have been added as a role to either the village president or trustee position prior to the last election. Chad stated that he will work with the village attorney to develop an ordinance which would add the role and compensation to one of the elected positions.

Ordinance Processes and Enforcement

Demolition orders for uninhabitable structures:

210 N. Main St: The village received notice and a photo from a resident that parts of the south brick wall of the building had fallen on the sidewalk. Upon inspection by Taryn Cross and Chad Walden it was determined that both the West and East ends of the wall were leaning and in a state of disrepair. Photos were shown to the board of the walls condition. The owner of the building is recently deceased and the owner’s son was contacted by Taryn to meet to discuss the situation. It was noted that there was not much the son would be able to do and that any communications could be sent to him at his email address. Chad is working with the village attorney to determine next steps and will likely issue a Repair or Demolish order to mitigate the safety concerns. The village placed barricades and caution tape around both areas to prevent individuals from being near the wall. The village attorney has sent a

certified letter with notice of the repair or demolish order and the village is now waiting for a response from the family or legal representative for this property. Chad will keep the board updated on this property's status at each upcoming board meeting.

205 E. Ulmer: The village will be able to obtain a judge's order for demolition in early June if it is necessary. Chad shared a letter written by the homeowner and Megan read the letter out loud to all board members present. The tone of the letter was accusatory toward the village president and the boards approach to how notification was made to the property owner. The village attorney will not be responding to this letter. The homeowner has stated that they have hired a contractor for demolition and we are now waiting for this demolition to start. Chad will keep the board updated on this property's status at each upcoming board meeting.

207 S. Walnut: Chad has been in contact with the owner and the owner has received the 15-day demo order notice from the village. The property owner has been in communication with the village and the village attorney regarding their actions to the notice. The village was notified by the property owner that Duran Solutions would be demolishing this property. The demolition should begin in June 2025. Chad will keep the board updated on this property's status at each upcoming board meeting.

Streets/Alleys and Drainage

Spring Brush pickup: The board has decided to schedule and fund another spring brush pickup. The spring brush pick up will be during the week of May 19th. This service will be done by Becker Tree Service. Ray Wilson will contact Brian and schedule a date.

Community Relations/Website Information:

May 17th and July 23-25th are two new rental dates at the Community Center. Megan will notify Taryn Lopshire of the dates to add them to the calendar on the website.

Board Calendar Items:

N/A

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.