

ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER
March 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, March 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, Donnell DeLosh, Zach Hagler, Jason Jenkins, Austin Snyder. Absent: none. A full council 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 February 10, 2025, were not read as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Moved by Jenkins and seconded by Snyder that the minutes be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Jenkins, Hagler, Snyder. Nay: none. Abstain: DeLosh. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the claims paid in February:

02/10 TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS APPROVED & PAID

\$ 78,556.32

02/19 Nebraska Department of Revenue

4,584.63 Sales Tax

02/28 Payroll

8,789.09

Aflac

349.37 Payroll Deductions

IRS

2,676.16 Fed WH/Payroll Taxes

Nebraska Department of Revenue

353.13 State Withholding

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS

\$ 95,308.70

The Treasurer's Report shows there is

\$ 59,617.15 in the General Fund
\$ 39,254.14 in the Edna B. Peterson Estate
\$183,456.47 in the Street Fund
\$ 37,800.02 in the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Fund
\$794,500.62 in the Electric Fund
\$ 34,766.77 in the Water Fund
\$ 49,672.02 in the Sewer Fund
\$ 23,297.55 in the Solid Waste Fund
\$ 23,341.33 in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account
\$330,870.20 in the Economic Development Fund
\$ 1,013.16 in the Community Development Agency Fund
\$ 12,928.49 in the Trust & Agency Funds

as of February 28, 2025. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Bowers 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	409.25	Salary
Country Partners Cooperative		
	3,304.96	Diesel/Propane/Scale Fees
Custer Public Power District		
	69.00	Electricity
Custer Public Power District		
	201.60	Contract Labor
Edwards Environmental Corp		
	890.00	WW Plant Expense (Bio-Digester)
Eakes Office Solutions	191.70	Copier: Service Agreement
Tory Edwards	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Harvey Foran	815.82	Salary
Kenneth Goodenow Jr.	48.37	Salary
Marshia Grant	300.00	CC: Contract Labor
Alexandra Gonzalez	150.00	Decal Sizing Expense
Great Plains Communications		
	612.41	Telephone/Internet
Green Acres LLC	7,988.40	Lawn Service (Prepayment)
Eric Holmberg	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement

Hubert Company	210.87	CC Expense (Dust Mops/Wet Mop Heads)
Knapp Electric Inc.	265.00	WW Plant Expense (Pump Repairs)
Patricia Lamberty	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency	1,332.00	Tipping Fees
Medica Insurance	7,550.66	Health Insurance
Maricela Melendez	75.00	Contract Labor: Janitorial
Menards	77.93	Door Lock/Tension Rod/Mat...
Mid-American Research Chemical	362.56	CC Expense
Mills Hardware	339.19	Water Expense
Mills Hardware	407.01	Street Expense
Mills Hardware	6.49	Office Expense
Mills Hardware	22.99	Sewer Expense
Mills Hardware	11.89	CC Expense
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska	26,991.83	Electricity
Municipal Supply, Inc.	321.78	Water Supplies
NDEE	150.00	WW Operator's License Renewal Fee (Tory)
NDEE	40.00	Swimming Pool Permit Renewal Fee
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	335.50	Testing (Water)
Nansel's Best Service	508.75	Diesel/Gas/Filters/Wipers...
Petty Cash Fund	135.35	Postage
Pinnacle Bank	15.48	CC Expense (Table Clips)
Pinnacle Bank	245.56	Office Expense
The Arnold Sentinel	671.20	Printing & Publishing Fees
US Department of Energy	15,055.45	Electricity
Village of Arnold	9,001.58	Utilities
Norma Walker	300.00	CC: Contract Labor
<u>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS \$80,116.72</u>		

After discussion, moved by Bowers and seconded by Jenkins 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 Snyder to pay the claims 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 on the Conditional Use Application filed by Ned Pelster. Notice of the Public Hearing on the Conditional Use Application was published in the Arnold Sentinel, the official newspaper for the Village and by posting a notice on Facebook and in prominent places within the Village, namely, at the Village Office, Reed's Food Center, Pinnacle Bank and Post Office. Moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder to open the Hearing. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. Hearing opened at 7:05 p.m. The Conditional Use Application is authorized under Ordinance No. 483, the zoning regulations of the Village of Arnold, Nebraska to permit the property at 905 N Carroll Street (0 17 25 Parcels; Sec 22-17-25 NW ¼ (Blixt Addition) 4.04 Acres Arnold Village) to be used for Agricultural Inputs (Retail, Storage and Distribution). At the October 14, 2024, upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the Village Board voted to approve issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Ned Pelster for Agricultural Inputs (Retail/Storage/Distribution) with the condition that the expiration date be five years from the date that property ownership is secured. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that according to the Zoning Regulations that a permanent conditional use should not be time-limited. There were no comments from the Public on the Conditional Use Application. Moved by Bowers and seconded by Jenkins to close the Hearing. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Snyder that upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, that a Conditional Use Permit be issued to Ned Pelster for Agricultural Inputs (Retail/Storage/Distribution). Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

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

Website – The Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Regulations, Zoning Application Permits, Housing Study, and Village of Arnold Ordinances will be available online by mid-April.

