

**ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER  
DECEMBER 9, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Chairman and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arnold, Nebraska, was held in the Arnold Community Center on Monday, December 9, 2024, at the hour of 7:00 P.M. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by publication and by posting notices at 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.

In compliance with State Statute Section 17-204, the trustees at the first regular meeting of the Board in December shall reorganize, elect a Chairman of the Board and appoint the officers required. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson, Patricia Lamberty (Village Clerk). On roll call the following were present: Glen Bowers, Donnell DeLosh, Zach Hagler, Jason Jenkins, Austin Snyder. Absent: none. A full council being present the following proceedings were had and done. Village Clerk, Patricia Lamberty, recorded the proceedings.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Village Clerk, Patricia Lamberty, 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.

Village Clerk, Patricia Lamberty, administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed member, Austin Snyder and to the newly reelected member, Glen Bowers.

The Acting Chairperson announced that nominations were in order for the election of a Chairman. Moved by DeLosh and seconded by Jenkins that Zach Hagler be elected Chairman. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. The Acting Chairperson surrendered the chair to Chairman Zach Hagler.

The Chairman appointed the Trustees to the following committees:

**GENERAL** (Community Center, Parks & Swimming Pool)

Donnell DeLosh & Jason Jenkins

**STREETS**

Glen Bowers & Donnell DeLosh

**WATER & SEWER**

Glen Bowers & Zach Hagler

**ELECTRIC**

Jason Jenkins & Austin Snyder

**SOLID WASTE**

Zach Hagler & Austin Snyder

Moved by Jenkins and seconded by DeLosh that the following officials be appointed and said appointments are from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025:

**Village Attorney:** Mike Borders (DBA Borders Law Office)

**Village Clerk/Treasurer/Interim Project Coordinator:** Patricia Lamberty

**Village Engineer/Street Superintendent:**

Consultant Thomas C. Werblow

(Street Superintendent License Number S-402 Class A

Engineer License Number E-4161)

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

Moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder that the **ARNOLD SENTINEL** be designated as the official newspaper for publication of all the Village business. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Moved by Jenkins and seconded by Bowers that the **PINNACLE BANK** be designated as the depository for all of the Village business. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of the Entity Authorization Form for the Pinnacle Bank was the next item on the agenda. After discussion, moved by Snyder and seconded by DeLosh that the Village Clerk/Treasurer and the following Trustees: Glen Bowers, Donnell DeLosh and Zach Hagler be authorized to:

- (1) Open or close any deposit, checking account, certificates of deposit in the name of the Village
- (2) Endorse checks or orders for the payment of money, withdraw or transfer funds on deposit with Pinnacle Bank
- (3) Enter into written lease for the purpose of renting and maintaining a Safe Deposit Box

and all other arrangements with Pinnacle Bank which are necessary for the effective exercise of the powers indicated within the Entity Authorization Form and that Zach Hagler, Chairman, and Patricia

Lamberty, Village Clerk/Treasurer be authorized to sign the Entity Authorization Form. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting on November 11, 2024, were not read as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Moved by Bowers and seconded by Jenkins that the minutes of the previous regular meeting on November 11, 2024, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the claims paid in November:

**11/11 TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS APPROVED & PAID**

**\$187,370.42**

11/12	Central NE Economic Development District		
		1,385.00	CDBG Grant Administration
	Central NE Economic Development District		
		2,000.00	CDBG: Zoning Ordinances Update
	Midwest Floor Covering, Inc.		
		9,148.50	CC Gym Floor (50% of Balance Due)
11/18	Medica Insurance	7,327.66	Health Insurance
	Nebraska Department of Revenue		
		3,206.99	Sales Tax
11/27	Payroll	8,834.14	
	Aflac	274.62	Payroll Deductions
	IRS	2,705.08	Fed WH/Payroll Taxes
	Nebraska Department of Revenue		
		372.62	State Withholding

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**TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS      \$222,625.03**

