

ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER
October 13, 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, October 13, 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. 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. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, recorded the proceedings.

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 September 8, 2025, and the Budget Hearing/Property Tax Hearing/Special meeting on September 22, 2025, were not read as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder that the minutes of the regular meeting on September 8, 2025, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Moved by Bowers and seconded by Jenkins that the minutes of the Budget Hearing/Property Tax Hearing/Special Meeting on September 22, 2025, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the claims paid in September:

09/08 TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS APPROVED & PAID

\$111,836.10

09/12 US Department of Energy

15,762.85

09/16 Nebraska Department of Revenue

4,930.37 Sales/Use Tax

09/22 American Legal Publishing

1,544.00 Codification of Ordinances

Atlas Automation LLC 1,250.00 Backup Power Source @
Water Tower

John Deere Financial 1,936.09 Parts/Labor (Street
Sweeper)

Nebraska Department of Revenue

25.00 Waste Reduction &
Recycling Fee

TK's Welding & Fabrication 966.00 WW Plant Expense

Titan Machinery 888.80 Loader: Foot Throttle

09/30 Payroll 8,936.45

Aflac 349.37 Payroll Deductions

IRS 3,611.30 Fed WH/Payroll Taxes

Nebraska Department of Revenue

383.44 State Withholding

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS \$152,419.77

The Treasurer's Report shows there is

\$ 64,482.29 in the General Fund

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

\$ 85,330.67 in the Street Fund

\$ 41,745.71 in the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Fund

\$908,768.14 in the Electric Fund

\$ 61,779.49 in the Water Fund

\$ 82,933.53 in the Sewer Fund

\$ 16,258.00 in the Solid Waste Fund

\$ 28,342.81 in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account

\$346,075.77 in the Economic Development Fund

\$ 1,013.23 in the Community Development Agency Fund

\$ 12,175.00 in the Trust & Agency Funds

as of September 30, 2025. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Jenkins 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	277.72	Testing (WW)
Aristotle Funds	387.66	Pension
Arnold Insurance Agency	23,440.00	Insurance - Quarterly Premium
Axxent Buildings	337.21	Labor & Materials
Mary Becker	748.61	Salary
Central Nebraska Bobcat	144.22	(2) Bearings
Country Partners Cooperative	530.60	Diesel/Scale Fees
Custer Public Power District	54.46	Electricity
Tom Dennis	373.88	Salary
Dutton-Lainson Company	725.22	Electric Supplies
EJS Supply	25,570.00	3 Yard Side Load Containers
Eakes Office Solutions	280.29	Copier: Service Agreement
Tory Edwards	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Harvey Foran	777.74	Salary
Kenneth Goodenow Jr.	405.27	Salary
Marshia Grant	400.00	Contract Labor (CC)
Great Plains Communications	567.27	Telephone/Internet
Eric Holmberg	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Johnny on the Spot	175.00	Old Mill Park: Portable Toilets
Patricia Lamberty	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency	1,609.50	Tipping Fees
Medica Insurance	7,550.66	Health Insurance
Maricela Melendez	75.00	Contract Labor - Janitorial
Mills Hardware	32.99	Electric Expense
Mills Hardware	63.29	UPS Shipping
Mills Hardware	101.50	Street Expense
Mills Hardware	5.29	Parks: Batteries
Mills Hardware	19.99	Rodent Repellent
Mills Hardware	10.49	Office Expense
Mills Hardware	19.99	CC: Batteries
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska	168.00	Job Training & Safety Classes
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska	31,281.34	Electricity
Municipal Supply, Inc.	2,312.49	Water Supplies
NE Dept of Water, Energy & Environment	125.00	WW Operator's Exam
NE Dept of Water, Energy & Environment	750.00	Annual Operating Fee (C & D Site)

NE Public Health Environmental Lab		
	16.00	Testing (Water)
Nansel's Best Service	729.14	Diesel/Gas/Equip Maint
Nebraska Department of Labor		
	85.94	3 rd Quarter Unemployment
Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association		
	50.00	Membership Dues
One Call Concepts, Inc.	27.25	One Call Fees
Petty Cash Fund	65.68	Postage/Trash Bags/Meal
Pinnacle Bank	20.00	Wire Transfer Fee
Red Fern Electric	2,789.85	Contract Labor/Materials
The Arnold Sentinel	528.43	Printing & Publishing Fees
TreviPay	469.00	Electric Heater
US Department of Energy	14,154.45	Electricity
Village of Arnold	6,514.10	Utilities
WESCO Receivables Corp	263.06	Electric Expense
Norma Walker	400.00	CC: Contract Labor
Total Amount of Claims	\$125,583.58	

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that as of October 1, 2025, the US Department of Energy will no longer accept payment by paper check. It will be a monthly wire transfer and the wire transfer fee is \$20.00. After discussion, moved by DeLosh 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 Bowers 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.

