

ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER
April 14, 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, April 14, 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 March 10, 2025, and the special meeting on March 25, 2025, were not read as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Moved by DeLosh and seconded by Jenkins that the minutes of March 10, 2025, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Hagler, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Moved by Bowers and seconded by Snyder that the minutes of the special meeting on March 25, 2025, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Hagler, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the claims paid in March:

03/10 TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS APPROVED & PAID
\$ 80,116.72

03/17	Nebraska Department of Revenue	
		5,041.51 Sales Tax
03/31	Payroll	8,806.23

Aflac	349.37	Payroll Deductions
IRS	2,637.04	Fed WH/Payroll Taxes
Nebraska Department of Revenue		
	354.58	State Withholding

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS \$ 97,305.45

The Treasurer's Report shows there is

\$ 82,772.00 in the General Fund
 \$ 39,607.98 in the Edna B. Peterson Estate
 \$192,291.50 in the Street Fund
 \$ 38,623.97 in the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Fund
 \$820,096.72 in the Electric Fund
 \$ 40,028.75 in the Water Fund
 \$ 52,973.60 in the Sewer Fund
 \$ 26,582.07 in the Solid Waste Fund
 \$ 23,341.53 in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account
 \$335,117.90 in the Economic Development Fund
 \$ 1,013.17 in the Community Development Agency Fund
 \$ 12,475.00 in the Trust & Agency Funds

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

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that Certificate of Deposit #5000002086 (\$37,026.70) matures on April 17, 2025. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Jenkins to withdraw the funds from Certificate of Deposit #5000002086 and deposit said funds into the Money Market Account. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Moved by Bowers and seconded by Snyder to purchase a \$20,000.00 Certificate of Deposit and designate it to the Parks – Edna B. Peterson Account. 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	\$	512.74	Testing (WW)
Aristotle Funds		387.66	Pension
Arnold Insurance Agency		21,756.25	Insurance - Quarterly Premium
Arnold Pool Company		3,410.00	Pool Expense
Mary Becker		298.88	Salary

Borders & Furrow PC	761.38	Attorney Fee
City of North Platte	301.19	Tipping Fees
Casey Connell	1,500.00	Fence Repair (Materials) Old Mill Park
Casey Connell	2,500.00	Fence (Materials) Carroll Street Courts
CNA Surety Direct Bill	164.00	Bond
Country Partners Cooperative	2,542.17	Diesel/Propane/Scale Fees
Custer Public Power District	63.16	Electricity
Dutton-Lainson Company	863.00	Electric Supplies
Eakes Office Solutions	258.99	Office Supplies/Floor Cleaner
Tory Edwards	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Harvey Foran	380.68	Salary
Frey's Heating & Air	3,446.00	Furnish & Install Heater @ Shop
Kenneth Goodenow Jr.	86.93	Salary
Marshia Grant	300.00	CC: Contract Labor
Great Plains Communications	612.41	Telephone/Internet
Hinton's Lock & Alarm	441.00	CC: Door Closer
Eric Holmberg	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Johnny on the Spot	150.00	Portable Toilets
Kearney Crete & Block Company	1,694.94	Old Mill Park: Bathroom Project
Patricia Lamberty	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
LED Lighting Supply	2,375.19	Old Mill Park: Flood Lights
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency	1,107.04	Tipping Fees
Medica Insurance	7,550.66	Health Insurance
Maricela Melendez	100.00	Contract Labor: Janitorial
Menards	788.60	Street Expense
Menards	157.64	Cleaning Supplies
Menards	11.98	Parks: Hand Tools
Mills Hardware	225.71	Water Expense
Mills Hardware	57.08	Street Expense
Mills Hardware	106.88	CC Expense
Mills Hardware	11.99	Park Expense
Mills Hardware	16.99	Diesel Exhaust Fluid
Mills Lawn	4,014.00	Total Kill
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska	27,251.79	Electricity
Municipal Supply, Inc.	484.07	Fire Hydrant Repair Kits
NDEE	115.00	Water Operator's License (Eric)

