

ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER
March 12, 2018

A regular meeting of the Chairman and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arnold, Nebraska was held in the Arnold Community Center on Monday, March 12, 2018 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by publication and by posting notices at the following places: Pinnacle Bank, Post Office, Reeds 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 Glen Bowers called the meeting to order and Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, recorded the proceedings. On roll call the following were present: Glen Bowers, Brent Kulp, Scott McDowell, Tim Turley. Absent: Aaron Olson. A quorum being present the following proceedings were had and done.

Chairman Glen Bowers 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 12, 2018 were not read as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Moved by Turley and seconded by McDowell that the minutes of the previous regular meeting on February 12, 2018 be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Kulp, McDowell, Turley. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the claims paid in February:

02/12 Total Amount of Claims Approved & Paid

\$69,975.37

02/13 DHHS	600.00	Water Improvement Project Initial Fee to Review Plans
02/15 Nebraska Department of Revenue		
	5,799.83	Sales/Use Tax
02/28 Payroll	6,933.33	
Aflac	160.03	Payroll Deductions
IRS	2,467.68	Payroll Taxes/Fed WH

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS - FEB \$85,936.24

The Treasurer's Report revealed there is \$105,230.59 in the General Fund; \$110,521.44 in the Street Fund; \$4,321.74 in the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Fund; \$791,853.84 in the Electric Fund; \$221,841.90 in the Water Fund; \$80,974.13 in the Sewer Fund; \$64,839.10 in the Solid Waste Fund; \$45,172.86 in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account; \$78,330.03 in the Economic Development Fund; \$1,006.01 in the Community Development Agency Fund; \$10,638.69 in the Trust & Agency Funds as of February 28, 2018. After discussion, moved by McDowell and seconded by Turley that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Kulp, McDowell, Turley. Nay: none. Absent: Olsen. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the following claims on file:

AJ Sheet Metal, Inc.	\$ 921.94	CC: Parts/Labor (HVAC System)
American Agricultural Laboratory		
	125.50	testing (ww)
Bob's Truck Repair	4,703.76	Parts/Labor (Digger Truck)
Border State Industries	190.78	electric supplies
Borders Law Office	453.25	attorney fee
Coventry Health & Life Ins	3,740.40	Health Insurance
Dutton-Lainson Company	454.88	electric supplies
Eakes Office Solutions	186.42	office supplies
Tory Edwards	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Harvey Foran	996.42	Salary
Great Plains Communications	140.74	CC: Telephone/Internet
Great Plains Communications	432.94	Telephone/Internet
Patricia Lamberty	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Paula De Laune	415.57	CC: Salary
Ralph De Laune	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency		
	732.48	tipping fees
Mills Hardware	35.30	electric supplies
Mills Hardware	188.97	supplies/tools
Mills Hardware	40.96	supplies
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska		
	26,829.60	Electricity
NE Public Health Environmental Lab		
	750.00	Testing (Water)
Nansel Oil Company	889.86	Oil/Antifreeze
Nansel's Best Service	832.63	Gas/Tires/Filters...
Olsson Associates	6,902.00	Engineering Fees
One Call Concepts, Inc.	2.28	One Call Fees
Pacific Funds	446.41	pension
Pinnacle Bank (VISA)	98.77	CC: Mini Blinds/Bill Stuffers
Postmaster	255.00	stamps

Productivity Plus Account	30.98	oil filter
The Arnold Sentinel	121.84	Publishing Fees
Titan Machinery	750.00	Used Byonic 10' Grading Blade
Village of Arnold	7,630.81	utilities
Lois Witthuhn	157.50	Contract Labor (Janitorial)
Gail Zoerb	44.16	Salary
Central I.T. Inc.	110.00	Computer Maintenance
Country Partners Cooperative	3,558.55	Propane/Gas/Diesel/Scale Fees
Country Partners Cooperative	755.49	Power Plant: Propane
Custer Public Power District	96.97	electricity
Custer Public Power District	309.92	Contract Labor
DHHS	40.00	Swimming Pool Permit Renewal Fee
Department of Energy	11,547.33	Electricity
Fastenal	32.28	Parks: Bath Tissue Dispenser
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$76,102.69	

