

Village of Arrowsmith

Board Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2023

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

Absent:

Guests: Vernon Myers

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

All board members present reviewed the June 2023 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: Brent Beyer, Cheryl West, Taryn Cross, Ray Wilson

Nays: None

Public Comment

N/A

SAFPD Representative District Report

Ray Wilson provided the monthly status report: A total of 12 calls in June were responded to: 10 medical calls in Saybrook and 2 calls in Arrowsmith.

Property and Grounds

N/A

Water/Garbage and Recycling

Water main to tower repairs: Chad reported that temporary repairs to bring the tower back in service will be made with a final repair several weeks out due to delays in receiving parts. The previous solution of using a pressure fitted boot that would move with the tower has not been successful. Two different length boots have been used over the past 14 years and both have slipped off. The village is working with GA Rich, Snyder Companies and Farnsworth Group to develop the new plan which will include a "ball and socket" type of a fitting for the above ground water main section. This section will take 5 to 7 weeks to obtain. Additional status will be provided at the August meeting.

Richard Vance at 206 West Crosson had notified the water department that their water pressure is very low. Mr. Vance notified the water department last summer as well that their pressure has been low for several years. Chad stated that the Vance's and a home at 202 West Crosson share a ¾ water service line as indicated on the village water service maps. This was initially installed this way when the water system was installed in the village in 1954. The board agreed that this issue needed to be addressed this year. Chad will assess what it will take to correct this issue to be able to provide adequate service to both homes. Additional details will be provided at the August meeting.

Chad provided the monthly revenue report for June 2023 for water and garbage collections.

Chad informed the board that the water department has changed vendors for chlorine to Water Products in Peoria. The previous vendor was not providing good customer service and was more expensive. The village will save \$3.00 per gallon with the new vendor which relates to a savings of approximately \$200 per month.

Ordinance processes and enforcement

The two vehicles on North Walnut that had been left in the village right of way and were both in a state of disrepair, have been removed by their owners. This followed certified notifications being sent by the village.

There are additional vehicles in the right of way throughout town that are in violation of ordinances for not having been moved in an extended period or are not in running condition. The board decided that letters will be sent out to the vehicle owners to remove them or they will be towed by the village.

Trustee Cross noted that he believed a homeowner on Fry Street may be constructing a chicken coop beside their garage. Chad indicated he would talk with the homeowner to determine what was being built. The board discussed three additional homes that are known to have constructed chicken coops and have chickens. Village ordinances do not allow for chickens or any livestock to be kept by homeowners within the village. The board agreed that letters will be sent to those homeowners providing a 30-day window for them to remove the coops.

McLean county health department is addressing a homeowner that has a septic field that has failed and has standing water in the backyard. Chad stated that he is receiving regular updates from the health department as to the status and what is being done to correct the issue.

Burn ban ordinance adoption: Chad presented a burn ban ordinance that the board approved.

Brent Beyer made a motion to approve ordinance 18.04.25 Authority to Prohibit Open Fires by an elected official, Ray Wilson seconded.

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

Nays:

CIRA airport tax bill: Chad provided information to the board regarding the recent passing of the CIRA bill that will allow them to tax all of McLean County. He stated that the legality of the bill is being reviewed and asked the board if there was any interest in providing funding along with some other rural communities to address those concerns. Additional information will be provided to the board as the

review of the bill continues. The board agreed that providing funding to challenge the bill would be considered should it be determined that the legality of the bill is able to be challenged.

Finance

Brent Beyer provided the board with all account balances in the CIBM and Illinois Funds accounts for the month of June 2023.

Streets/Alleys and Drainage

Fiber routing through the village: Chad stated that a company is installing fiber along Main Street in the county right of way. He stated that the water department has had to locate water mains and service lines through town along where the fiber is being installed.

The board discussed the possibility of Mediacom providing internet service to Arrowsmith. Chad stated that he had spoken with a Mediacom representative and that a federal grant request has been submitted by Mediacom on July 1st. He stated that the representative told him that they should be notified by the end of August if they had been awarded the grant funding. If they do receive the funds work would begin later this year to extend fiber from Mediacom's service in Saybrook to provide high speed internet service to Arrowsmith and Ellsworth.

Community Relations

Future community center rentals include: July 26, 27, 28, August 12, 26, Thanksgiving of 2023 and December 2023.

Board calendar Items

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.