# ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER September 22, 2025

The Budget Hearing for the Village of Arnold, Nebraska was held in the meeting room of the Arnold Community Center on Monday, September 22, 2025, at the hour of 7:00 P.M. Notice of this Budget Hearing was given in advance by publication and by posting a notice on Facebook and at the following places: Pinnacle Bank, Post Office, Reeds Food Center, and the Village Office. The notice of the Budget Hearing was published in the Arnold Sentinel on September 18, 2025. Notice of this Budget Hearing was given to the Board Members and all members present acknowledged receipt of said notice. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened hearing was open to the public.

Chairman Zach Hagler called the Budget Hearing to order and Patricia Lamberty, the 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.

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.

Chairman Zach Hagler announced that this was the time and place for the Budget Hearing. The Budget Hearing in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513 is to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget. Three copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget. The proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 is \$2,688,480.00. The total operating budget will increase by 5.61 percent from last year's budget. The floor was then opened up for public comment on the proposed budget statement. Comments from the floor: Andrew Tickle asked about the Downtown Sidewalk Project. Discussion was held on the project. There were no other comments on the proposed budget statement. Moved by Snyder and seconded by DeLosh to close the budget hearing. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. The budget hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

## ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER September 22, 2025

The Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was held in the meeting room of the Arnold Community Center on Monday, September 22, 2025, upon the conclusion of the Budget Hearing (7:10 P.M.). Notice of this Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was given in advance by publication and by posting a notice on Facebook and at the following places: Pinnacle Bank, Post Office, Reeds Food Center, and the Village Office. The notice of the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was published in the Arnold Sentinel on September 18, 2025. Notice of this Special Hearing was given to the Board Members and all members present acknowledged receipt of said notice. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened hearing was open to the public.

Chairman Zach Hagler called the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request to order and Patricia Lamberty, the 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 quorum being present the following proceedings were had and done.

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.

Chairman Zach Hagler announced that this was the time and place for the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request. The Special Hearing to set Final Tax Request in compliance with State Statute Section 77-1632 is to hear support, opposition, criticism suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request. The 2025-2026 Property Tax Request is \$141,400.00. The prior year tax request was \$129,381.00. The tax rate for 2025 is .350436 per \$100 of taxable valuation. (2024 Tax Rate was .392348 per \$100 of taxable valuation). There were no comments from the floor regarding the property tax request. Moved by DeLosh and seconded by Bowers to close the Special Hearing. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. The Special Hearing to set Final Tax Request closed at 7:15 p.m.

### ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER September 22, 2025

A special 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 22, 2025, upon the conclusion of the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request (7:15 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, Reeds Food Center, and the Village Office. Said notice contained the statement that the agenda 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.

Chairman Zach 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.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Member Donnell DeLosh introduced Ordinance No. 492 entitled:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 492**

(See Ordinance Book Page 199)

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 Glen Bowers moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Board Member Donnell DeLosh. The Chairman then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 492 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.

Board Member Donnell DeLosh introduced Ordinance No. 493 entitled:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 493**

(See Ordinance Book Page 201)

AN 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; SETTING FORTH THE POSITION OF 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.

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 Glen Bowers 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. 493 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.

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Bowers that the following Resolution be adopted:

## RESOLUTION 2025-4 RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

<u>WHEREAS</u>, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the Village of Arnold passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Governing Body of the Village of Arnold, resolves that:

| 1. The 2025-2026 property tax request be set at |              |           |       |  |
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| General Fund                                    | \$141,400.00 | Bond Fund | \$ NA |  |

- 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 22.36 percent.
- 3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.320649 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 4. The Village of Arnold proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.350436 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Village of Arnold will increase by 5.61 percent from last year's budget.
- 6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

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

Tessa Eggleston and Mark Rempe, Custer County Emergency Management, attended the meeting regarding the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). The Board reviewed and discussed the LEOP. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder that the following Resolution be adopted:

### **RESOLUTION 2025-5**

**RESOLVE:** That in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Custer County, the Village of Arnold and other Cities and Villages in Custer County, the Arnold Village Board deems it advisable and

in the best interests of the community and the County to approve the attached Custer County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Acceptance of this 2025 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Custer County Local Emergency Operations Plan.

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

Kristen Morrison attended the meeting to request permission to keep sheep in the Roping Arena Corral at the Arnold Recreation Area. The Board discussed the matter and said that she is welcome to use the arena to train her dog with the sheep but the animals cannot remain in the pen overnight.

Consideration of the Engagement Letter with Dana F. Cole & Company for auditing services for the Village for the fiscal year ending September 2025 was the next item on the agenda. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, stated that according to the Engagement Letter, the fee for their auditing services would not exceed \$15,750.00. Travel and other out-of-pocket expenses are estimated to be \$775.00. After discussion, moved by Bowers and seconded by Snyder to authorize Chairman Zach Hagler to sign the Engagement Letter with Dana F. Cole & Company for Auditing Services. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Bowers to accept the quote from EJS Supply for (36) 3 Yard Side Load Containers for \$25,570.00. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by and seconded by to pay the following claims:

American Legal Publishing \$1,544.00 Codification of Ordinances (20% of Base Cost)
Atlas Automation \$1,250.00 Backup Power Source @ Water Tower and

Master Controller

John Deere Financial \$1,936.09 Street Sweeper: Parts/Labor

**Nebraska Department of Revenue** 

\$ 25.00 Waste Reduction & Recycling Fee

TK's Welding & Fabrication \$ 966.00 WW Plant Expense: Replace Bearings

Titan Machinery \$ 888.80 Loader: Foot Throttle

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

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Chairman Zach Hagler declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.