After discussion, moved by Turley and seconded by Kulp that the claims be approved and paid as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Kulp, McDowell, Turley. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

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

Directors Update:

I attended regular monthly meetings. (Arnold Chamber, Custer County Tourism, Custer Economic Development Corporation, Village, Youth Leadership Custer County)

Rural Workforce Housing Fund

AEDC is currently looking into the possibilities of the new Rural Workforce Housing Funds being utilized to develop family homes or duplexes in our community. AEDC is reviewing the requirements that need to be met to apply for the RWHF grant. The first deadline is March 30th. Upon consulting with a grant writer that is specialized in this area, it has been determined that additional time will be needed to update Arnold's information, conduct extensive research, gather community input and collect additional data to properly prepare for the application. The AEDC will continue to work on the items required to meet guideline requirements in order to submit a complete and full application to the RWHF grant committee for the next application round.

In addition to the RWHF grant, the AEDC will also be looking at other funding options. The goal is to maximize Arnold's potential to not only build new housing, but possibly offer assistance for owner occupied rehabilitation of homes, or other housing needs for Arnold.

Website / Facebook /Advertising:

Continually updating Website and Facebook, Visit Nebraska, and advertising of events through print ads and TV commercials for community events.

Upcoming Community Events:

April 9th – Community Clean Up Day

After discussion, moved by McDowell and seconded by Kulp that the following claims be paid from the Economic Development Fund:

AEDC	\$2,480.63	Salary (C Carson-reimbursement)
AEDC	189.77	Payroll Taxes - Reimbursement
Cheryl Carson	50.00	Cell Phone (reimbursement)
Central NE Economic Development District	895.50	Membership Dues
Country Partners Cooperative	30.00	Propane Tank Rental
Eakes Office Solutions	262.72	office supplies
Great Plains Communications	131.02	Telephone/Internet
MJK CPA PC	106.25	Bookkeeping Services
The Arnold Sentinel	116.90	Copies - Community Survey
Village of Arnold	107.87	Utilities
Lois Witthuhn	37.50	Contract Labor
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$4,408.16	

Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Kulp, McDowell, Turley. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

Tom Werblow, Village Engineer, attended the meeting regarding the Project entitled Street Improvements 2018-1. Tom Werblow informed the Board that only one bid was submitted for said project. The following bid was submitted:

Figgins Construction Company, Inc. Red Cloud, NE \$44,490.00

After discussion, moved by Kulp and seconded by McDowell to accept Figgins Construction Company’s bid of \$44,490.00 as recommended by Tom Werblow, Village Engineer, and that Chairman Glen Bowers be authorized to sign the necessary documents. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Kulp, McDowell, Turley. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

Richard Andrysik, P.E., Distributed Resources and Generation Specialist from Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) gave a Presentation on an Interconnection Policy and Guidelines for Small Solar and Wind Systems. Richard Andrysik informed the Board that MEAN wants the Village to be ready when a retail customer asks to connect a solar PV system

to the Village's distribution system. MEAN has prepared a distributed generation (DG) interconnection policy, complete with the necessary forms, for use by our member participants. Consideration of the Interconnection Policy will be on the April 9th agenda.

