

**Village of Arrowsmith**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 13, 2024**

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

Absent: Megan Lopez

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

All board members present reviewed the January 2023 meeting minutes and voted to approve the minutes with on change.

Cheryl West made a motion to approve the minutes, Taryn Cross seconded the motion.

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

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 January 2024. Chad has forwarded the January monthly treasures report from Feller and Associates to all board members

**SAFPD Representative District Report**

Ray Wilson provided the monthly status report for the district for the month of January 2024: Saybrook had a total of 7 EMS calls and no fire calls, Arrowsmith had 3 EMS and no fire calls for a total of 10 EMS calls for the district.

The department has requested 8 classes from Cornerstone for 2024. They are still waiting to schedule those classes with Cornerstone due to issues on Cornerstone's end. Additional details on what those classes entail will be provided when available.

**Property and Grounds**

Nothing to report.

## **Water/Garbage and Recycling**

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

Status on water main breaks on Tipsord and bulk fill meter: Chad showed the board members present several photos of what the issues were on Tipsord and explained what Charlie Olson from Snyder Company was able to do for a temporary repair to get us by for winter and then the plan for a complete fix this summer. The fire hydrant will also need to be replaced and a shutoff installed as part of the permanent repair. Chad stated that some of the ARPA monies will be used to fix these issues on Tipsord.

In addition, the bulk fill meter and back flow device at the FS bulk fill box froze and broke. Employees at FS failed to plug in the heater in the insulated bulk fill box. Those two items will need to be replaced this spring by Snyder Companies. The board agreed that FS will now be charged a service fee along with a bulk fill rate. Both line breaks have an estimated cost of over \$10,000 for repairs and replacement.

Pump house maintenance: Chad informed the board that one of the Variable Frequency devices at the pump house was damaged by the extended run time on well two (2) with the two-line breaks. He stated that the VFD is still functioning but that we will need to replace it when the pump is replaced on well 2.

Funding for well 2 pump replacement: The village has requested an additional \$15,000 of ARPA monies from the county for the round two disbursement of leftover funds. Chad will be obtaining pricing as soon as possible so he can provide it at the mayor's association next month for consideration.

Chad informed the board that Republic Services will be providing an email address for residents to request a bulk item pickup. The emails will go to the local Republic Services office instead of having to call the Republic Services toll free number. This should mitigate some of the issues individuals have been having with their items picked up.

## **Ordinance processes and enforcement**

Nothing to report.

## **Streets/Alleys and Drainage**

2024/25 MFT streets program: This year's program will include chip and seal with some rock for drainage projects. Chad stated that he felt it would be best to cover the cost of spray patch again this year out of the general fund to allow more MFT funding for the seal coat work. Ray Wilson noted that the inlet work that was done in a resident's yard on West Street would need to be seeded this spring. Chad stated he thought that it had been done last summer, and that this would be set up to be done as soon as the weather would allow. The board discussed the spring brush pickup and decided to wait until April or May to schedule it.

## **Community Relations**

Cheryl West went over the highlights from the beautification committee meeting in January 2024. Last year they had 8 projects that they wanted to do and they completed 6 of them. Cheryl then told the

board members present what their projects are going to be for 2024. The beautification committee asked Cheryl about installing a basketball court at the community center via a fundraiser. This idea was brought up several months ago but nothing more had come of it. Chad stated that it is still on the table but that the tower line failure last summer detracted the focus of time and funding away from other projects last summer. Cheryl asked again about the water spigot and hose being installed on the outside of the community center building. Chad stated that he will add the list for Snyder Companies to complete in the spring. More to come on both things.

Community center rentals for 2024 so far: May 12 and May 18, July 25-26<sup>th</sup> (church youth retreat), August 24, 31 and November 9, 24, and December 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Erthel Rose scholarship application forms have been provided to the school by Cheryl. April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 is the deadline for submission.

### **Board calendar Items**

Nothing to report.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.