

ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER
February 10, 2025

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 10, 2025, 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 Zach Hagler called the meeting to order and Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, recorded the proceedings. On roll call, the following were present: Glen Bowers, Zach Hagler, Jason Jenkins, Austin Snyder. Absent: Donnell DeLosh. A quorum being present the following proceedings were had and done.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Zach Hagler 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 13, 2025, 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 be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Jenkins, Hagler, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: DeLosh. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the claims paid in January:

01/13 TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS APPROVED & PAID

\$109,077.22

01/14 Medica Insurance 7,550.66 Health Insurance

01/17 Nebraska Department of Revenue

5,607.60 Sales Tax

Nebraska Department of Revenue

1,194.80 Lodging Tax

01/31 Payroll 8,817.35

IRS 2,663.92 Fed WH/Payroll Taxes

Nebraska Department of Revenue

351.99 State Withholding

Aflac	349.37	Payroll Deductions
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$135,612.91	

The Treasurer's Report shows there is

\$ 48,406.86	in the General Fund
\$ 39,254.14	in the Edna B. Peterson Estate
\$169,421.59	in the Street Fund
\$ 37,453.81	in the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Fund
\$778,593.75	in the Electric Fund
\$ 30,583.27	in the Water Fund
\$ 48,987.16	in the Sewer Fund
\$ 20,111.96	in the Solid Waste Fund
\$ 23,341.15	in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account
\$327,125.66	in the Economic Development Fund
\$ 1,013.15	in the Community Development Agency Fund
\$ 12,604.85	in the Trust & Agency Funds

as of January 31, 2025. After discussion, moved by Snyder and seconded by Bowers that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: DeLosh. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the following claims on file:

American Agricultural Laboratory	\$ 163.48	Testing (WW)
Aristotle Funds	387.66	Pension
Arnold Public School	200.00	Liquor License (Exchange)
Arnold Volunteer Fire Department	1,000.00	Annual Appropriation
Mary Becker	747.95	Salary
Borders & Furrow PC	112.50	Attorney Fee
Carquest of Broken Bow	200.08	Parts
Central Nebraska Bobcat	746.83	Bobcat: Parts
City of North Platte	143.76	Tipping Fees
Country Partners Cooperative	3,304.11	Diesel/Propane/Scale Fees
Custer County Clerk	100.00	General Election Expense
Custer Public Power District	69.53	Electricity
Custer Public Power District	276.45	Contract Labor
Eakes Office Solutions	488.21	Office Supplies
Tory Edwards	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Harvey Foran	689.19	Salary
Kenneth Goodenow Jr.	91.09	Salary

Marshia Grant	300.00	CC: Contract Labor
Great Plains Communications	612.41	Telephone/Internet
HireRight, LLC	306.60	Annual Renewal Fee (Drug and Alcohol Testing)
Holiday Inn	124.95	Lodging (Tory WW Conf)
Eric Holmberg	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Integrated Computer Systems	1,202.39	Desktop Computer (Shop)
Knapp Electric Inc.	2,850.00	WW Plant Expense: Abs Pump
Patricia Lamberty	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
League of Nebraska Municipalities	395.00	Registration Fee (Patty - Midwinter Conf)
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency	1,082.99	Tipping Fees
Medica Insurance	7,550.66	Health Insurance
Maricela Melendez	100.00	Contract Labor: Janitorial
Menards	131.82	Office: Roller Shades
Menards	101.91	Street Shop: Vinyl Blinds Chair Mats
Mills Hardware	95.25	Electric Expense
Mills Hardware	96.89	Water Expense
Mills Hardware	167.41	CC Expense
Mills Hardware	734.96	Street Expense (Supplies/Tools)
Mills Hardware	12.47	Sewer Supplies
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska	232.00	Job Training & Safety Classes
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska	24,392.45	Electricity
Municipal Supply, Inc.	1,988.04	Water Supplies
Nansel's Best Service	1,001.87	Diesel/Gas/Equipment Repairs & Maint)
Navitor, Inc.	25.40	Tax Forms
One Call Concepts, Inc.	6.56	One Call Fees
Petty Cash Fund	147.99	Postage
Pinnacle Bank	24.83	Meals (Tory-WW Conf)
Pinnacle Bank	126.75	E-File Tax Forms
Reeds	32.71	Cleaning Supplies
The Arnold Sentinel	469.87	Printing & Publishing Fees
USA Blue Book	574.28	WW Plant Expenses
Utilities Section	250.00	Registration Fee (Meter Conference-Eric)
Village of Arnold	7,250.02	Utilities
Village of Stapleton	270.00	Trucking Fees

Norma Walker	300.00	CC: Contract Labor
US Department of Energy		
	16,727.00	Electricity

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS \$ 78,556.32

After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Snyder that the claims be approved and paid as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: DeLosh. Motion carried.

