

**ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**November 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, November 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by publication and by posting a notice on Facebook and at the following places: 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.

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, Jason Jenkins, Aaron Olson. Absent: Zach Hagler. A quorum being present the following proceedings were had and done.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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 October 14, 2024, were 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 October 14, 2024, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler. Motion carried. The Clerk presented the claims paid in October:

**10/14 TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS APPROVED & PAID**

**\$127,264.89**

**10/15** Nebraska Department of Labor

60.85 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Unemployment

Nebraska Department of Revenue

4,543.00 Sales Tax

Village of Arnold 30,000.00 Transfer to General from  
the Electric

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Village of Arnold	70,000.00	Transfer to Water from the Electric
Village of Arnold	20,000.00	Transfer to Solid Waste from the Electric
<b>10/17</b> Medica Insurance	10,044.42	Health Insurance
<b>10/31</b> Payroll	8,834.14	
Aflac	274.62	Payroll Deductions
IRS	3,884.19	Fed WH/Payroll Taxes
Nebraska Department of Revenue	577.12	State Withholding
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<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$305,483.23</b>	

The Treasurer's Report shows there is

\$162,301.42	in the General Fund
\$ 39,254.14	in the Edna B. Peterson Estate
\$147,646.22	in the Street Fund
\$ 35,051.57	in the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Fund
\$780,177.22	in the Electric Fund
\$ 7,918.68	in the Water Fund
\$ 96,047.23	in the Sewer Fund
\$ 8,186.67	in the Solid Waste Fund
\$ 23,340.56	in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account
\$318,261.10	in the Economic Development Fund
\$ 1,013.12	in the Community Development Agency Fund
\$ 12,850.00	in the Trust & Agency Funds

as of October 31, 2024. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Jenkins that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the following claims on file:

American Agricultural Laboratory	\$ 163.48	Testing (WW)
American Legion #130	7,694.00	Concrete (Veteran's Memorial) - Reimbursement
Andersen & Sons	148.50	Parts (Demo Saw)
Aristotle Funds	387.66	Pension
Atlas Automation LLC	8,532.00	Controls for Emergency Sirens
Mary Becker	249.82	Lodging (Tree Conference) (Reimbursement)
Mary Becker	555.22	Salary

Borders Law Office	56.25	Attorney Fee
Callaway District Hospital	80.00	Pre-employment Drug Testing
Capital One Trade Credit	538.95	Heavy Duty Shelving
Capital One Trade Credit	94.96	LED Shop Lights
Capital One Trade Credit	39.99	Advantage Membership
Central Nebraska Bobcat	4,682.07	Bobcat Expense (Parts/Tracks)
City of North Platte	350.22	Tipping Fees
Country Partners Coop	542.23	Diesel/Gas/Scale Fees
Custer Public Power District		
	54.73	Electricity
Dutton-Lainson Company	1,105.47	Electric Supplies
Eakes Office Solutions	207.09	Office Supplies
Tory Edwards	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Harvey Foran	181.84	Mileage (WW Training)
Harvey Foran	805.42	Salary
Kenneth Goodenow Jr.	142.30	Salary
Marshia Grant	300.00	CC: Contract Labor
Great Plains Communications		
	612.22	Telephone/Internet
HireRight, LLC	43.80	Background Screening
Eric Holmberg	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Johnson Service Company	39,350.00	CIPP Liner
Kennedy Landscape Services LLC		
	3,090.00	Nebraska Forest Service Grant Expense
Lakeside Equipment Corp	7,505.00	WW Plant Expense
Patricia Lamberty	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Larry's Glass	154.10	Labor/Door Seal (CC)
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency		
	1,478.15	Tipping Fees
Maricela Melendez	75.00	Contract Labor - Janitorial
Menards	146.52	Office Expense/Light Bulbs
Midwest Floor Covering	50,529.00	CC: Gym Floor (Moisture Control System)
Midwest Floor Covering	2,631.00	CC: Gym Floor (Pickleball Lines)
Mills Hardware	27.95	CC Expense
Mills Hardware	74.89	Park Expense
Mills Hardware	344.40	Street Expense
Mills Hardware	7.49	Sewer Expense
Mills Hardware	35.94	Pool Expense
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska		
	26,746.65	Electricity
Municipal Light & Water	125.00	Testing WW
NDEE	80.00	Water Operator Training/Exam
Nansel's Best Service	734.21	Diesel/Gas/Equip Maintenance

One Call Concepts, Inc.	38.74	One Call Fees
Pinnacle Bank (VISA)	461.27	Steel Toe Work Boots
Pinnacle Bank (VISA)	47.74	Office Supplies
PowerManager	5,391.93	Software/Support Services
The Arnold Sentinel	1,063.96	Printing & Publishing Fees
US Department of Energy	13,248.08	Electricity
USA Blue Book	643.18	WW Plant (Lab/Chemicals)
Village of Arnold	5,052.00	Utilities
Village of Stapleton	270.00	Trucking Fees
Norma Walker	300.00	CC: Contract Labor
<b>Total Amount of Claims \$187,370.42</b>		

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

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

## AEDC

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

Sent out an EDDM (Every Door Direct Mailer) flyer for Arnold Legion Veterans Memorial Project. If you have a vehicle on your property which is no longer useful, this is your opportunity to have it removed for FREE and help raise funds to complete this fantastic project. If you would like to have your loved one's name added to the pillars you can contact Mike Harvey for more information. This is for service members past and present, and not exclusive to just our community. This will be a wonderful addition to Arnold. The location will make it easily visible and accessible, and ultimately will be added to the Arnold website as well as a National Locator website for those who specifically wish to visit memorials.

