

ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER
September 8, 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, September 8, 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.

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

Patricia Lamberty informed the Board that due to the absence of Chairman Zach Hagler a Chairman Pro Tem needs to be appointed. Moved by Jenkins and seconded by Bowers to appoint Donnell DeLosh as Chairman Pro Tem. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler and Snyder. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Pro Tem Donnell DeLosh 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 August 11, 2025, and the special meeting on September 2, 2025, were not read as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Moved by Jenkins and seconded by Bowers that the minutes of the regular meeting on August 11, 2025, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler and Snyder. Motion carried.

Moved by Bowers and seconded by Jenkins that the minutes of the previous special meeting on September 2, 2025, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler and Snyder. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the claims paid in August:

08/11 TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS APPROVED & PAID

\$106,922.51

08/15 Nebraska Department of Revenue

4,580.69 Sales/Use **Tax**

08/29 Payroll

8,936.45

Aflac

349.37 Payroll Deductions

IRS

5,443.91 Fed WH/Payroll Taxes

Nebraska Department of Revenue

570.10 State Withholding

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS

\$126,803.03

The Treasurer's Report shows there is

\$ 67,967.91 in the General Fund

\$ 32,956.84 in the Edna B. Peterson Estate

\$ 77,308.16 in the Street Fund

\$ 41,492.22 in the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Fund

\$864,702.01 in the Electric Fund

\$ 79,851.40 in the Water Fund

\$ 78,052.84 in the Sewer Fund

\$ 15,828.05 in the Solid Waste Fund

\$ 28,342.56 in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account

\$343,602.85 in the Economic Development Fund

\$ 1,013.22 in the Community Development Agency Fund

\$ 12,656.82 in the Trust & Agency Funds

as of August 31, 2025. After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Bowers that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins.

Nay: none. Absent: Hagler and Snyder. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the following claims on file:

Pool Payroll \$ 3,851.56

A.S.A.P. Express 15.55 Express Postage (Water Sample)

American Agricultural Laboratory

241.97 Testing (Water/WW)

American Test Center 1,248.00 Annual Safety Inspections

Aristotle Funds 387.66 Pension

Arnold Insurance Agency 347.42 Group Term Life Insurance

Mary Becker 749.28 Salary

Country Partners Cooperative

1,757.44 Diesel/Gas/Propane/Chemicals

Custer Public Power District

56.65 Electricity

Custer Public Power District

	6,919.57	Contract Labor/Materials
Tom Dennis	509.20	Salary
Eakes Office Solutions	59.92	Office Supplies
	4,490.01	Multi-Function Document System
Tory Edwards	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Harvey Foran	878.14	Salary
Kenneth Goodenow Jr.	778.95	Salary
Marshia Grant	500.00	Contract Labor (CC/Parks)
Great Plains Communications		
	641.66	Telephone/Internet
Eric Holmberg	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Integrated Computer Systems		
	1,691.11	Dell Desktop Computer
Johnny on the Spot	250.00	Portable Toilets
Patricia Lamberty	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency		
	1,515.89	Tipping Fees
Medica Insurance	7,550.66	Health Insurance
Maricela Melendez	75.00	Contract Labor - Janitorial
Menards	6.98	CC Lighting Hardware
Menards	11.97	Pool: Thermometers
Mikes Motorcycle & ATV Repair		
	421.98	Hustler Mower: Front Forks
Mills Hardware	130.72	Water Expense
Mills Hardware	95.77	Electric Expense
Mills Hardware	49.69	CC Expense
Mills Hardware	22.78	Street Expense
Mills Hardware	212.78	Sewer Expense
Mills Hardware	161.40	Park Expense
Mills Hardware	13.97	Office Expense

Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska

	28,639.30	Electricity
Nansel's Best Service	1,199.23	Diesel/Gas/Equip Maint
Pinnacle Bank	591.81	Travel Expenses-WW
		Certification Training
Pinnacle Bank	266.24	External Hard Drive
PowerManager	194.09	Office Supplies
Pye-Barker Fire Safety	70.00	Fire Extinguisher Repairs
Pye-Barker Fire Safety	2,232.00	CC: Upgrade Fire Alarm Panel
Pye-Barker Fire Safety	3,175.00	CC: IDP Device Upgrade
Reed's Food Center	33.96	Supplies
Sargent Drilling Company		
	23,871.11	Local Well Repairs

Sargent Drilling Company	6,472.38	Northwest Well Motor
The Arnold Sentinel	573.93	Printing & Publishing Fees
Troyer Enterprises, Inc.	434.90	Electric Bldg Maintenance
Utilities Section	65.00	Reg Fee (Tory - Water Operator's Training)
Village of Arnold	7,757.41	Utilities
Norma Walker	400.00	CC: Contract Labor
Rusty Wyckoff	66.06	Salary
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS \$111,836.10		

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that since there is only three Board members present that Donnell DeLosh will not be able to abstain on paying the claim to Country Partners. After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Bowers that the claims be approved and paid as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler and Snyder. 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:

AEDC	\$2,946.78	Salary(C Carson-Reimbursement)
AEDC	225.43	Payroll Taxes - Reimbursement
Arnold Public School	21.00	5" Expanded PVC
Bailar Power Systems	185.00	Service Call/Labor
Cheryl Carson	50.00	Cell Phone (Reimbursement)
Natalie J Cool	450.00	Bookkeeping Services
Eakes Office Solutions	52.65	Office Supplies
Marshia Grant	40.00	Contract Labor (Janitorial)
Great Plains Communications	130.86	Telephone/Internet
Irving Jennings	125.00	Contract Labor
Alasha Johnson	569.25	Contract Labor
MJK CPA PC	455.00	Bookkeeping Services
Mills Hardware	269.64	Supplies (Building Maintenance)
Village of Arnold	209.05	Utilities
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS \$ 5,729.66		

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

Mary Becker, representing Arnold Rotary, attended the meeting to request permission for Arnold Rotary to hold a Pancake Feed and an Arnold Fun Run/Walk at the Arnold Recreation Area during Fall Festival. The Pancake Feed and Arnold Fun Run/Walk will be annual events

during the Fall Festival. After discussion, moved by Bowers and seconded by Jenkins to grant permission to Arnold Rotary to hold the Annual Pancake Feed and the Arnold Fun Run/Walk at the Arnold Recreation Area. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler and Snyder. Motion carried.

Consideration of the parade route for Fall Festival was the next item on the agenda. Donnell DeLosh informed the Board that RT Green was unable to attend the meeting. The parade route is the same as last year (Start at Methodist Church and turn at West Lincoln Ave and go around the City Park). After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Bowers that the parade route be approved. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler and Snyder. Motion carried.

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that Tessa Eggleston, Custer County Emergency Management, will attend the special meeting on September 22, 2025, regarding the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).

Mary Becker attended the meeting and gave the following update:

Village of Arnold was awarded an Urban and Community Forestry Grant in the amount of \$208,271.00. This grant covers a three-year period starting this fall. This three-year grant will build on the grant the Village received last year. There are four components to the new grant:

1. Continue to increase the tree canopy with tree diversity and species.
2. Continue to remove dead, dying, and dangerous trees.
3. Continue to provide tree education by hosting one community tree class per year and one school class each year.
4. Provide workforce opportunities for students and community members by encouraging them to help plant the new trees under the guidance of a professional, as well as contributing to the economy of a local nursery by purchasing trees and supplies from them.

The goal is to plant 130 new trees and remove 58 trees during the three years in four areas:

a. Residential b. Public Lands c. Non-Profits d. Businesses

The vendors, who have been chosen to work with the Village:

- Kennedy Landscape Services LLC out of Gothenburg for new trees,
- Viter Tree Service out of Brady for tree removal, and
- Brown Underground of Mullen for the drip system.

Specifically this fall, the goal is to plant 39 trees and remove 22 trees. The grant provides for a certified arborist to approve all trees for removal. They must be dead, dying, or dangerous to the public. This grant does not allow any tree to be removed if it does not fall into these three categories. After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Bowers to authorize Chairman Zach Hagler to sign the necessary documents for the Urban and Community Forestry grant. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler and Snyder. Motion carried.

Consideration of the Ordinance Recodification Proposal from American Legal Publishing was the next item on the agenda. The recodification process includes incorporating all permanent nature ordinances, creating an index and tables as needed, formatting the pages into a new typestyle, including single column print, and printing complete copies of the entire codebook. It also includes a legal review. The base cost is \$7,720. After discussion, moved by Bowers and seconded by Jenkins to accept the Ordinance Recodification Proposal from American Legal Publishing, to authorize Chairman Zach Hagler to sign the Codification Agreement, and to authorize Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, to issue a check for \$1,544.00 (20% of the Base Project Cost) to American Legal Publishing. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Hagler and Snyder. Motion carried.

Consideration of the Ordinance Setting Salaries was the next item on the Agenda. Due to only three board members present, this will be on the agenda for the special meeting on September 22, 2025.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2025-2026 budget.

Discussion was held on the monthly trash rates. Trash rates have remained the same since 2009. It was discussed raising the residential rate from \$15.00 to \$17.50 per month and that would include the use of the roll off container (furniture/mattresses/box springs....). The cost for appliances with Freon will need to be increased. The Village currently charges \$20.00 for the appliances but it cost the Village \$25.00 per appliance at the Custer County Transfer Station. The proposed rate increase will be further discussed at the October 13th meeting.

Discussion was held on the revenues and the expenses of the Construction & Demolition Site. From October 2020 to August 2025

Revenue	\$34,267.15
Expenses	\$109,497.51

Of the \$109,497.51 in expenses, \$63,845.00 was for engineering fees due to the Major Modification of Cell Number 1. Discussion was held on raising the Construction Demolition Rates from \$50.00 per ton to \$60.00 per ton. This will be further discussed at the October 13th meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE SUPERINTENDENT

Tory, Patty and I met with Christopher Sirvas with Western Area Power Administration on August 19th. WAPA's rates will be going up by 6% in January 2026

On August 21st, the bearing at the WW Plant was installed with help from TK's Welding & Fabrication

Code Enforcement

Issued a Warning on Dogs at Large

COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK

A Budget Hearing/Property Tax Hearing/Special Meeting will be held on Monday, September 22nd.

The Custer County Board of Supervisors will be discussing whether to continue Custer County's Recycling Center at their meeting on September 9, 2025.

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Chairman Pro Tem Donnell DeLosh declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.