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

Arnold Chamber	\$ 675.00	Chamber Bucks (Holiday Passport Promotion)
AEDC	\$3,300.75	Salary(C Carson-Reimbursement)
AEDC	252.51	Payroll Taxes - Reimbursement
AEDC	73.00	Stamps (Reimbursement)
AEDC	60.00	Chamber Membership Dues (Reimbursement)
AEDC	255.47	Adobe Acrobat Yearly Subscription (Reimbursement)
Borders Law Office	84.38	Attorney Fee
Cheryl Carson	50.00	Cell Phone (Reimbursement)
Coleman Storage & Rental	600.00	Storage Unit Rental (Annual)
Columbia Insurance Group	10.00	Audit Fee
Natalie J. Co.	450.00	Bookkeeping Services
Country Partners Cooperative	30.00	Propane Tank Rental
Marshia Grant	85.00	Contract Labor (Janitorial)
Great Plains Communications	127.73	Telephone/Internet
KNOP	160.00	TV Commercial Advertising (Christmas Around Town)
Mills Hardware	21.98	Carpet Cleaner/USB Flash Drive
The Arnold Sentinel	307.00	Color Copies (EDDM - Chamber Flyer)
Village of Arnold	124.57	Utilities
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS		\$6,667.39

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

Consideration of the sealed bid from Green Acres LLC for Lawn Spraying was the next item on the agenda. The following bid was submitted for Lawn Spraying:

Green Acres LLC

\$11.50 per thousand square feet	Total Bid	\$8,749.20
\$10.50 per thousand square feet (Prepayment)	Total Prepayment Bid	\$7,988.40

After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Snyder to accept Green Acres LLC's prepayment bid of \$7,988.40 (\$10.50 per thousand square feet) and to issue a check for the prepayment bid at the March Board Meeting. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: DeLosh. Motion carried. Dan Pandorf attended the meeting on behalf of Green Acres.

Consideration of contracting with Mills Lawn Service for Bare Ground Control (Total Kill) was the next item on the agenda. After discussion, moved by Snyder and seconded by Bowers to contract with Mills Lawn Service for Total Kill on the following properties:

Ditch South of Mills Hardware
Sewer Plant
Swimming Pool
Water Tower
Carroll Street Courts
ARA: Sand Volleyball Court/Camping Spots
Entire Community Center Parking Area
Entire Fence Line around Ball Diamond
Dugout Areas
Guardrail (Old Mill Park)

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

CARROLL STREET COURTS

Mary Becker met with the Board to discuss improving Carroll Street Courts. She asked if the Board would be willing to set up a committee to hear about her research. Zach Hagler stated that he did not think a committee was necessary but would be willing to meet with Mary Becker to go over specific information about cost, size, and grant possibilities. They will present a report at the March meeting.

TREE BOARD

The Tree Board, (Peg Scott, Kenneth Goodenow, and Mary Becker) met with Village Board members Glen Bowers and Donnell DeLosh in January. We talked about a vision for the ARA. After considerable discussion, we all agreed on four priorities. These priorities will help guide

the Tree Board on writing grants for trees and where to plant the trees. These priorities are:

- Reestablish the tree canopy on both sides of the road surrounding the lake.
- Establish a walking/bike trail going around the perimeter of the ARA property.
- Establish a green irrigated area around the bathhouse.
- Work with Rotary to install a disc golf course.

Mark Becker informed the Board that the Nebraska Forest Service IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) Grant for 2025 changed from 2024. Last year it was a one-year plan for trees. This has changed to a three-year proposal. The grant is due March 31st. At the meeting on November 11, 2024, the Board authorized the Tree Board to apply for the IRA Grant. It will include trees for the ARA, public locations in town, and residential homes.

