

ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER
March 11, 2024

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, March 11, 2024, 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, Reed's 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.

Due to the absence of Chairman Glen Bowers, Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, called the meeting to order. On roll call the following were present: Donnell DeLosh, Zach Hagler, Jason Jenkins and Aaron Olson. Absent: Glen Bowers. A quorum being present the following proceedings were had and done. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, recorded the proceedings.

Patricia Lamberty informed the Board that due to the absence of Chairman Glen Bowers a Chairperson Pro Tem needed to be appointed. Moved by Olson and seconded by Hagler that Donnell DeLosh be appointed Chairperson Pro Tem. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

Chairman Pro Tem Donnell DeLosh 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 February 12, 2024, were not read as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Moved by Hagler and seconded by Jenkins that the minutes of the previous regular meeting on February 12, 2024, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the claims paid in February:

02/12 TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS APPROVED & PAID

\$ 47,572.63

02/13 US Department of Energy 15,552.60 Electricity

02/15 Medica Insurance 11,208.18 Health Insurance

Nebraska Department of Revenue		
	5,062.95	Sales Tax
02/29	Payroll	11,578.57
	Aflac	591.36 Payroll Deductions
	IRS	3,642.30 Fed WH/Payroll Taxes
Nebraska Department of Revenue		
	526.25	State Withholding
	BARCO	
		Check to Replace Voided
		Check #20071 \$498.55
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS		\$ 95,734.84

The Treasurer's Report shows there is

\$189,696.44 in the General Fund
 \$ 38,004.49 in the Edna B. Peterson Estate
 \$224,579.89 in the Street Fund
 \$ 31,712.51 in the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Fund
 \$815,758.22 in the Electric Fund
 \$(113,386.18) in the Water Fund
 \$ 82,107.06 in the Sewer Fund
 \$ (21,500.00) in the Solid Waste Fund
 \$ 18,339.17 in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account
 \$343,851.09 in the Economic Development Fund
 \$ 1,860.29 in the Community Development Agency Fund
 \$ 11,961.10 in the Trust & Agency Funds

as of February 29, 2024. After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by Jenkins that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the following claims on file:

American Agricultural Lab	\$	100.05	Testing (WW)
Aristotle Funds		747.74	Pension
Arnold Public School		200.00	Liquor License (The Exchange)
Mary Becker		842.96	Salary
City of North Platte		595.58	Tipping Fees
Country Partners Cooperative		1,904.92	Diesel/Propane/Scale Fees
Croell, Inc.		1,699.36	3/8" Chips
Custer Public Power District		67.20	Electricity
Ralph DeLaune		50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Eakes Office Solutions		180.63	Office Supplies
Eakes Office Solutions		242.59	Copier: Service Agreement

Tory Edwards	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Harvey Foran	764.81	Salary
Marshia Grant	300.00	CC: Contract Labor
Great Plains Communications		
	611.71	Telephone/Internet
Green Acres LLC	6,960.92	Lawn Service (Prepayment)
Lakeside Equipment Corporation		
	5,075.00	WW Plant Expense: Shaft
Patricia Lamberty	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency		
	881.71	Tipping Fees
Loup Valley Construction	825.00	Excavator with Operator (ARA: Tree Removal)
Maricela Melendez	100.00	Contract Labor (Janitorial)
Midwest Turf & Irrigation	456.10	ARA: Fountain Expense
Mills Hardware	277.17	Electric Expense
Mills Hardware	45.78	Water Expense
Mills Hardware	460.16	Street Expense
Mills Hardware	61.07	Supplies
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska		
	25,632.02	Electricity
Municipal Supply, Inc.	908.08	Water Supplies
NE Public Health Environmental Lab		
	15.00	Testing (Water)
Nansel's Best Service	1,259.38	Diesel/Gas/Equipment Maint
One Call Concepts, Inc.	8.76	One Call Fees
Pinnacle Bank	263.30	CDL/Postage (Water Samples)
Pinnacle Bank	206.77	Microsoft 365 Subscription EDDM - Community Newsletter
Red Arrow Truck Wash LLC	84.00	Truck Wash
Reeds Food Center	126.14	CC Expense Ice (Water Samples)
The Arnold Sentinel	595.37	Printing & Publishing Fees
Uline	348.31	CC: Trash Liners
US Department of Energy	14,269.92	Electricity
Village of Arnold	6,253.14	Utilities
WESCO Receivables Corp	5,964.00	Pad Mount Transformer
Norma Walker	300.00	CC: Contract Labor
Rusty Wyckoff	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
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Total Amount of Claims	\$79,834.65	

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

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

Tanya Storer attended the meeting to introduce herself and to meet the members of the Village Board. Tanya Storer is running in the primary for Nebraska State Senate-District 43.

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

The AEDC will be attending the March 18th Special Meeting to make a presentation to the Village of Arnold to ask the Board to consider utilizing LB840 funding (\$50,000) which would make it possible for the AEDC to purchase the following parcels:

Parcel 000715700 Legal Description 0 17 25 PARCEL: SEC 21-17-25 S1/2SE .34 ACRE ARNOLD VILLAGE

Parcel 000715200 Legal Description: 0 17 25 PARCEL: SEC 21-17-25 SE1/4 181.5'X96' .40 ACRE ARNOLD VILLAGE

The funds would be used to purchase the property and other costs to prepare the lots for future housing in Arnold. (Costs to secure legal title, inspection fees, demolition of nuisance/dilapidated structures, disposal fees, surveys, and site preparation). According to the Economic Development Plan the Village Board may grant the necessary funds for land purchases from the Economic Development Fund. \$50,000 was budgeted for Land Development in the 2023-2024 budget.

