



## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 3, 2026**

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

Absent: Cheryl West and Brent Beyer

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

All board members present reviewed the May 2026 meeting minutes and voted to approve the minutes with no changes.

Taryn Cross made a motion to approve the minutes; Nancy Black seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ray Wilson, Nancy Black, Taryn Cross

Nays: None

### **Public Comment**

#### **Review Judiciary suit and proposed resolution**

Jay Greening, one of the attorneys from the law firm Miller, Hall and Trigg has spoken to Edward Weinhaus for a second time and his client Judiciary LLC. is not willing to remove the Village of Arrowsmith from the lawsuit. Chad discussed with the board that even though it is felt that the village provided all of the information for the FOIA request that we had to provide, the best option for the village from a financial perspective would be to settle out of court. This is an unfortunate case where should there be appeals if the village prevailed in the case, the village would still have limited financial resources to continue with the appeals. Legal costs could far out way the \$1800.00 to settle the suit. The board discussed the options and determined the best option for the village was to pay the \$1800.00 to settle.

Taryn Cross made a motion to settle the suit for \$1800.00; Nancy Black seconded the motion.

Ayes: Taryn Cross, Nancy Black, Ray Wilson

Nays: None

Chad will let Jay Greening know the decision of the board. Jay Greening will draft a response to Edward Weinhaus and payment will be made Judiciary LLC.

## **Finance**

Chad Walden provided the board with all account balances in the CIBM and Illinois Funds accounts for the month of May 2026. The monthly financial report for May has not been provided to the board members in advance for their review because it is only the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

### **2026-2027 Budget review and approval**

Chad emailed out to all the board members the new budget for this year. He also provided the board with a document listing all the categories or line items that were changed.

Those changes are as follows:

Increases were made in the legal and professional line items, police protection fund, audit fund, motor fuel tax engineering, motor fuel tax maintenance streets and water fund salaries

Decreases were made in acquisitions and demo and hall fund maintenance

Ray Wilson made a motion to approve Ordinance #200-2026: 2026-/2027 Budget for the Village of Arrowsmith; Nancy Black seconded.

Ayes: Ray Wilson, Taryn Cross, Nancy Black

Nays:

Megan will now post the budget in three places: the community center, the water department and the post office and the finalized and approved budget is sent to the Mclean County clerk's office.

### **SAFPD Representative District Report**

Ray Wilson provided the following information to the board members: The SAFPD had a total of 18 calls for the month of May 2026. Saybrook had 10 EMS, 2 Fire; Arrowsmith had 3 EMS; 2 mutual aid and 1 EMS Gibson31.

### **Property and Grounds**

Room updates in the community center: Chad reviewed the estimate for carpet replacement in the room off of the gymnasium and in the office area. The current flooring has been down least 16 years and were used prior to installation. Chad provided the board members present with the estimate from Bloomington Carpets for a cost of \$8,123.95 for both rooms. This includes removal and disposal of the old carpeting, floor preparation and new cove molding.

Taryn Cross made a motion to approve the estimate from Bloomington Carpets for \$8,123.95 in the room off the gymnasium and the office. Ray Wilson seconded.

Ayes: Ray Wilson, Taryn Cross, Nancy Black

Nays:

CC roof surface update: The Village has a 15-year written guarantee for the roof work that was completed in November 2025 from C & C Construction out of Gibson City, IL. Taryn Cross will be contacting the contractor to address the failing roof coating that was completed in November 2025. The roof work cost the village \$43,000. Chad wants the contractor to come and take a look at the roof and correct the failed coatings. The coatings that were installed are peeling already and do not appear to have been applied correctly. Additional information will be provided after Taryn has spoken with the contractor.

### **Water/Garbage and Recycling**

Chad Walden provided the monthly revenue report for May 2026 for water and garbage collections.

The Water Tower needs to be drained, cleaned and inspected. This needs to be done every 3 to 5 years. The water tower has not been drained and inspected for 5 years. Chad will be contacting a few other mayors that have a contract with "water tower maintenance" companies that provide the maintenance, cleaning and inspecting on a yearly basis. These agreements are for a specific lengths of time such as 10 years, 15 years, or 20 years with yearly installments paid toward the contract. The water tower will need to be drained, cleaned and inspected within the next 12 months.

### **Ordinance Processes and Enforcement**

Nothing on the agenda this month

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

Becker Tree Service provided the village with a quote for \$3200.00 for removal of 2 dead pine trees, trimming 2 mulberry bushes, picking up a brush pile on the villages vacant lot and the trimming of 8 trees on the villages lot at the corner of South Walnut and East South Street.

Nancy Black made a motion to approve the estimate for work for \$3200 and Ray Wilson seconded.

Ayes: Nancy Black, Taryn Cross, Ray Wilson

Nays:

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

Community Center rentals and information:

There are currently rental reservations on July 29-31<sup>st</sup>, Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup> (Veteran's breakfast), 22<sup>nd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> on the 2026 calendar.

### **Beautification Committee updates:**

Perennials were purchased for the pollinator garden and the map has been completely repainted on the community center pavement.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.