

Village of Arrowsmith

Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2026

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

Absent: Cheryl West

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

All board members present reviewed the December 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, Nancy Black, Taryn Cross, Brent Beyer

Nays: None

Public Comment

There were not any public comments.

Finance

Brent Beyer provided the board with all account balances in the CIBM and Illinois Funds accounts for the month of December 2025.

Legislative changes to the annual audit requirements: Chad had shared with the board several months ago that there was a bill in committee that would alleviate the yearly financial audit for communities with less than 1000 people. That bill has passed, beginning in 2027 the village will no longer have to have a yearly audit conducted. An audit will be required every fourth year with a financial report being filed in years that an audit is not required. This will be a large financial savings to the village as well as time saver for the village president, village clerk and village water clerk.

Property and Grounds

N/A

Water/Garbage and Recycling

The EPA audit action items have been completed at this time. The audit findings came at a cost of \$2,000 to the water department to mitigate those issues. An additional chlorine test kit for \$700, a containment container for the polyphosphate container for \$800 and additional test kit supplies for \$500.

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

Chad informed the board that over the next 12 months he will conduct a cost study of the water department to determine what amount of a rate increase will be needed in 2027. The new garbage contract did not include a rate increase in year one, so Chad stated that he felt the water/garbage rates could remain the same for 2026. The last rate increase was in 2021.

Ordinance Processes and Enforcement

N/A

Streets/Alleys and Drainage:

IEPA Unsewered Communities Grant Status:

Chad stated that he had been notified this morning that the villages application for grant funds for the first phase of the Unsewered Communities Grant had been accepted. The application had been submitted for \$27,500 for a feasibility study. Chad stated that Fehr Graham Engineering informed him that they would provide additional information on the next steps when they heard back from the State of Illinois EPA.

Community Relations/Website Information:

Community Center rentals and information:

The Erthel Rose scholarship grant request information has been provided to the Ridgeview High School. Deadlines for submittal of those requests is April 1st, 2026.

The village brought in over \$2,300 on community center rentals last year. These funds go directly back into the maintenance and upkeep of the facility.

There are currently two rental reservations in May and two rentals in November on the 2026 calendar.

Beautification Committee updates: All Christmas decorations have been taken down for this season.

Board Calendar Items:

Nothing new to report.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.