

ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER
February 8, 2021

A regular meeting of the Chairman and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arnold, Nebraska was held in the Meeting Room at the Arnold Community Center on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by publication and by posting notices at the following places: Facebook, Pinnacle Bank, Post Office, Reeds Food Center, and the Village Office. Said notice contained the statement that the agenda kept continuously current was available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk during normal business hours. Notice of this meeting and an agenda was given to the Board Members and all members present acknowledged receipt of said notice. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Chairman Glen Bowers called the meeting to order and Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, recorded the proceedings. On roll call the following were present: Glen Bowers, Donnell DeLosh, Zach Hagler, Scott McDowell, Aaron Olson. Absent: none. A full council being present the following proceedings were had and done.

Chairman Glen Bowers publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for public inspection and is posted on the west wall of the meeting room in the Arnold Community Center.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting on January 11, 2021, was not read as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Moved by Olson and seconded by DeLosh that the minutes of the previous regular meeting on January 11, 2021, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the claims paid in January:

01/11 Total Amount of Claims Approved & Paid

\$ 94,289.81

01/14 Nebraska Department of Revenue

4,741.16 Sales Tax

Nebraska Department of Revenue

483.84 Lodging Tax (Annual)

01/29 Payroll

9,862.74

Aflac

442.84 Payroll Deductions

IRS

3,305.80 Payroll Taxes/Federal WH

Nebraska Department of Revenue

490.26 State Withholding (Jan)

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS- JAN \$113,616.45

The Treasurer's Report revealed there is \$133,693.44 in the General Fund; \$38,911.32 in the Edna B. Peterson Estate; \$198,054.28 in the Street Fund; \$17,747.00 in the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Fund; \$780,863.29 in the Electric Fund; \$27,522.96 in the Water Fund; \$93,556.80 in the Sewer Fund; (\$30,326.53) in the Solid Waste Fund; \$51,542.63 in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account; \$154,396.28 in the Economic Development Fund; \$1,012.51 in the Community Development Agency Fund; \$13,313.94 in the Trust & Agency Funds as of January 31, 2021. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by McDowell that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the following claims on file:

American Agricultural Laboratory		
	\$ 476.67	Testing (WW)
Mary Becker	281.55	Salary
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska		
	7,642.37	Health Insurance
Callaway District Hospital	30.00	Random Drug Testing
Central I.T. Inc.	88.00	Computer Expense
City Of North Platte	162.11	Tipping Fees
Country Partners Cooperative		
	154.79	Power Plant: Propane
Country Partners Cooperative		
	2,126.21	Propane/Gas/Diesel Scales Fees
Dana F. Cole & Company	6,640.00	Auditor Fees
Dutton-Lainson Company	2,757.77	electric supplies
Eakes Office Solutions	115.44	office supplies
Tory Edwards	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Harvey Foran	1,020.62	Salary
Kenneth Goodenow Jr	111.63	Salary
Great Plains Communications		
	599.24	Telephone/Internet
Patricia Lamberty	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Paula De Laune	484.84	CC: Salary
Ralph De Laune	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
League of Nebraska Municipalities		
	395.00	Registration Fee (Webinar Series - Patty)

Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency		
	945.30	Tipping Fees
Menards	211.00	electric supplies
Mid-American Research Chemical		
	159.29	Hand Cleaner
Mills Hardware	155.91	electric supplies
Mills Hardware	77.62	water supplies
Mills Hardware	29.39	CC: supplies
Mills Hardware	240.46	street expense
Mills Hardware	10.99	Swiffer WetJet Pads
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska		
	22,281.28	Electricity
NE Public Health Environmental Lab		
	15.00	Testing (Water)
Nansel's Best Service	1,489.30	Gas/Diesel/Oil
		Equipment Repairs & Maint
One Call Concepts, Inc.	25.62	One Call Fees
Pacific Funds	639.25	pension
Pinnacle Bank (VISA)	120.75	office supplies
		Cordless Phone
Postmaster	165.00	stamps
TK's Welding & Fabrication		
	1,091.74	Parts/Labor (Street Sweeper)
The Arnold Sentinel	426.13	Publishing Fees
Village of Arnold	7,287.92	utilities
WESCO Receivables Corp	3,171.84	electric supplies
		WW Plant Expense
Alexandra Weinman	40.00	Contract Labor - Janitorial
Rusty Wyckoff	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Borders Law Office	302.00	Attorney Fee
Petty Cash Fund	62.49	Postage/Supplies
US Department of Energy	13,366.60	Electricity
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$75,601.12	

After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by Hagler that the claims be approved and paid as presented except for the claims payable to Country Partners Cooperative. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Moved by McDowell and seconded by Olson to pay the claims payable to Country Partners Cooperative. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, McDowell, Hagler, Olson. Nay: none. Abstain: DeLosh. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Cheryl Carson, Economic Development Director, presented AEDC's update:

Directors Update:

On February 4th the AEDC closed on the following property:

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4), Block Six (6), Original Town

(According to Arnold's Economic Development Plan the Village Board may grant the necessary funds for land purchases to the AEDC. Such land shall remain the property of the Corporation until such time it is sold or transferred to an eligible business. The AEDC's goal is to purchase and secure ownership of the lots, remove unsafe existing structures and plan for future development that will be beneficial to the community of Arnold. At the August 24, 2020 Special Board Meeting the Board had authorized AEDC to purchase said property and that the funds for said purchase will be expended from the Economic Development Fund.) A check for \$25,284.22 was issued from the Economic Development Fund on February 4th to AEDC to purchase said property.

Website / Facebook /Advertising:

*I am continually updating the Website and Facebook. I create advertising campaigns/videos on Facebook and Visit Nebraska for events and businesses. I am continually advertising events thru TV commercials, Newsmakers program, print ads, social media, and newspaper.

I am taking advantage of free webinars. I attend Arnold Chamber, Custer County Tourism Visitors (CCTV), Custer County Economic Development (CCED) and other meetings when needed.

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Hagler that the following claims be approved and paid as presented from the Economic Development Fund:

AEDC	\$1,973.82	Salary(C Carson-Reimbursement)
AEDC	151.00	Payroll Taxes - Reimbursement
Cheryl Carson	50.00	Cell Phone (Reimbursement)
Custer Economic Development Corporation	200.00	Membership Dues
Great Plains Communications	146.55	Telephone/Internet
MJK CPA PC	50.00	Bookkeeping Services
Mills Hardware	21.62	supplies
Village of Arnold	110.13	Utilities
Alexandra Weinman	40.00	Contract Labor - Janitorial
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$2,743.12	

Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none.

Motion carried.

Cary Ernst, Sales Representative with Iowa Pump Works, attended the meeting to present information on a Vogelsang XRipper Channel Grinder for the Wastewater Plant. It protects pumps and system components from clogging, blockages and damage. Clogging, blockages and damage occur when people flush items that should not be flushed. The XRipper will shred solid and disruptive matter such as wet wipes, diapers, shop rags, wood, fabric, trash and waste. After discussion, moved by McDowell and seconded by Olson to accept the quote from Iowa Pump Works for \$27,540.16 for the XRipper Channel Grinder. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

At 7:15 P.M., Chairman Glen Bowers announced that this was the time and place of the Public Hearing on the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plans. Notice of the Public Hearing on the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plans was published in the Arnold Sentinel, the official newspaper for the Village and by posting notices in prominent places within the Village, namely, at the Village Office, Reed's Food Center, Pinnacle Bank and Post Office. Notice of the Public Hearing was given in advance to the Chairman and the Board of Trustees. All members present acknowledged receipt of said notice. Tom Werblow, Village Engineer, presented the plans. The plans are to annually armor coat various streets. No person or persons commented on the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plans either pro or con. Moved by Olson and seconded by Hagler to close the Public Hearing. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 7:25 P.M.

After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by McDowell that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION 2021-1

WHEREAS, according to the statutes of the State of Nebraska and as prescribed by the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, Notice of Hearing has been given in the legal newspaper of Arnold Nebraska, and by posting in four public places with the Village of Arnold. Said Hearing on the One & Six Year Plans of Street Improvements to be held at the Meeting Room in the Arnold Community Center on the 8th day of February 2021 at 7:15 P.M. for the purpose of hearing comments and objections to said plans.

WHEREAS, upon said Hearing, the Board of Trustees, find the Plans submitted are adequate for the purpose prescribed by law and that the same should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Arnold, Nebraska that the Six Year and One Year Plan for specific improvements during the current year are hereby approved and adopted.

The Chairman put the Resolution to a vote. Those voting FOR PASSAGE: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, McDowell, Olson. Those voting AGAINST PASSAGE: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of the sealed bids for Lawn Spraying was the next item on the agenda. Terry Mills attended the meeting regarding the matter. The following bids were submitted for Lawn Spraying:

Mills Lawn			
\$9.00 per thousand square feet	Total Bid		\$6,202.80
\$8.10 per thousand square feet (Prepayment)	Total Prepayment Bid		\$5,582.52
South Loup Lawn Care			
\$8.95 per thousand square feet	Total Bid		\$6,168.34
\$8.55 per thousand square feet (Prepayment)	Total Prepayment Bid		\$5,892.66

The Board discussed the bids. After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by Hagler to accept Mills Lawn's prepayment bid of \$5,582.52 (\$8.10 per thousand square feet) and to issue a check for the prepayment bid at the March Board Meeting. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Resolution 2021-2: Resolution setting the rates for camping was the next item on the agenda. At the January 11th meeting the Board had voted to revise the camping fees to:

\$25.00 for Campers/RV/Trailer per night (Includes one tent)

\$10.00 for Primitive per night.