Downtown Barrels: – AEDC will be resuming the downtown flower barrel-planting program. Arnold Chamber previously facilitated this. This will be a coupon-based program. This is to assist downtown business in their spring / summer beautification during tourism season.

- Business must be located in the downtown business district.
- Issue price of coupon will depend on the 2025 prices at Mills Hardware Greenhouse. The coupon is only redeemable at Mills Hardware Greenhouse.
- One coupon per business location, must present coupon for purchase, redemption cannot exceed coupon value.
- Coupons will be good from issue date (Approximately late April through June 1st.)

Arnold Tourism - Custer County Chief is doing another Community Magazine with the addition of a passport for 2025. They will focus on the historical attractions in Custer County Communities. AEDC is purchasing a full-page ad. The ad will be on the inside front cover to promote our community's various historical locations, website access for lodging and pertinent services while you visit and introduce Arnolds Self-Guided Historical Tour! Arnold's story highlights will be featured immediately in the four pages following the ad. The self-guided tour will feature locations which have a historical sign created by Berni Crow as well as Finch Memorial Library. Interested tourists will be able to obtain a brochure from BrewBakers and Mills Hardware beginning the second week of April. Another promotion goal is the addition of a Historical page to the Arnold Website. This page will house the self-guided tour information electronically for those who prefer that method. This page will also provide a link to the Arnold Area Museum Facebook page, as well as provide space to inform the public on the project and where they can donate. Links to other historical Arnold information will be added here as needed.

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 Jenkins that the following claims be approved and paid as presented from the Economic Development Fund:

AEDC	\$3,150.90	Salary(C Carson-Reimbursement)
AEDC	241.04	Payroll Taxes - Reimbursement
AEDC	35.00	Custer County Chief Subscription (Reimbursement)
Cheryl Carson	50.00	Cell Phone (Reimbursement)
Cheryl Carson	46.20	Mileage
Cloudfire Services	65.00	Labor (Furnace Maintenance)
Marshia Grant	50.00	Contract Labor (Janitorial)
Great Plains Communications	127.73	Telephone/Internet
MJK CPA PC	184.75	Bookkeeping Services
Village of Arnold	129.86	Utilities
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$4,080.48	

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

CARROLL STREET COURTS

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that there was only one design submitted for the Carroll Street Courts. The matter was tabled.

Mary Becker attended the meeting regarding possible improvements to Carroll Street Courts.
Mary Becker presented a proposed budget:

Fencing

- The current fencing is on three sides. There is no fencing on the west side. The fencing measurements are 107 feet running north/south by 50 feet running east/west.
- The current fencing on three sides would need to be taken down to pour the cement. Only the netting would need to be removed. The poles could stay put.
- New fencing would need to be installed on the west side.
- According to Casey Connell, the Village still has some fencing material that could be recycled for the west side, while the netting and a few other pieces would be purchased new.
- Casey's bid is attached. Total cost is \$6,796.00.

Cement Pad

- The current cement pad is approximately 95 feet by 37 feet.
- The current pad is in disrepair. There are large cracks, and the top of the court is crumbly.
- Village employees estimated it would take them eight hours to tear out the current slab and the wood pilings.
- Brent Urbanovsky estimated the cost of new cement at \$11,500. The cost of the rebar at \$2,500.00. And the cost of labor at \$11,600.00. This is a total of \$25,600.00.

Multi-Use Court Suggested Measurements

- 107 ft by 50 ft
- This sized court will accommodate two basketball hoops, a pickleball court, and a tennis court.

Other costs

- Tennis net system
- Basketball nets
- Pickleball net
- Paint the lines for all three sports