After discussion, moved by Turley and seconded by McDowell to accept the quote from Plains Equipment Group for a John Deere 5085E Utility Tractor with a John Deere 520 M Loader for \$65,734.56. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Kulp, McDowell, Turley. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by McDowell and seconded by Kulp to finance the purchase of the John Deere Utility Tractor with a John Deere Loader through Pinnacle Bank and to authorize Chairman Glen Bowers to sign the necessary documents. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Kulp, McDowell, Turley. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

Consideration of the quotes for a Mower Attachment to the John Deere Utility Tractor was the next item on the agenda. After discussion, moved by Turley and seconded by McDowell to accept the quote for a Rhino 184 Rotary Mower from Titan Machinery for \$3,750.00. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Kulp, McDowell, Turley. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Kulp and seconded by Turley that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION 2018-2

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE OF THE VILLAGE'S 1976 CATERPILLAR 140G MOTOR GRADER ON THE BIG IRON ONLINE AUCTION ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018. EQUIPMENT SELLS AS IS WITH NO WARRANTIES OR GUARANTEES.

Bidding starts 21 days prior to the Online Auction on March 28, 2018. (www.bigiron.com). Notice of this sale will be published in the Arnold Sentinel and a copy of this Resolution will be posted in three prominent places within the Village.

The Chairman put the Resolution to a vote. Those voting FOR PASSAGE: Bowers, Kulp, McDowell, Turley. Those voting AGAINST PASSAGE: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Overtime Policy. According to the Employee Handbook:

Overtime compensation will be paid to the other Village employees for each hour that he or she might work over forty hours in one week at a rate of one and a half for each hour of overtime. Overtime will be computed on a six-month basis allowing employees to accumulate a maximum of sixty compensatory time ("comp time") hours. During the six months the employees may take comp time off and/or will be paid an hourly wage according to their individual wage for the comp time (maximum 60 comp time hours) not taken off at the end of a six-month period.

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that as March 2, 2018 Doug De Laune has 100+ Comp Time Hours. The Board discussed that since the Village has been short one full time employee since June 8th plus all the snow this winter that Doug De Laune needs to be compensated for his additional overtime. After discussion, moved by Kulp and seconded by McDowell to issue a check to Doug De Laune for 50 comp time hours in April, 50 comp time hours in May and the balance in June. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Kulp, McDowell, Turley. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Kulp and seconded by Turley that Scott McDowell and Aaron Olson be authorized to hire the pool personnel. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Kulp, McDowell, Turley. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

Consideration of the Village Superintendent Position was the next item on the agenda. The matter was tabled.

Consideration of Advertising for a Full Time Employee was the next item on the agenda. The matter was tabled.

After discussion, moved by McDowell and seconded by Turley to advertise for seasonal help. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Kulp, McDowell, Turley. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

Chairman Glen Bowers informed the Board that the Village received a \$100,000 check from the Edna B Peterson Estate. According to Edna B Peterson's will the money is to be used for maintaining and upgrading its fire and rescue department, for the care of the cemetery, and for any other services or benefits which the Village has been providing to its residents and those people in the surrounding area.

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that an email was sent to the Clerks group asking for the cost of their audit. Thirteen towns with a population of 1000 or less responded . The average cost for audit fees was \$6,363.84. Audit fees for fiscal year ending September 2017 for Arnold was \$5,955.00. The Board agreed to continue with Dana F. Cole & Company for auditing services.

The Board discussed the area adjacent to the Roping Arena. The Arnold Roping Club did not want to renew the lease. Holly Remund attended the meeting regarding the matter. Holly Remund informed the Board that the 4-H is not interested in leasing the property. Chairman Glen Bowers recommended to leave the east side of the property for a horse staging area for 4-H and let the rest of the area be hayed. Doug De Laune, Interim Village Superintendent, informed the Board that the Arnold Roping Club is willing to tear out the fence.

Doug De Laune, Interim Village Superintendent, informed the Board that Dennis Conner is wanting to put in a RV Park. The RV Park will be located on the south part of town. The matter will be on the April 9th agenda.

Chairman Glen Bowers informed the Board that there is going to be a meeting on Monday, March 19th with Shane Cool regarding the Housing Development. Glen Bowers stated that he will attend the meeting along with Scott McDowell, Patty Lamberty, Doug De Laune, Cheryl Carson and Andrew Tickle. Mike Borders, Village Attorney, will also attend the meeting.

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Chairman Glen Bowers declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.