Website / Facebook /Advertising:

I continually update the Website and Facebook. I create advertising campaigns, videos on Facebook and Visit Nebraska for events and businesses. I advertise events thru TV commercials, Newsmakers program, print ads, social media, and the newspaper. I take 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 Olson and seconded by Hagler that the following claims be approved and paid as presented from the Economic Development Fund:

AEDC	\$2,326.75	Salary(C Carson-Reimbursement)
AEDC	177.99	Payroll Taxes - Reimbursement
AEDC	30.00	Chamber Dues (Reimbursement)
AEDC	67.72	CCED Meeting & Tour Expense
(Reimbursement)		
AEDC	165.80	Domain Name Renewal & Protection (Reimbursement)
Cheryl Carson	50.00	Cell Phone (Reimbursement)
Marshia Grant	45.00	Contract Labor (Janitorial)
Great Plains Communications	127.52	Telephone/Internet
KIIT	144.00	TV Commercial Advertising
KNPL	144.00	TV Commercial Advertising
MJK CPA PC	217.25	Bookkeeping Services
The Arnold Sentinel	47.93	Color Copies (Business Needs)

Village of Arnold	Surveys) 125.37 Utilities
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$3,669.33

Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

Consideration of the sealed bids for the Campbell Hausfeld Air Compressor was the next item on the agenda. The following bid was submitted:

Zach Hagler \$50.00

After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Olson to accept Zach Hagler's bid of \$50.00 for the Campbell Hausfeld Air Compressor. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Abstain: Hagler. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was discussion on the CDBG Planning Grant. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that on February 23, 2024, Tim Keelan sent an email stating that the email serves as official notice to the Village of Arnold that Hanna:Keelan Associates is no longer a consultant, doing work on the Arnold Planning Program. This includes, no longer working on the Stahr Zoning Regulations. Tim Keelan submitted a final statement for which the firm was contracted to complete. Tim Keelan stated that the Village owes Hanna:Keelan \$8,000 for work completed, to date and that payment is expected within 30 days. \$2,000 remains in the Planning Program budget. These dollars can be used by the Village to hire a third party to complete all changes to the Stahr Zoning Regulations. Judy Petersen, General Administrator for the Village's CDBG Planning Grant, emailed Tim Keelan stating that the following activities are required:

- Hanna:Keelan must provide PDF copies by Wednesday, March 13, 2024, of the following documents: Comprehensive Plan, Housing Study, Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinance documents to date
- The termination date of the contract between the Village of Arnold and Hanna:Keelan is currently October 31, 2023. The State of Nebraska will not allow the Village of Arnold to pay for services beyond that date, unless both parties have approved a contract amendment. Hanna:Keelan must submit a signed contract amendment to the Professional Service/Consultant Agreement.

Judy Petersen stated in the email that the Village is requesting that Keith Carl attend the Public Hearing on March 25, 2024, to answer any questions the public may have about the information. Nicole Bartels, Economic Development Manager with Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED), sent an email stating that NDED will support Arnold on their decisions with Hanna: Keelan. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that as of Monday, March 11, 2024, all the documents including the signed contract amendment have been received from Hanna:Keelan. Consideration of the Contract Amendment to extend the termination date on the Professional Service/Consultant Agreement with Hanna:Keelan and consideration of the final statement from Hanna:Keelan will be on the special meeting agenda.

Consideration of the invoice from Midwest Floor Covering, Inc. for \$66,235.00 was the next item on the agenda. The \$66,235.00 is the deposit for materials for the demo and installation of the floor at the Community Center. After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Hagler to issue a check to Midwest Floor Covering, Inc. for \$66,235.00 - Deposit for Material for the Demo and Installation of the Community Center's Gym Floor. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor:

Andrew Tickle, Fire Chief, stated that State Statutes allow burn barrels as long as it is within a certain diameter and has a mesh top on it unless prohibited by local ordinances. Andrew Tickle stated that he has had complaints on burn barrels. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that Amanda Wehnes is going to attend the meeting in April regarding burn barrels. The Village does not have any ordinances banning burn barrels.

Comments from the Village Superintendent:

There is still an issue with one of the Otterbine fountains. I sent the fountain back to Midwest Turf & Irrigation.

The power line on the north side of East 2nd Avenue beginning at 410 E 2nd Avenue and continuing to the East to Country Partners Cooperative is too close and too low for auger clearance with the grain bins on the Ferguson property. Rich Eyman, Electric Distribution Operations & Maintenance Specialist with Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska, pointed this out while surveying a potential project in that area. Moving four poles in that line to the south side of the street would correct the issue as well as taking strain off the line by lessening the angle in which the pole line would run.

Comments from the Village Clerk:

Special Meeting on Monday, March 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on March 25th @ 6:00 p.m. on the proposed Comprehensive Plan and the Housing Study

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Chairman Pro Tem Donnell DeLosh declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.