



Board Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2026

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

Absent: Megan Lopez

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 P.M.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

All board members present reviewed the February 2026 meeting minutes and voted to approve the minutes with one spelling change.

Ray Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes; Cheryl West seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Public Comment

Ray Wilson said that the SAFPD would be doing a tractor pull for the Saybrook Stars and Stripes event June 28 and stated they were looking for sponsors would want to sponsor. July 11th the SAFPD is hosting a golf event in memory of Ryan Jameson and will also be requesting sponsors for this event.

SAFPD for February 2026:

Saybrook had 3 fire calls: Arrowsmith 1 and 5 mutual aid.

EMS calls: Saybrook had 5, Arrowsmith had 1 and 2 mutual aid.

GBH Fiber/Internet

Chad stated that he had been contacted by GBH Fiber and given a status on their work toward providing fiber to home internet in Arrowsmith. He stated that work had been delayed due to permitting issues with the McLean County Highway Department. GBH will provide another status when the permit issues have been mitigated.

Finance

Brent Beyer provided the board with all account balances in the CIBM and Illinois Funds accounts for the month of February 2026.

Chad informed the board that the CIBM line of credit/loan had been paid off.

2024/2025 Audit is now completed and has been submitted to the state. The findings will be discussed in detail next month.

Property and Grounds

Nothing on the agenda to cover.

Water/Garbage and Recycling

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

Grant update: The first half of the \$27,500 funds have been released, and the board expects to receive these funds within the next few weeks. The board determined that the grant funds will be managed out of a new checking account to be set up at the Anchor State Bank. This will help in the tracking and management of grant funds by keeping them separate from the villages other accounts at CIBM. This phase of the grant work is planned to take most of 2026 to prepare submission for the second phase of the grant. The next 9 months will be the study portion of the grant where Fehr Graham gathers all of the information for high level planning of a system (water usage, land availability, data collection etc.) The final date for completion of this phase will be completed no later than December 31, 2026.

Ordinance Processes and Enforcement

Nothing on the agenda to cover.

Streets/Alleys and Drainage:

Sidewalk repair through the village is going to be the focus of the MFT work for the Village this year. There will also be some research done on Tipsord St. to determine if there are any drainage tiles on the east side of the street. Due to drainage issues during large rains water does not drain properly in that area. This year the village will be establishing a chip and seal program based off our every "other year program". Spray patch will be performed but the village may need to find a new vendor as Chad was notified last year that our current vendor may be retiring.

Cheryl asked Chad to look at an inlet by the post office and Chad says that it probably needs to be replaced with a newer style/larger inlet. This will be looked at but may not be able to be addressed this year depending on funding.

Community Relations/Website Information:

Community Center rentals and information:

There are currently rental reservations on the 17th of March for elections, May 16 and 23rd, July 29-31st, Aug 15th, November 7th (Veteran's breakfast) and 22nd and December 6th on the 2026 calendar. New dates to add to the calendar are September 5th for the annual Village garage sales and November 26th for a rental.

Beautification Committee updates: March 18th will be the first meeting date for 2026. The committee gained a new member and lost a member. Cheryl and Nancy asked Chad about the Welcome to Arrowsmith signs again and Chad is still working on obtaining the name of the vendor that Hudson Township used to make their signs.

Chad asked Nancy and Cheryl about where they are wanting the new trees to be planted. Various locations were discussed. Cheryl also said that they want to get some plants for the east side of the community center.

Chad informed the board that Casey Kern approached him regarding use of the south ball field for T-ball, 8U and 10U baseball this summer. They were approved to use the field and were also approved to make improvements to the field to make it usable. He stated that the village did not intend to put any funding into updates to the field this year.

Board Calendar Items:

Nothing new to report.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.