Cheryl Carson, Economic Development Director, presented a camping fee comparison to the Board (State vs Arnold). Arnold has had an increase of camper stay nights, which has been the goal with all the improvements. Cheryl Carson is concerned that the \$10.00 per night increase might potentially scare off the new clientele Arnold has attracted. This could adversely affect the businesses in our community, as well as park revenue. Cheryl Carson asked if the Board would reconsider raising the rate to \$20.00 per night instead of \$25.00. The matter was discussed. The Board decided to keep the rates as discussed at the January meeting. After discussion, moved by Hagler and seconded by DeLosh that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION 2021-2

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES that the following campsites fees be established for the Arnold Recreation Area:

Sites with either a 20/30/50 Amp Connection (Includes One Tent)
\$25.00 per night
Primitive (No Electrical Service) 10.00 per night

14 Consecutive Days: \$225.00 (Electric Sites). Camping for more than 14 consecutive days in one spot is prohibited. Campers MUST register at the Check In Station within one hour of setting up camp. Camp sites must be vacated by 4:00 P.M. unless you reregister.

The Chairman put the Resolution to a vote. Those voting FOR PASSAGE: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, McDowell, Olson. Those voting AGAINST PASSAGE: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of the Commercial Services Agreement with Orkin Pest Control was the next item on the agenda. The matter was tabled for further clarification of the terms.

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Olson to issue a check to IES Commercial, Inc. for \$67,653.71 for Payment Request #1 for Project entitled Voltage Conversion and Line Rebuild – Phase V as recommended by Austin Jueneman, Engineer. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by McDowell and seconded by Hagler to sell the following items on Big Iron: (3) Snow Blades, Loader Bucket, Saltdogg Tailgate Spreader, Bobcat Attachment: Sweeper Broom and the 1958 Super 88 Oliver Tractor. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. A Resolution directing the sale will be on the March 8th agenda.

Consideration of the Arnold Golf Association's Application for a Special Designated License for Saturday, February 27, 2021 for the Annual Chili Cook Off was the next item on the agenda. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that this is to allow for the consumption of alcohol at the Chili Cook Off. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by McDowell to approve Arnold Golf Association's Application for a Special Designated License for Saturday, February 27, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the Annual Chili Cook Off at the Arnold Community Center. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, McDowell, Olson. Nay:

none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The Board discussed “Community Clean Up”. The month of April has been designated as COMMUNITY CLEAN UP MONTH. The Community Clean Up Day is April 19th (Storm Date April 26th). Volunteers will provide help to those that need assistance that day. After discussion, moved by McDowell and seconded by Olson to provide a Roll Out Container at no charge for the month of April and to provide refreshments for the volunteers for the Community Clean Up Day. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that Arnold Chamber will provide a meal for the volunteers.

The Board discussed correspondence from Jason Blake, Director of Synthetics at Robbins Sport Surfaces, regarding the pulastic sports floor in the Community Center. The bubbles in a synthetic floor, specifically glued down applications, most likely are the result of moisture intrusion. This is normally the result of water breaking down the adhesive and the water filling the pores of the pad enough to force the urethane to rise. Also, the small (1” to 2”) cracks are normally the result of the floor being subject to a force greater than the strength of the urethane. The most likely causes tend to be heavy rolling loads, impact from objects and improper footwear being used on the floor. Discussion was held on the chair carts and that the heavy load might have contributed to problems with the floor. Doug De Laune, Village Superintendent, informed the Board that H2I Group submitted a proposal to furnish and install a pulastic floor that is manufactured by Robbins Sports Surfaces. The cost is \$85,525.00. This cost does not include removing the existing floor. Scott McDowell stated that according to the proposal the concrete flatness is to be 1/8” variance in 10 foot diameter circle. Scott McDowell said that this could be a problem. Discussion was held on other possible options for the floor. Cheryl Carson, Economic Development Director, volunteered to check to see if there are grants available. It was suggested about putting this project out for fundraisers. Discussion was held on contacting the Arnold Community Foundation, SORC, and Custer County Foundation to see if there was funding available to help with this project.

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) Board of Directors at its quarterly board meeting in January approved no increase to MEAN’s energy rates or fixed cost recovery charge for fiscal year 2021-22. There will be an increase of 9.00% to 10.00% on Southwest Power Pool (SPP) transmission charges.

These are third-party pass-through costs. Patricia Lamberty stated Arnold's overall cost will increase by approximately \$600.00 per month.

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Chairman Glen Bowers declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

M Glen Bowers
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Patricia Lamberty
Village Clerk

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