Arnold Area Historical Museum – AEDC was asked to provide a support letter for the Arnold Area Historical Museum on a grant application. This is another wonderful project happening in Arnold which is not only preserving one of Arnold's older historical buildings but will be a fantastic asset to the community in presenting our community and area history, as well as bringing people into Arnold. Arnold Area Historical Museum is still accepting donations to apply to their ongoing project! Contact a board member if you wish to donate.

AEDC completed the final follow up report required for the Mid Nebraska Community Foundation grant that was awarded to the Finch Memorial Library. The new storm replacement windows are currently being installed. For more information, pick up a copy of the November 7<sup>th</sup> issue of the Arnold Sentinel.

Another phase of the Arnold Community Gun Range was completed. Thank you to the Village Board and Eric Holmberg. The east entry pad and footings were replaced, as well as the ADA approach for the north doorway. Next step will be completing the metal wrap on the east side and installation of east door.

Nebraska Consolidated Plan – Nebraska DED is conducting a survey through December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The survey focuses on housing and community development, takes about 15 minutes to complete, and is

completely anonymous. This survey is for any individual, household or organization in Nebraska. Questions may involve programs, services, or funding not currently available. The purpose of this survey is to assess affordable housing and community development needs, and market conditions. You can skip any questions you are not comfortable answering. AEDC will have a Facebook post which will provide a link for those interested in participating in the survey. If you need a printed copy, contact the AEDC office. You are welcome to share this survey with your friends, family, and colleagues. To take the survey, follow this link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FW2SRHD>

*The results of this survey will inform decision-making for funding priorities in the next five-year planning cycle (2025-2029). DHHS will use the results of this survey to inform funding priorities including, but not limited to, funding made available to the state via annual grants through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD makes available federal funds, which are described in the State of Nebraska's Consolidated Plan, to support housing and community development initiatives and the availability of public services. Nebraska DED and DHHS implement programs to support local initiatives. The data collected through this survey will be used to inform program design.*

Arnold Walking Trail Grant – AEDC/ Village of Arnold was notified on October 31<sup>st</sup> that our grant was not selected for award in the Rural Community Recovery Program. (RCRP) There were nearly 50 applications submitted requesting more than \$43 million dollars. The Village of Arnold's application was not among those selected for funding, due in part to the significant response to this opportunity. Thank you to Robbi and Shelley Smith, and community members who submitted letters of support.

### **Upcoming Events in Arnold**

Shop Arnold for The Holiday's Promotion – AEDC is hoping to have enough interested business participate to do a Shop Arnold for the Holidays. This is similar to the Nebraska Passport program. Individuals would obtain a card, shop at the participating business, spending a minimum of \$10.00 to earn one stamp at that business. If a business is not retail, they can indicate what the customer could do to earn a stamp, such as leave a donation to the food pantry or an organization that has an ongoing project. Cards turned in by the deadline will be entered into drawings for chamber bucks. There will be multiple levels of drawings and a grand prize drawing level.

Arnold Community Foundations Annual Fundraiser Event is on Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Arnold Community Center.

Arnold's Christmas Town Dec 4<sup>th</sup> (AEDC - KNOP TV commercials and promotions advertising the event)

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

AEDC	\$3,377.70	Salary (C Carson-Reimbursement)
AEDC	258.39	Payroll Taxes – Reimbursement
AEDC	110.83	EDDM (Veterans Memorial)
(Reimbursement)		
AEDC	38.66	Poster Frames
		(Reimbursement)
Cheryl Carson	113.32	Mileage
Cheryl Carson	50.00	Cell Phone (Reimbursement)
Central NE Economic Development District	25.00	Registration Fee (Annual Conf – Cheryl)
Great Plains Communications	127.67	Telephone/Internet

KNOP	470.00	TV Commercial Advertising (Fall Festival)
Mills Hardware	64.27	Supplies
Village of Arnold	138.82	Utilities
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS</b>		<b>\$4,774.66</b>

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

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Olson to issue a check for \$1,385.00 to Central Nebraska Economic Development District for CDBG Grant Administration. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Olson to issue a check for \$2,000.00 to Central Nebraska Economic Development District for CDBG Community Planning Services (Zoning Ordinances Updates). Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler. Motion carried.

Consideration of Arnold Chamber's request to close Main Street (100 Block of South Walnut) on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Christmas Around Town was the next item on the agenda. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Olson that permission be granted to Arnold Chamber to close the 100 Block of South Walnut from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler. Motion carried.