The Board discussed the estimate from Custer Public Power District (CPPD) to assist with changing a regulator and to repair hotspots outside the substation. CPPD estimated \$2,246.86 for the project. This is only an estimate. CPPD will bill for actual labor and expenses. After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Bowers to contract with CPPD to assist the Village with changing a regulator and to repair hotspots outside the substation. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: DeLosh. Motion carried.

Consideration of replacing the windows at the Street Shop was the next item on the agenda. Eric Holmberg stated that the windows would cost approximately \$1,600.00 from Menards. Eric Holmberg and Tory Edwards will install the windows. After discussion, moved by Snyder and seconded by Jenkins to authorize the purchase of windows from Menards for the Street Shop. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: DeLosh. Motion carried.

The Board looked at the logos for the equipment. After discussion, moved by Bowers and seconded by Snyder to authorize Eric Holmberg to order 10", 12" and 16" decals with the logos from School House Graphics. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: DeLosh. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 2025-2

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES that the following wages be set for pool personnel:

First Year Lifeguard \$14.00 per hour

Lifeguards will be paid an extra \$0.25 per hour for each additional year. Lifeguards that successfully complete a Swimming Pool Operator's Clinic to become a certified pool operator will be paid an additional \$0.25 cents per hour.

First Year Manager \$16.50 per hour

First Year Assistant Manager(s) 15.25 per hour

Managers and Assistant Managers will be paid an extra \$0.25 cents per hour for each additional year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES that the Village will pay the cost of certification for managers and lifeguards if hired.

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

Chairman Zach Hagler introduced Ordinance No. 485 entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 485

(See Ordinance Book Page 185)

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE RATES FOR WATER SERVICE FURNISHED BY THE VILLAGE OF ARNOLD, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 1, §3-108, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF ARNOLD, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TIME THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Board Member Glen Bowers moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Board Member Austin Snyder seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion the following Board Members voted AYE: Bowers, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: DeLosh. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Board and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of

said Ordinance. Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Board Member Austin Snyder moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Board Member Jason Jenkins. The Chairman then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 485 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Board Members voted AYE: Bowers, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. The following voted NAY: none. Absent: DeLosh. The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Board, the Chairman declared the ordinance adopted and the Chairman, in the presence of the Board, signed and approved the ordinance. The Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto and the seal of the Village thereto.

Chairman Zach Hagler introduced Ordinance No. 486 entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 486
(See Ordinance Book Page 187)

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE FURNISHED BY THE VILLAGE OF ARNOLD, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2, §3-206, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF ARNOLD, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TIME THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Board Member Glen Bowers moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Board Member Austin Snyder seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion the following Board Members voted AYE: Bowers, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: DeLosh. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Board and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said Ordinance. Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Board Member Jason Jenkins moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Board Member Austin Snyder. The Chairman then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 486 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Board Members voted AYE: Bowers, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. The following voted NAY: none. Absent: DeLosh. The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Board, the Chairman declared the ordinance adopted and the Chairman, in the presence of the Board, signed and approved the ordinance. The Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto and the seal of the Village thereto.

Chairman Zach Hagler introduced Ordinance No. 487 entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 487
(See Ordinance Book Page 189)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER PURSUANT TO NEB. REV. STAT. §18-1757; SAID CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHALL ISSUE CITATIONS FOR VILLAGE CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS FOR NON-MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AND OTHER OFFENSES AS DEFINED IN THE ARNOLD NEBRASKA BASIC CODE; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; TO PRESCRIBE THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT.

Board Member Austin Snyder moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Board Member Glen Bowers seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion the following Board Members voted AYE: Bowers, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: DeLosh. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Board and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said Ordinance.

Jason Jenkins asked if the Code Enforcement Officer is going to look for violations or is it based on complaints? Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, stated that there does not need to be written complaints to enforce Ordinances. Glen Bowers stated that previously it was discussed that the Village employees will not actively look for violations but if they see a violation when they are out then it would be addressed.

Ordinance No. 487 was read by title and thereafter Board Member Austin Snyder moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Board Member Glen Bowers. The Chairman then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 487 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Board Members voted AYE: Bowers, Hagler, Snyder. The following voted NAY: Jenkins. Absent: DeLosh. The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Board, the Chairman declared the ordinance adopted and the Chairman, in the presence of the Board, signed and approved the ordinance. The Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto and the seal of the Village thereto.

