

**Village of Arrowsmith**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 6, 2025**

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

Absent: Brent Beyer

Guests: Stephen Arbogast, Andrea Schlieper, and Tony Moore from Republic Services

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

All board members present reviewed the October 2025 meeting minutes and voted to approve the minutes with one change.

Ray Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes; Cheryl West seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

**Water/Garbage and Recycling**

Tony Moore from Republic Services came to introduce himself to all board members present. He has overseen the Village of Arrowsmith account since 2020. The village garbage contract is up for renewal at the end of 2025. He provided the board members with the renewal cost for a 5-year contract with just garbage and with garbage and recycling together. Those amounts are as follows:

5-year contract with recycling:

Year 1 - \$22.00 per household per month

Year 2 - \$23.10 per household per month

Year 3 - \$24.26 per household per month

Year 4 - \$25.47 per household per month

Year 5 - \$26.74 per household per month

\*Includes both garbage and recycling containers; bulk curbside pickup and the container at Community Center

5-year contract without recycling:

Year 1 - \$16.00 per household per month

Year 2 - \$16.80 per household per month

Year 3 - \$17.64 per household per month

Year 4 - \$18.52 per household per month

Year 5 - \$19.45 per household per month

\*Includes garbage containers; bulk curbside pickup and the container at Community Center

The board will review the contract proposal and determine whether to renew the 5-year contract with Republic Services at the December 2025 meeting.

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

### **Public Comment**

Stephen Arbogast asked if he would need a permit to build a shed and a garage at his house. Chad went on to explain to him that he would need a permit and that Taryn Cross would need to come to his house and make sure that Stephen is not building over the septic field since this is a concern from the village's perspective. Chad then went on to explain the history of property owners that have built structures over septic systems and the issues it can create.

Stephen also asked if there would be a fall brush pickup. We have already done 2 brush pickups this year so we are not planning on doing another one this year.

### **Finance**

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

2024/2025 Audit status: Chad met with the auditor (Matthew Morgan) 2 weeks ago and the audit should be completed before the end of the year. Matthew Morgan from Feller & Kuester will contact Chad when he has finished and hopes to be able to attend the December meeting to present the audit results. When Chad met with Matthew, there were no major issues during the on-site portion of the audit.

### **Property and Grounds**

Community center roof work update: Chad stated that he is concerned with the status of the community center roof work and the amount of time it is taking for completion. There are still a lot of materials on top of the roof and there have not been a lot of workers at the community center. Taryn will contact C & C Construction and find out what is happening. More to come on this.

## **Ordinance Processes and Enforcement**

Nothing new to report.

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

Ray Wilson went over the storm water drainage work and shared various pictures of the water drainage work with all board members present:

A new storm inlet was installed on the corner of Walnut and Ulmer. This was to replace an old inlet and determine why water is not flowing past this point. Approximately 80 feet of tile was replaced to the south of the inlet to replace old tile that had been compromised by tree roots.

The storm water outlet that collects water from the east side of town was replaced along South Street. The current inlet was deteriorating and had sunk into the ground. The inlet was taking water in and around the outside of the inlet. This was replaced with a larger concrete collection basin to improve the collection of water from multiple inlet pipes before water leaves town.

## **IEPA Unsewered Communities Grant Status:**

Fehr Graham is moving forward with the first stage for the grant request process. Chad is working with the grant writer to provide all necessary information and documentation. This grant application is for \$27,500 for initial planning and consideration to prepare for requesting funds under the second phase for design and construction funding. Chad was informed that the phase one grant submission was accepted by the IEPA. We are waiting to see if the submission will be approved and the \$27,5000 phase one grant awarded to the Village. Additional information will be provided to the board as the process continues.

## **Community Relations/Website Information:**

Community Center rentals and information: Veteran's breakfast November 8th, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Beautification Committee updates: The committee has not met. Cheryl showed Chad a picture of a sign located in Hudson and Chad will reach out to Hudson's mayor for more info. More to come on this.

## **Board Calendar Items:**

Chad and Megan will meet to complete this year's tax levy and the tax levy will be discussed at the December meeting.

## **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.