The Treasurer's Report shows there is

\$ 72,708.52 in the General Fund  
\$ 39,254.14 in the Edna B. Peterson Estate;  
\$153,869.90 in the Street Fund  
\$ 36,039.19 in the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Fund;  
\$769,604.06 in the Electric Fund;  
\$ 20,641.07 in the Water Fund;  
\$ 54,034.57 in the Sewer Fund;  
\$ 12,622.75 in the Solid Waste Fund;  
\$ 23,340.75 in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account;  
\$321,820.89 in the Economic Development Fund;  
\$ 1,013.13 in the Community Development Agency Fund;  
\$ 12,631.50 in the Trust & Agency Funds

as of November 30, 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, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the following claims on file:

American Agricultural Laboratory		
	\$ 163.48	Testing (WW)
Aristotle Funds	387.66	Pension
Mary Becker	590.45	Salary
Beveridge Inc.	769.50	Crushed Asphalt
Bierman Veterinary Services	92.94	Dog Expenses
Borders Law Office	28.13	Attorney Fees
Glen Bowers	507.92	Semi Annual Salary
Capital One Trade Credit	159.98	Handheld Radios
Central Nebraska Bobcat	348.54	Parts (Bobcat)
Country Partners Coop	1,690.54	Propane/Diesel/Scale Fees
Custer Public Power District		
	60.69	Electricity
Custer Public Power District		
	2,029.22	Contract Labor/Material
Donnell DeLosh	461.75	Semi Annual Salary
Dutton-Lainson Company	409.64	Electric Supplies
Eakes Office Solutions	318.27	Office Supplies
Tory Edwards	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Harvey Foran	819.36	Salary
Marshia Grant	880.00	CC: Contract Labor
Great Plains Communications		
	612.22	Telephone/Internet
Zach Hagler	461.75	Semi Annual Salary
Eric Holmberg	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Iowa Pump Works	7,253.33	WW Plant Expense (Grinder)
Jason Jenkins	461.75	Semi Annual Salary
Patricia Lamberty	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Patricia Lamberty	933.07	Overtime
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency		
	1,100.38	Tipping Fees
Loup Valley Construction	875.00	Crawler Dozer with Operator
MacQueen Equipment	7,029.87	Parts/Labor (Sewer Combo Truck)
Maricela Melendez	150.00	Contract Labor - Janitorial
Meyer Creative Print and Design		
	148.00	Zoning and Plat Maps
Mid-American Research	1,105.71	Chemical Supplies
Midwest Floor Covering, Inc		
	9,148.50	Gym Floor Balance Due

Mills Hardware	34.06	Water Expense (Tools)
Mills Hardware	182.45	CC Expense
Mills Hardware	1,760.86	Street Expense (Supplies/Tools/Workbench)
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska	18,102.91	Electricity
Municipal Supply, Inc.	252.07	Water Supplies
Navitor, Inc.	114.56	W2s/1099 NECs/Software
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	15.00	Testing (Water)
NE Safety & Fire Equipment Inc.	165.00	CC Fire Alarm Inspection
Nansel's Best Service	553.89	Diesel/Gas/Equipment Maint
Aaron Olson	461.75	Semi Annual Salary
One Call Concepts, Inc.	18.28	One Call Fees
Petty Cash Fund	100.35	Postage
PowerManager	374.48	Office Supplies
Sal's Dog Grooming	340.00	Boarding Fees
The Arnold Sentinel	700.57	Printing & Publishing Fees
US Department of Energy	14,204.81	Electricity
USA Blue Book	101.52	Sewer Supplies
Village of Arnold	4,668.80	Utilities
Norma Walker	905.00	CC: Contract Labor
<b>Total Amount of Claims\$ 82,204.01</b>		

After discussion, moved by Snyder and seconded by Bowers 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, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Zach Hagler announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant Project. Notice of the Public Hearing 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. Moved by Snyder and seconded by Jenkins to open the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing opened at 7:18 p.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. LaNae Maxson, Community Development Specialist with Central Nebraska Economic Development District (CNEDD), stated that the Village of Arnold

was awarded \$37,500.00 in 2021 for a planning grant to update its outdated 2007 comprehensive plan, conduct an in-depth housing study, and to update Arnold's zoning ordinances to include subdivision regulations. The comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances are over 10 years old, and needed to be updated to guide Arnold into the future. The total project costs were projected to be \$49,000.00, with \$46,000.00 for the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances and \$3,000.00 for general administration services. The remaining \$11,500.00 was to be paid by the Village of Arnold. The awarded amount of \$37,500.00 benefited low- and moderate-income people in the Village of Arnold. No displacement of people occurred as a result of this CDBG activity. LaNae Maxson stated that CNEDD's role was to administer the grant to ensure that the Village and the project adhered to the CDBG grant requirements and to assist with updating the Zoning Ordinances. The Comprehensive Plan, Housing Study and the zoning ordinances are completed. The subdivision regulations will be done at a later date. Chairman Zach Hagler asked for comments from the floor. There were no comments regarding the CDBG project. Moved by Jenkins and seconded by DeLosh to close the hearing. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