NE Public Health Environmental Lab	524.00	Testing (Water)
Nansel's Best Service	532.47	Gas/Equip Repairs & Maint
Nebraska Department of Labor	66.25	1 st Quarter Unemployment
One Call Concepts, Inc.	4.10	One Call Fees
Pinnacle Bank	106.71	Reg Fee (Eric - Pesticide Safety) Meal (Eric)
Reeds Food Center	16.26	CC Supplies
Reeds Food Center	199.60	Paper Towels/Toilet Paper
School House Graphics	458.08	Decals (Equipment Logos)
The Arnold Sentinel	658.24	Printing & Publishing Fees
Travelers - RMD	1,003.00	Workers Comp (Volunteer Firemen & EMTs)
Uline	301.95	CC Expense
US Department of Energy	14,603.80	Electricity
Village of Arnold	5,352.77	Utilities
Village of Stapleton	540.00	Trucking Fees
Norma Walker	300.00	CC: Contract Labor
Total Amount of Claims \$111,623.23		

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder 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 claims payable to Country Partners Cooperative. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Abstain: DeLosh. Absent: none. Motion carried.

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

Downtown Flower Barrel Coupons – Available May 1.

AEDC will provide downtown flower barrel planting coupons for businesses. Arnold Chamber previously facilitated the program. This is to assist downtown business in their spring / summer beatification during tourism season.

Self-Guided Historical Tour – Custer County Chief 2025 magazine Explore Custer County "Chief Express" has been sent out to their subscription customers and in the Extra. General Tourism copies will soon be available in Arnold. The magazine's focus is on the historical attractions in Custer County Communities. The Self-Guided Historical Tour is the focus of advertising promotion, and brochures will soon be available to the public no later than May 1st. Next step will be the addition of the Historical page to the Arnold Website. The Historical page will house the Self-Guided Tour information to shadow the brochure. This page will also provide a link to the Arnold Area Museum Facebook page and Arnold

Rotary Facebook page where more information is available on the signs project and the upcoming book detailing Berni Crow's project.

Business District/ Downtown Sidewalks – I will be working with TC Engineering to complete the Engineering Plan. Although the Engineering Plan will encompass the entire business district, the overall project will be broken down to project areas/phases. The first section will be the 100 block of South Walnut. Business owners in this area are currently filling out their participation site evaluation sheets. As these locations continue to be returned and are completed, the remaining blocks will be worked in the same manner, until all areas of the district are completed. This process will then be used by TC Engineering to begin putting together individual site location information. Once site evaluations have been completed, TC Engineering can begin to give some idea of project cost for each project area. The overall project may be somewhat complicated due to the varied elevations in some areas. For example, from business to business, from street level to business front, accommodating ADA grade, etc. They have also been asked to put two different scenarios of plans together for consideration by business owners and village. The Village Board and businesses will be updated through the process for future discussion and planning approvals.

New Banners- The new banners will be for the light poles in Downtown Business District, both highway corridors, and the City Park. – AEDC Board would like to go with a little larger size on the banners. There will be different themes for the banners:

- Seasonal and holiday themed

- Shop local / Play local

- New Welcome to Arnold

- Historical imagery - specifically for Walnut Street.

- Larger Event promotion – specifying event name, dates, website
(SORC & Devils Den Rally)

- Imaging will also tie into new city limit signage replacement “Welcome to Arnold”.

Arnold Lake, Campsite & Rec Area- I am working on the campsite-numbering map to show the location of each campsite and its corresponding number. This will be posted at the check in station. I will also be updating the display cases. Any businesses wanting advertising displayed will need to drop items off to AEDC office. The Historical Walk Tour brochures will be left at the park for the summer tourism season.

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.

