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## Board Votes to Demote Village Superintendent to Utility Employee

**Begins advertising to fill position**

Personnel issues regarding village superintendent Doug DeLaune drew nearly 30 residents to a special village board meeting held on August 26. At the advisement of Village Attorney Mike Borders, the Board went into closed session at the start of the meeting due to potential legal issues. After five minutes, the Board came out of closed session and asked for public input. For the next 25 minutes, Board members heard comments from several people on the superintendent's leadership abilities. The majority of those speaking felt he lacked those abilities. The Board went back

into closed session at 7:30 p.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation and character of the superintendent. This closed session lasted until 9:05 p.m., when residents were invited back into the meeting. At that time, the Board voted 4-1 that DeLaune be demoted from superintendent to utility employee. Advertising to fill the position of superintendent will begin immediately. The Board also voted to issue a final payroll check to utility employee Rusty Wyckoff, who resigned. A scheduled budget workshop was rescheduled due to the length of discussion.



(From left) Superintendent Doug DeLaune, Village Attorney Mike Borders, Clerk Patricia Lamberty, and board members Glen Bowers, Zach Hagler, Donnell DeLosh, Jason Jenkins, and Aaron Olson were present at a special meeting held on August 26 to discuss personnel issues regarding the superintendent. Nearly 30 residents turned out for the meeting.- Debbie Connelly photo



## Antique Picture Postcard Gifted to Historical Society

The Arnold Area Historical Museum was recently gifted an antique postcard (pictured, left) featuring a depiction of when the railroad came to town on June 14, 1912. The postcard, which is in very good condition, was in the possession of the late Patricia Boucher - a 1950 graduate of A.H.S. After her passing, her son, Daniel Boucher, gifted it to David Leach, a member of the historical museum committee. An interesting note is that the postcard was mailed from Arnold to Callaway by Patricia's Aunt Frieda to her mom, Mrs. Addie Schreyer. The green, 1 cent postage stamp and the cursive handwritten note on the back are both clear. According to the Smithsonian Institution Archives website, the time period between 1907 and 1915 is considered the “Golden Age” of postcards, when the divided back was introduced.

# VACATION

Estes Park, Colorado, is the base camp to one of the most visited National Parks in the U.S. (#4 in 2020 with 3.3 million visitors).

The Stanley Hotel, built in 1909, was the first hotel in Estes Park and would later go on to be featured in the hit box office film, The Shining.

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