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

I attended CNEDD (Central Nebraska Economic Development District) Annual Conference and Board of Directors and Council of Officials meetings on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Topics covered were:  
Nebraska Consolidated Plan  
Recycling in Rural Nebraska Programs  
6 Regions, 1 Nebraska  
Preparedness beyond Natural Disaster

### **Arnold Passport – Holiday Edition Released December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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. This will run from December through January 3, 2025.

### **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 DeLosh and seconded by Bowers that the following claims be paid from the Economic Development Fund:

AEDC	5,298.48	Cheryl Carson's Salary (Reimbursement)
AEDC	405.33	Social Security/Medicare (Reimbursement)
AEDC	43.82	Arnold Passport Holiday Expenses (Reimbursement)
Cheryl Carson	225.90	Mileage
Cheryl Carson	50.00	Cell Phone reimbursement
Custer Economic Development Corporation		
	200.00	Membership Dues
Marshia Grant	90.00	Contract Labor (Janitorial)
Great Plains Communications	127.67	Telephone/Internet
MJK CPA PC	282.50	Bookkeeping Services
Mills Hardware	100.93	Christmas Lights (Koubek Gardens)
Reeds Food Center	35.21	Cleaning Supplies
The Arnold Sentinel	60.00	Display Ad (Arnold Passport)
United States Liability Insurance		
	1,108.00	Directors & Officers Policy
Village of Arnold	120.43	utilities
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS</b>		<b>\$ 8,148.27</b>

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

Glen Bowers volunteered to be one of the Village Representatives to the AEDC. Chairman Zach Hagler appointed Donnell DeLosh as the alternate Village Representative to the AEDC.

#### **CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Citizen Advisory Committee is a "watch dog" committee, and not a committee that plays a role in the decision-making process in regard to where the Economic Development Funds are spent. Patricia Lamberty informed the Board that the term of Tony Hall expires this month. Chairman Zach Hagler reappointed Tony Hall to the Citizen Advisory Committee for a term of four years. Moved by Jenkins and seconded by Snyder that the appointment of Tony Hall to the Citizen Advisory Committee be approved. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. Glen Bowers volunteered to be the ex-officio member of the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Consideration/Discussion on Dogs was the next item on the agenda. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, stated that it has been a learning lesson this month with the abandoned dog that

the Village picked up on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Patricia Lamberty gave an update on the abandoned dog.

- Sal Hilderbrant, DBA Sal's Dog Grooming/Pawsome Hotel only charged \$35.00 for the boarding fees for the first five days and then \$15.00 per day instead of the \$35.00 per day
- A youth group donated \$60 to pay for four extra days to allow more time to rehome the dog
- Sal did not charge for Capstar (flea treatment)
- Sal did not charge to haul the dog to Gothenburg for vaccinations and neutering.
- Dog was rescued by Mary Jo Smith from Lincoln. Mary Jo Smith is involved with Dolly's Legacy Animal Rescue. Dolly's Legacy Animal Rescue and Mary Jo Smith paid the fees to vaccinate and neuter the dog.
- Sal donated a kennel to the Village to transport dogs

Patricia Lamberty stated that there needs to be some changes to the agreement with Sal Hilderbrant. Currently Section (3) of the Agreement with Sal's Dog Grooming/Pawsome Hotel states:

SAL will send monthly invoices to the VILLAGE for services provided in the Agreement. VILLAGE shall pay SAL \$35.00 per day per dog. SAL will lodge the dog at Pawsome Hotel for a maximum of seven (7) days (excluding Saturday and Sunday). After five (5) days the dog becomes the property of the VILLAGE. VILLAGE will have two additional days to try to rehome the dog. If the dog cannot be rehomed, then the dog will be euthanized at Bierman's Vet Clinic.