Consideration of the proposed Agreement with Sal Hilderbrant, DBA Sal's Dog Grooming/Pawsome Hotel, to utilize Pawsome Hotel to impound dogs running at large, abandoned and stray dogs was the next item on the agenda. Sal Hilderbrant attended the meeting regarding the matter. Discussion was held on the proposed agreement. According to Section (3) of the agreement, Sal will lodge the dog at Pawsome Hotel for a maximum of five (5) consecutive days, after which time the dog becomes the property of the Village. The Village will try to rehome the dog. If the dog cannot be rehomed, then the dog will be euthanized at Bierman's Vet Clinic. Eric Holmberg suggested allowing two extra days to rehome the dog once it becomes the property of the Village. After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by DeLosh to amend the proposed agreement to allow two extra days to rehome the dog and to authorize Chairman Glen Bowers to sign the Agreement. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the vacancy job position at the Village. The Board decided to wait until January to advertise for the job opening. Code Enforcement will be included in the job description.

### **TREE BOARD**

Mary Becker, Chair of the Tree Board, asked if the Board would consider changing §2-208 (Tree Board) of the Arnold Municipal Code from members must be citizens and residents of the Municipality to members living in the 69120 zip code area. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Olson to allow Tree Board members to live within the 69120 zip code area. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler. Motion carried. An Ordinance to amend §2-208 (Tree Board) of the Arnold Municipal Code will be on the agenda at an upcoming meeting.

Mary Becker asked about removing dead trees from the Arnold Recreation Area (ARA). Eric Holmberg informed the Board that Scott McDowell estimated \$2,500.00 for tree removal. Village Employees will haul the trees away. Mary Becker stated that there is \$880.00 left in the Tree Budget that could go towards the project. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Olson to contract with Scott McDowell for tree removal up to \$3,000.00 (\$880.00 from the Tree Board account and the balance from the Park account). Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by Jenkins to authorize the Tree Board to apply for Tree City USA certification. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by DeLosh to authorize the Tree Board to apply for a Nebraska Forest Service IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) Grant to cut down dead and diseased trees in town and plant new trees both in town and at the ARA. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler. Motion carried.

Mary Becker asked if there were two board members that would want to help the Tree Board with a long range plan for the ARA. Glen Bowers and Donnell DeLosh volunteered to help.

### **Arnold Rotary**

Mary Becker, representing Arnold Rotary, requested permission to apply for a grant for a Five Hole Frisbee Golf Kit. The Frisbee Golf would be installed at the Arnold Recreation Area. After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by DeLosh to grant permission to Arnold

Rotary to apply for a grant for Frisbee Golf. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNITY CENTER FLOOR**

Consideration of issuing a check (\$18,297.00) to Midwest Floor Covering for the balance due on the demo and installation of the floor was the next item on the agenda. Chairman Glen Bowers stated that there are some repairs that need to be done. Midwest Floor Covering will be back on December 16<sup>th</sup> to do the repairs. After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by DeLosh to issue a check for 50% (\$9,148.50) to Midwest Floor Covering and to pay the balance (\$9,148.50) upon completion of the repairs. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler. Motion carried.

### **PICKLEBALL/BASKETBALL COURT**

The Board discussed the suggestions of names submitted on Facebook for the court located on Carroll Street. The Board decided to extend the contest of “Name the Pickleball/Basketball Court” until January.

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Jenkins to purchase a Milwaukee Tool 61-

Inch High Capacity 11-Drawer Mobile Workbench from Mills Hardware for \$1,499.00. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on contracting for help with snow removal since the Village is short one full time employee. The Board discussed that usually people will bring tractors and loaders into help so this should not be an issue.

After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by DeLosh to purchase the following CDARS and designate it to the following funds:

(1) \$35,000 – Electric Fund

(2) \$25,000 – Economic Development Fund

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

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD MEMBERS OUTSIDE OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:** No concerns

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**



What is the status of the equipment logos? Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, stated that Tory Edwards has talked with the School House Graphics about submitting options for the Board's consideration.

Shavonne Weinman asked about the status of new pool steps? It is included in the budget. Shavonne volunteered to look into options for new pool steps.

## **MONTHLY UPDATE**

Johnson Services installed 8" Cured-in-place Pipe (CIPP) Lining

(North Carroll from South of Tyler to East Jackson)

(North Carroll from East Jackson to East Adams)

Atlas Automation installed controls for the Emergency Sirens

Randy Pease will do beaver trapping at the Arnold Recreation Area. The season to trap beavers is from November to March.

### **Village Employees:**

Installed Solar Light @ 800 Block of Cedar Street

Trimmed Trees in Power Lines and Overhanging Branches in the Street on South Haskell

Completed the Winter Check Off List for the Equipment/Buildings

Did a fall cleanup at Koubek Gardens

## **TROUBLE CALLS**

Power Outage on October 31<sup>st</sup>. A bad insulator caused a pole to catch fire. Custer Public Power District replaced the pole and crossarm.

Sewer Jetted a section of North Broadway Street on November 5 due to sewer issues

A stray/abandoned dog was taken to Pawsome Hotel on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

## **COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK**

Western Area Power Administration is increasing the electric rates as of January 2025.

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Chairman Glen Bowers declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.