Cheryl Carson asked for the Board's consideration to collaborate with Custer County Economic Development Corporation to apply for funding from the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund (NAHTF) to build a new home on AEDC's lot on 702 N. Broadway. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Bowers to collaborate with Custer County Economic Development Corporation to apply for funding from NAHTF for construction of a

new home at 702 N Broadway. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder.
Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

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	\$3,272.94	Salary(C Carson-Reimbursement)
AEDC	250.38	Payroll Taxes - Reimbursement
AEDC	175.00	Registration Fee - Cheryl (Reimbursement)
Cheryl Carson	50.00	Cell Phone (Reimbursement)
Custer County Chief	719.00	Full Page Ad
Kristi Dvorak	1,168.75	Website/Social Media Updates
Kristi Dvorak	150.00	Website Hosting & Security
Marshia Grant	100.00	Contract Labor (Janitorial)
Great Plains Communications	127.73	Telephone/Internet
Village of Arnold	122.24	Utilities
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS		\$6,136.04

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

TREE BOARD

Mary Becker gave the following update:

The National Arbor Day Foundation recognized Arnold as Tree City USA for 2024.

The Tree Board will collaborate with the Arnold Public School for an Arbor Day Celebration on April 25, 2025. This activity will help Arnold to be eligible for the Tree City USA award in 2025. The Nebraska Forest Service will send two rangers to Arnold to meet with the 3rd grade students at the Arnold Recreation Area. There will be a picnic and a scavenger hunt. Ken Goodenow will represent the Tree Board at this activity.

The Tree Board would like the Village Board to consider adopting a Proclamation designating April 25, 2025, as the day of celebration of “Arbor Day” in the Village of Arnold.

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Jenkins that the Village adopt the following Proclamation:

Proclamation

“ARBOR DAY”

WHEREAS, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

WHEREAS, Arnold has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Zach Hagler, Chairman of the Board of Arnold, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim April 25th, 2025, as the day of celebration of "**ARBOR DAY**" in the Village of Arnold, and urge all citizens to plant a tree and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

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

CARROLL STREET COURTS

The Board reviewed the designs for a sign at Carroll Street Courts. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder to choose the design submitted by Taylor Hanna-Miles. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Snyder. Nay: Jenkins. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Mary Becker provided an update on the Carroll Street Courts Project:

Arnold received a \$12,000 grant from the Arnold Community Foundation and a \$2,000 grant from SORC to help cover the cost of the proposed new basketball, pickleball, and tennis court.

Grant requests were sent to Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation and the Custer County Foundation. The Village will be notified in May or June if the grants are awarded.

Donnell DeLosh asked about the plans for the area surrounding Carroll Street Courts. Donnell DeLosh stated that after construction it will need to be beautified.

Consideration of the bid for concrete/labor for Carroll Street Courts was the next item on the agenda. The Board requested that Mary Becker obtain another bid. Consideration of the bids will be on the May 12th agenda.

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that the Veterinary Clinic requested permission to discharge a firearm in the city limits when needed. After discussion, moved by Snyder and seconded by DeLosh to have the Ordinance amended to allow the Veterinary Clinic to discharge a firearm in the city limits. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. An Ordinance to allow the Veterinary Clinic to discharge a firearm will be on the May 12th Agenda.

Discussion was held on aquatic vegetation at the Arnold Lake. Dusty Stutzman asked what does Victoria Springs use at their lake. Chairman Zach Hagler stated that he will contact the Game and Parks Commission at Victoria Springs.

Consideration of the estimate from Sargent Drilling Company for the Local Well Repairs was the next item on the agenda. The Board discussed the estimate of \$22,197.73. Patricia Lamberty informed the Board that Sargent Drilling Company will be doing the annual efficiency tests on the wells this month. The Board decided to wait until after Sargent Drilling Company does the efficiency tests on the wells before making a decision. The matter will be on the agenda for the May 12th meeting.