Patricia Lamberty informed the Board that Sal Hilderbrant stated that she will charge \$35.00 for boarding fees per day per dog for the first five days and then \$15 per day per dog.

Patricia Lamberty asked the Board to consider allowing five additional days (instead of two) to try to rehome the dog. The Board agreed to the five days.

Patricia Lamberty stated that it was an oversight but that Merle Bierman, DBA Bierman's Vet Clinic, was not contacted regarding euthanizing dogs. Bierman's Vet Clinic will be deleted from the Agreement.

## **REHOMING A DOG**

Discussion was held on a rehoming fee.

Discussion was held on requiring dogs to be spayed or neutered before it is rehomed. The Board agreed that the dog will have to be spayed or neutered.

Adoptee will have to pay the following fees:

Rehoming fee

Spaying or neutering fee



## Vaccinations Fees

The revised Agreement with Sal Hilderbrant, DBA Sal's Dog Grooming, will be on the January 13, 2025 agenda.

Discussion was held on the number of dogs that a person can have. The Board decided not to put a limit on the number of dogs.

Consideration/Discussion on Equipment Logos was the next item on the agenda. Eric Holmberg asked about going with block letters like the trash truck instead of equipment logos. Donnell DeLosh stated that he likes the idea of equipment logos on the Village equipment. The Board looked at options for equipment logos from School House Graphics. Discussion was held on incorporating the Water Tower into the equipment logos. The matter will be on the January agenda.

Consideration of Grazers Bar & Grill Manager's Application to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission was the next item on the agenda. After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by Jenkins to approve the application of Candace Borah as Grazers Bar & Grill's Manager. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Snyder that the following Resolution be adopted:

### **RESOLUTION 2024-9 SIGNING OF THE YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT FORM 2024**

**Whereas:** State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2511 through 39-2515 details the requirements that must be met in order for a municipality to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment;

**Whereas:** The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each incorporated municipality must annually certify (by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year) the appointment of the City Street Superintendent to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form; and

**Whereas:** The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the city street superintendent's appointment, i.e. meeting minutes; showing the appointment of the City Street Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number and Class of License (if applicable), and type of appointment, i.e., employee, contract consultant, or Interlocal agreement with another incorporated municipality and/or county), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

**Whereas:** The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form shall be signed by the Village Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the governing body authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent by the Village Board Chairperson.

**Be it resolved** that the Village Board Chairperson of Village of Arnold is hereby authorized to sign the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form.

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

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that Lee Eastburn's term on the Housing Authority Board expires in December. It was moved by Jenkins and seconded by DeLosh to reappoint Lee Eastburn to the Housing Authority Board for a term of five years. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that the term of Mike Harvey on the Planning Commission expires this month. Chairman Zach Hagler reappointed Mike Harvey to the Planning Commission. Moved by DeLosh and seconded by Hagler that the reappointment of Mike Harvey to the Planning Commission for a term of three years be approved. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder to appoint Chairman Zach Hagler, Rudy Vickers and the Code Enforcement Officer (to be determined) to the Board of Health. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

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

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Becky Dailey asked if the Board would consider stringing Christmas Lights east and west across the 100 Block of South Walnut like Callaway does. The Board directed Eric Holmberg to look at Callaway's to see if it is feasible.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK**

#### **MONTHLY UPDATE:**

Power Outage on November 15<sup>th</sup>

Something (animal?) tripped a breaker. CPPD was able to remotely reset the breaker

Sewer Maintenance: Sewer Jetted the following:  
607 South Carroll Street to the intersection of South Carroll and East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
South Walnut Street  
912 N Carroll to 1100 N Carroll

Vogelsang Grinder for the Wastewater Plant was sent into Iowa Pump Works in June for repairs. The grinder was returned in July but there were still issues. It was sent back to Iowa Pump Works. On November 20<sup>th</sup> the grinder was installed at the Wastewater Plant. There are no issues to date.

Snow Fence was installed @ North End of Town

The fire pits at the ARA were cleaned out.

The new cord for the fountain was tested and it worked. The fountains from the ARA were removed for the winter.

An inventory of the Picnic Tables/Benches was completed. The picnic tables and benches will be repaired and fixed during the winter.

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Chairman Zach Hagler declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.