Mary Becker stated that she is willing to apply for grants on behalf of the Village for this project. After discussion, moved by Donnell and seconded by Snyder to authorize Mary Becker to proceed with the Carroll Street Courts Project; to authorize Mary Becker to apply for grants and that the Village will provide up to \$20,000.00 in matching funds. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Justin Strasburg attended the meeting regarding improvements at the Old Mill Park. Justin Strasburg informed the Board that the estimated cost to build the bathrooms, install 4 LED Flood Lights and to repair the fence is \$26,500.00. The bathrooms will match the construction design of the concession stand. The foundation will be concrete blocks part way up the sidewalls to help prevent flooding into the building. Justin Strasburg stated that the septic system will be encased in cement because of possible flooding in the area. Justin Strasburg informed the Board that he has approximately \$6,500.00 in donations and grants. After discussion, moved by Donnell and seconded by Bowers to contribute up to \$20,000.00 from the Edna B. Peterson Account for this project. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Snyder to accept the proposal from Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment Company to remove and replace the existing Hochiki addressable fire alarm initiating devices with new IDP addressable devices and that Patricia Lamberty is authorized to issue a check for \$3,175.00 upon completion. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Pool Access Steps was the next item on the agenda. After discussion, moved by Bowers and seconded by DeLosh to order the ADA Easy Stair 6-Step from Recreation Supply for \$6,770.63. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Bowers and seconded by DeLosh to accept the estimate of \$3,700.00 from SG Concrete Pros Inc. to install concrete steps and a sidewalk that leads to the Pump House. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of the 2025 Pool Rates was the next item on the agenda. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, presented the costs for 2022, 2023, and 2024.

2022 \$31,872.38
2023 \$34,324.91
2024 \$46,404.78

The 2024 costs includes work by Tillotson Enterprises: Concrete Leveling/Seal Joints
\$17,280.50

2023 Salaries \$20,841.50
2024 Salaries \$22,901.26

2025 Salaries \$25,000.00 ESTIMATE based on the 2024 hours and the \$1.50 increase in pay for the lifeguards/managers.

Discussion was held on rates. Jason Jenkins asked where the majority of the revenue comes from. Is it the daily fees or the season passes? Patricia Lamberty stated that she would find out. The Board decided to leave the rates the same for 2025.

Shavonne Schacher, 2025 Pool Manager, informed the Board that the 2025 Pool Personnel is as follows (Provided all the qualifications are met):

Assistant Managers
Taylor Hanna Miles
Keegan Mehrens

Lifeguards: (Provided all the qualifications are met)
Serenity Borah
Adalyn Carlson
Aliyah Carlson
Amaiya Carlson
Adelena Hampton
Tysen Schacher

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder to advertise for seasonal help; duties include but not limited to mowing, weed eating, painting, general upkeep and maintenance of Village-owned properties; and the pay is \$18.00 per hour. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Discussion/Consideration of the Arnold Municipal Code of Ordinances was the next item on the agenda. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that the Arnold's Municipal Code of Ordinances is dated 2000. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that one option is the Nebraska Basic Code of Ordinances (NBC) through American Legal Publishing. American Legal Publishing provides updates and supplements to ensure the Basic Code remains current with relevant legal changes. The annual cost is:

5 copies of the Nebraska Basic Code \$695
Host NBC online in a fully searchable format \$295
Title XVII \$22 per page (Ordinances adopted beyond the NBC)

Patricia Lamberty stated that the first year would be the most expensive because it would have to include all the Ordinances adopted beyond the NBC at \$22.00 per page. After discussion, moved by Bowers and seconded by DeLosh to authorize Patricia Lamberty to proceed with getting an

estimate cost for the Village's Ordinances adopted beyond the NBC. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. This NBC will be discussed at a budget workshop.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Board discussed correspondence from Mike Borders, Village Attorney. Dan Osmond, Custer County Sheriff, met with Mike Borders to discuss the training for the Code Enforcement Officers. Discussion was held on warnings and citations. The Board agreed on giving a warning before a citation.

Community Concerns brought to the Board Members outside of the Village Board Meeting
No concerns

Comments from the floor
No comments

Monthly Update from the Village Clerk

Tree Piles at Old Mill Park and the ARA were burned on Feb 11-12

Construction & Demolition Site Inspection on March 3rd.

Nuisance Abatement: Zach Hagler, Tory Edwards, Eric Holmberg (Code Enforcement Officers) are in the process of compiling a list of properties that need to be cleaned up. They will go talk to the owners to encourage them to clean up their property.

Decals with the Equipment Logos from School House Graphics have been ordered.

(3) Trouble Calls regarding frozen pipes

Power Outage on Sunday @ 9 a.m. (Fuse Blown)

Eric will be attending the Nebraska DEE Grade 4 water operator-training course in North Platte on March 25 through March 27

Tree Board/Rotary is hosting a Nebraska Forest Service Tree Care Workshop on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at the Arnold Community Center. Fourteen people have registered.

Bubble/Wrinkle on Community Center Floor. Tory Edwards called Midwest Floor Covering.

Started flushing the Fire Hydrants. All of the fire hydrants will be flushed in the upcoming weeks. (Fire hydrants are flushed annually to remove sediment buildup from water pipes, ensuring proper water flow and quality in case of an emergency, essentially maintaining the functionality of the hydrant and the entire water distribution system by clearing debris and testing water pressure.)

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Chairman Zach Hagler declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.