The Board discussed a proposal from Tri State Paving for streets. Tri State Paving submitted a proposal to single chip seal the streets and a proposal to double chip seal. Eric Holmberg suggested doing a combination. Eric Holmberg presented a list for the Board's consideration of the streets for a single chip seal application and a list for double chip seal application. The Board agreed to the list. Patricia Lamberty will contact Tri State Paving to resubmit a proposal.

Chairman Zach Hagler informed the Board that Dan Osmond conducted training with the Code Enforcement Officers on April 10, 2025. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, stated that Mike Borders, Village Attorney, is working on the warning and citation tickets. Arnold Sentinel will print the warning and citation tickets in triplicate.

Chairman Zach Hagler introduced Ordinance No. 489 entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 489
(See Ordinance Book Page 193)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A VIOLATIONS BUREAU PURSUANT TO NEB. REV. STAT. 18-1729; SAID VIOLATIONS BUREAU ESTABLISHED FOR THE COLLECTION OF PENALTIES FOR NON-MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AND OTHER OFFENSES AS DEFINED IN THE ARNOLD MUNICIPAL CODE; TO SET THE PENALTY AMOUNT FOR VIOLATIONS; 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 Donnell DeLosh 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, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. 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. 489 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Board Members voted AYE: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. The following voted NAY: none. Absent: none. 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.

Consideration/Discussion of Nuisance Abatement was the next item on the agenda. Chairman Zach Hagler stated that the Code Enforcement Officers have compiled a list of properties that are in violation of Section 4-302 (Nuisances) and 6-304 (Offenses) of the Arnold Municipal Code. Zach Hagler stated that even if the Village sent out letters and issued tickets that the Village does not have anyone to clean up the property.

Consideration/Discussion of contracting with West Central Nebraska Development District for Nuisance Abatement was the next item on the agenda. Chairman Zach Hagler stated that he thinks it would be worth it to have a conversation with WCNDD. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, stated that WCNDD would do a presentation on Nuisance Abatement at the June 9th Board Meeting.

After discussion, moved by Bowers and seconded by DeLosh to hire Tom Dennis and Ethan Furne as seasonal employees. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Hagler, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Snyder and seconded by DeLosh to hire Rusty Wyckoff as a backup on the weekends for trouble calls, mosquito spraying, snow removal.... at \$23.00 per hour. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins, Hagler, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 490 was the next item on the agenda. Chairman Zach Hagler introduced Ordinance No. 490 entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 490

(See Ordinance Book Page 195)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION II OF ORDINANCE NO. 484 (ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES, ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE OF ARNOLD, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA; SETTING FORTH THE AMOUNTS TO BE PAID TO EACH EMPLOYEE AND OFFICIAL AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT THEREOF;) AND PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT.

Ordinance No. 484 is being amending to increase Eric Holmberg's salary by \$1.00 per hour since he passed the Water Operator Certification exam. Board Member Austin Snyder moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Board Member Donnell DeLosh seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion the following Board Members voted AYE: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. 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. 490 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Board Members voted AYE: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. The following voted NAY: none. Absent: none. 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Dusty Stutzman informed the Board that there was an incident at the Gun Range. The Custer County Sheriff is looking into the incident.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK

Midwest Floor Covering inspected the floor. The appearance of the bubble/wrinkle is caused by cross lighting from the other end of the gym. At this time there does not appear to be any repairs needed for the floor.

Eric Holmberg and Tory Edwards:

Fixed Two Street Lights

Flushed all of the Fire Hydrants

Installed a New Cylinder Door Closer on the Front Doors of the CC

Equipment Maintenance

Fixed Hydraulic Leak on the Backhoe

Serviced the Trash Truck

Exercised Generators at the Community Center and the Northeast Well

Cleaned out some culverts

Opened the bathrooms at the City Park and the ARA

(2) Funeral Escorts

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Chairman Zach Hagler declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.