

Village of Arrowsmith

Board Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2025

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

Absent: Brent Beyer, Cheryl West

Guests: Rob Brown, De Anna Kraay

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

All board members present reviewed the November 2025 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: Ray Wilson, Nancy Black, Taryn Cross

Nays: None

Public Comment

Nothing to report.

CONXXUS Fiber Internet- De Anna Kraay

A representative, De Anna Kraay, from CONXXUS Internet provided the board members with promotional materials for fiber internet. De Anna informed the board that CONNXXUS was planning on installing a fiber network in Arrowsmith and plans to begin offering internet service plans to residents later in 2026. It was agreed that CONNXXUS would be back in touch with the village for permits as they get closer to being ready to provide internet service.

Finance

Brent Beyer was absent so the CIBM financials were not available for the board members. The November financial report had been emailed to board members prior to the meeting.

2026 Tax Levy review and approval:

Megan Lopez went over the tax levy for the Village of Arrowsmith for 2026. The maximum levy increase amount for 2026-27 is \$1,512. Megan informed the board that this would be needed for the increased audit costs. This amount is for the 5% increase which is allowed each year without needing a public hearing.

Taryn Cross made a motion to approve ordinance number 205 titled the Village of Arrowsmith tax levy for an additional \$1,512 to be placed under the audit fund, Nancy Black seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ray Wilson, Taryn Cross, Nancy Black

Nays:

2024/2025 Audit status: Matthew Morgan from Feller & Kuester will contact Chad when he has finished the audit. Matthew has said that the audit will be completed before the end of the year. The results should be presented to the board in January 2026

Property and Grounds

Community center roof work update: The roof work has been completed at this time. The owner of C & C Construction will come to review the work in the spring and perform a final inspection. Taryn Cross will also inspect the work as weather permits.

Water/Garbage and Recycling

The village garbage contract from Republic Services is up for renewal at the end of 2025. The renewal cost for a 5-year contract with just garbage and with garbage and recycling together 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 voted to approve a new 5-year contract for garbage with recycling that begins in 2026.

Ray Wilson made a motion to approve the new 5-year contract for recycling and garbage from Republic Services, Nancy Black seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ray Wilson, Nancy Black, Taryn Cross

Nays:

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

Ordinance Processes and Enforcement

Burning within village limits: Taryn Cross reminded all board members and asked them to spread the word that motor oil, trash, mattresses, etc. cannot be burned within the village. Taryn had to speak to a village resident regarding an illegal burn and informed them that only brush can be burned.

Streets/Alleys and Drainage:

IEPA Unsewered Communities Grant Status:

Chad has not heard any new information as of today. More to come on this next month.

Community Relations/Website Information:

Community Center rentals and information: Nothing new to report

Beautification Committee updates: They went to a Christmas lunch and they will not meet again till Spring 2026.

Board Calendar Items:

Nothing new to report.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.