Chairman Zach Hagler appointed Tory Edwards, Eric Holmberg and himself as the Code Enforcement Officers. Moved by Snyder and seconded by Bowers to approve the appointments of Tory Edwards, Zach Hagler, and Eric Holmberg as Code Enforcement Officers. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: DeLosh. Motion carried.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that she contacted West Central Nebraska Development District regarding Nuisance Abatement. WCNDD does have some nuisance

abatement clients outside of their region. However, the application cycle for the 2025 Nuisance Abatement Season has closed. The application cycle for the 2026 Nuisance Abatement Season is in October.

At this time, the plan for nuisance abatement is as follows:

1. Tory Edwards, Zach Hagler, Eric Holmberg, (Code Enforcement Officers) and another Board member will compile a list of properties that are in violation of §4-302 (Nuisances) and 6-304 (Offenses) of the Arnold Municipal Code.
2. At least one employee and one board member will go talk with the property owners to encourage them to clean up their property.
3. Owners will have until April 15th to voluntarily clean up their property.
4. After April 15th, upon determination by the Board of Health that said owner or occupant has failed to keep such real estate free of public nuisances, a Notice to abate and remove the nuisance shall be given to said owner or occupant

The Board discussed “Community Clean Up”. The month of April has been designated as COMMUNITY CLEAN UP MONTH. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that the Community Clean Up Day is Monday, April 28, 2025, (Storm Date: Monday, May 5th) Volunteers will provide help to those that need assistance that day. Arnold Legion is providing a meal for the volunteers. Arnold Chamber organizes the meal. After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Snyder to provide refreshments to the Volunteers on Community Clean Up Day. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: DeLosh. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Snyder and seconded by Bowers to provide a roll off container at no charge for residents from March 15th to May 15th. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: DeLosh. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Help Wanted Ad. Code Enforcement and Zoning are required duties will be deleted from the ad. The Board discussed residency requirements. The Board agreed that employees do need to live within seven to ten miles from town.

Community Concerns brought to the Board Members outside of the Village Board Meeting

Jason Jenkins said that the School is considering increasing the parking. The School would like people to come up on the east side of Mills Hardware, go past the school, and turn on the road north of the School (200 Block of East Adams). They want people to park their vehicles facing southwest and to park diagonally. The issue is that Adams Street is narrow. Discussion was held on widening the road or culvert.

Comments from the floor

A citizen suggested making Adams Street a one-way street during School activities to solve the issue of it being narrow.

Cheryl Carson thanked the Board for working towards a solution on dogs running loose in town.

A citizen asked about a Snow Removal Route for the Business District. Austin Snyder asked about where the tenants from Hotel Custer would park their vehicles.

Becky Dailey remarked that the Arnold Recreation Area looks great with the removal of the dead trees.

Monthly Update from the Village Clerk

Public Hearing on Monday, March 10, 2025 to consider a Conditional Use Application to modify conditions of prior approval for Ned Pelster

MEAN estimates that the overall cost of monthly transmission service for MEAN's participants with SPP transmission service from Jan 2025 to Dec 2025 to increase 11% to 14%. (The increase will cost Arnold \$8,743).

A Desktop Computer was ordered from Integrated Computer Systems for the Street Shop

Eric Holmberg attended the Safety Meeting @ Broken Bow on Tuesday, February 4th (Substation Safety and Ladder Safety.)

Eric Holmberg will be attending a Meter Conference @ Kearney on February 18th and 19th. The school will consist of concurrent sessions for 1 ½ days. The presentations will highlight software technologies, installation procedures, safety practices, billing and related smart metering capabilities.

Eric Holmberg and Tory Edwards:

Serviced the following vehicles: (Routine Check-Up that involves inspecting and maintaining a vehicle's condition- Oil and Filter Changes, Visual Inspections and Repairs)

2004 Chevrolet

2016 Chevrolet Silverado

Fixed the Brakes on the 1988 Dodge Dakota

Working on cleaning up the tree pile at the ARA

Working on organizing the office at the Street Shop

Eric Holmberg set the Village Employees up on a Microsoft To Do List App. All three employees can see the task list and when the task is completed, it is checked off and everyone can see that it is completed. It is GREAT!

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Chairman Zach Hagler declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.