Consideration of Arnold Chamber's request to close the 100 Block of South Walnut at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2025, for "Trunk or Treat" was the next item on the agenda. After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Snyder to grant permission to the Arnold Chamber to close the 100 Block of South Walnut at 6:00 p.m. on October 23, 2025, for "Trunk or Treat". Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

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

On September 23rd, Custer Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) received notification that the 2025 application to the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund (NAHFT) had not been

awarded funding. Arnold was one of the partnering communities in Custer County working with CEDC on the application that would provide funding to build NEW affordable housing in our rural communities. CEDC will seek feedback from Nebraska DED and work on a new game plan for future housing development in our Custer County communities.

Sidewalk project

TC Engineering visited Arnold twice in September to initiate Engineering plan work for Phase 1 locations. All site work, from the storefront to the street level curb, will comply with ADA guidelines.

On the first visit, the morning was spent discussing several different topics, including various location challenges, business owners and public needs, infrastructure updates, potential additional lighting in the future if desired, better marking of mid-block ADA locations with signage and paint lines. The latter part of the day was spent shooting street-level elevations to address proper drainage needs and gather general elevation data.

On the second visit, TC Engineering recorded precise storefront elevations and documented the location of underground infrastructure.

TC Engineering will notify AEDC once they have completed elevation, layout, and potential cost estimates for this phase. Once returned, business owners and the Village will be contacted one-on-one for further discussion of their location allowing us to proceed to the next steps. At a future date, there will be a full presentation given to the Village Board for consideration.

6 Regions One Nebraska Project – I am gathering information as requested from communities in the region to map out vacant lots, vacant buildings/housing. Each community was asked to do an evaluation and return results to be used by JEO Consulting. JEO will be using data/mapping to gather insight into land usage in communities to come up with plans to better help with housing needs.

Congratulations to Lisa Nelson of Dahlia Valley Ranch and Eli Rogers of Arnold Public Schools for being recognized at the 2025 Custer Economic Development Corporation's Annual Appreciation Picnic and Awards ceremony. Lisa Nelson was awarded the Ag Innovator Award and Eli Rogers was awarded the Youth Wheel Horse Award.

Upcoming Events:

October 23rd – Downtown Trunk or Treat

Nov 1st – Arnold Housing Tour

Nov 10th - Veterans Program, "Not Too Far Distant" Arnold Public School

Nov 22nd – Arnold Community Foundation Annual Fundraiser

Nov 24th - Special Farmers Market Downtown (Inside Hotel Custer)

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 Bowers and seconded by Snyder that the following claims be approved and paid as presented from the Economic Development Fund:

AEDC	\$2,680.83	Salary(C Carson-Reimbursement)
AEDC	205.08	Payroll Taxes - Reimbursement
Cheryl Carson	50.00	Cell Phone (Reimbursement)
Central NE Economic Development District	25.00	Registration Fee - Annual Conf
Columbia Insurance Group	257.00	Workers Compensation
Columbia Insurance Group	4,739.00	Commercial Package Policy
Kristi Dvorak	1,017.50	Website/Social Media Updates
Kristi Dvorak	150.00	Website Hosting & Security
Elliott Plumbing	95.00	Service Call
Marshia Grant	140.00	Contract Labor (Janitorial)
Great Plains Communications	127.69	Telephone/Internet
MJK CPA PC	120.00	Bookkeeping Services
The Arnold Sentinel	20.77	Color Copies
Village of Arnold	180.85	Utilities
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$ 9,808.72	

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

Rudy Vickers, Certified Professional Insurance Agent, with Arnold Insurance Agency, attended the meeting to give a presentation to the Board on the renewal of the Village's insurance policy. Rudy Vickers informed the Board that the premium for 2025-2026 is \$93,761.00. The premium for 2024-2025 was \$87,321.00. The increase in the premium is mostly due to the increase in the building valuations. Discussion was held on the following:

- The Gun Club Range Building needs to be added to insurance.
- The Board questioned the valuation on the Bath House at the Arnold Recreation Area. Rudy Vickers will check into the valuation.
- Deductible Buyback Insurance Policy

The Gun Club, the valuation on the Bath House at the Arnold Recreation Area and the deductible buyback insurance policy will be on the November 10th Agenda.

Mary Becker informed the Board that the Village employees had a zoom meeting with the Nebraska Forest Service. The earliest that the Village can start working on the tree grant is December 1st. A contract has to be signed before the Village can start. Wade Viter, DBA Viter Tree Solutions, will start removing the trees in December and Jeff Kennedy, DBA Kennedy Landscape Services, will plant the trees in late spring or early summer. Mary Becker stated that the Tree Board relooked at new tree placement and tree removal at the Arnold Recreation Area. There will be some trees planted on the entryway to the ARA and at the horseshoe campsite on the south side. The Tree Board is also going to focus on removing trees and planting trees by the playground equipment.

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that Justin Strasburg was unable to attend the meeting to give an update on the Old Mill Park Bathroom Project. Justin Strasburg provided the following update via text:

The concrete and plumbing should be completed in the next two weeks and the masonry before the end of the year. The framing will be completed after that. Restrooms will be open by the soccer season. The goal is to get the lights in before summer. The poles are set for the batting cage. The batting cage will be strung in the spring.

Consideration/Discussion of Custer County Recycling was the next item on the agenda. Zach Hagler informed the Board that Custer County Recycling is going to close. Patricia Lamberty informed the Board that Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency (LASWA) will accept the recyclables. The Board directed Patricia Lamberty to contact North Platte Recycling Center to see if they accept recyclables from Custer County otherwise the recyclables will be taken to LASWA.

Discussion was held on Construction & Demolition Rates. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder to increase the Construction & Demolition Rates as follows:

2.5 cents to 3 cents per pound (\$50.00 to \$60.00 per ton)

1 cent to 2.5 cents (\$20.00 to \$50.00 per ton) for complete removal of building or buildings

3 cents to 3.5 cents (\$60.00 to \$70.00 per ton) for commingling solid waste and construction and demolition waste

Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins and Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. An Ordinance revising the rates will be on the November 10th agenda.

After discussion, moved by Bowers and seconded by Snyder to increase the following solid waste rates as follows:

RESIDENTIAL \$15.00 to \$17.50 (Includes Use of Roll Off Container)

COMMERCIAL: The Village shall take the multiplier times the residential rate to determine commercial trash collection rates. The following table shall be used for commercial multipliers:

COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS	MULTIPLIER
Restaurant/Café	2.0
Restaurant/Bar	3.0
Grocery Store	3.0
Hardware Store	2.0
Convenience Store	3.0
Apartment Building	1.0 Per Apartment
Low Income Housing	8.0
Service Station	2.0
Repair Shops	2.0
Fertilizer Plant	2.0
School	10.0
Other	1.0

Private Dumpster \$35.00

Appliances with Freon \$30.00

Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins and Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. An Ordinance providing for the revision of solid waste rates will be on the November 10th agenda.

Eric Holmberg, Village Superintendent, presented a quote from United Trailer Sales LLC for the Board's consideration. The quote is for a 83" X 14" Tandem Axle Low-Pro Dump Trailer for \$11,000.00. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder to accept the quote from United Trailer Sales LLC for a dump trailer for \$11,000.00. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins and Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE SUPERINTENDENT

The fountains were pulled at the ARA

The Old Mill Park Sign was installed on Sept 24th

Atlas Automation installed the Backup Power Source @ Water Tower and Master Controller

Koubek Avenue has been bladed and graveled

Trimmed Trees on Koubek Avenue

City Park Damage: Someone ran over the sprinkler box at the City Park. Matt Brown, Mac Works, will be replacing the valve and a new box

The UV lights were removed from the WW Plant.

COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK

I will be attending a Webinar on how to set up and e-mail bills.

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Chairman Zach Hagler declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.