

**ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER
JANUARY 12, 2026**

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, January 12, 2026, 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: Donnell DeLosh, Zach Hagler, Jason Jenkins, Austin Snyder. Absent: Glen Bowers. A quorum 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 December 8, 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 December 8, 2025, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the claims paid in December:

12/08	TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS APPROVED & PAID		
			\$ 71,158.88
12/15	C & I Equipment	4,700.00	Snow Pusher
	Nebraska Department of Revenue		
		3,451.04	Sales/Use Tax
10/31	Payroll	9,932.28	
	Aflac	349.37	Payroll Deductions
	IRS	3,740.43	Fed WH/Payroll Taxes

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS \$ 93,821.02

The Treasurer's Report shows there is

\$ 71,043.03 in the General Fund
 \$ 33,173.15 in the Edna B. Peterson Estate
 \$ 84,599.82 in the Street Fund
 \$ 43,383.75 in the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Fund
 \$929,905.32 in the Electric Fund
 \$ 88,481.36 in the Water Fund
 \$ 97,732.50 in the Sewer Fund
 \$ 2,721.79 in the Solid Waste Fund
 \$ 28,343.53 in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account
 \$347,674.16 in the Economic Development Fund
 \$ 1,013.26 in the Community Development Agency Fund
 \$ 12,655.00 in the Trust & Agency Funds

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

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder to purchase (2) \$50,000 CDARS. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the following claims on file:

Al's Lock & Safe	\$ 12.00	CC: Dyndns Account (Camera System)
American Agricultural Lab	163.48	Testing (WW)
Aristotle Funds	631.00	Pension
Arnold Public School	30.00	Tobacco Licenses
Mary Becker	740.92	Salary
Borders & Furrow Law PC	90.00	Attorney Fee
Central Nebraska Bobcat	149.89	Hydraulic Fluid
City of North Platte	320.28	Tipping Fees
Country Partners Cooperative	3,373.52	Diesel/Gas/Propane/Scale Fees
Custer Public Power District	84.21	Electricity
Custer Public Power District	2,598.90	Contract Labor/Materials
Dana F. Cole & Company	13,375.00	Auditor Fees
Dutton-Lainson Company	112.32	Electric Supplies

EMC Insurance Companies	23,359.00	Insurance - Quarterly Premium
Eakes Office Solutions	98.17	Service Agreement (Copier)
Eakes Office Solutions	46.44	Office Supplies
Tory Edwards	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Tory Edwards	3,500.00	HSA Contribution
Harvey Foran	878.08	Salary
Ethan Furne	2,139.75	Salary
Kenneth Goodenow Jr.	80.06	Salary
Marshia Grant	400.00	Contract Labor (CC)
Great Plains Communications		
	607.88	Telephone/Internet
Eric Holmberg	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Eric Holmberg	3,500.00	HSA Contribution
Patricia Lamberty	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Patricia Lamberty	3,500.00	HSA Contribution
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency		
	1,463.35	Tipping Fees
Loup Valley Construction	750.00	Equipment with Operator
Medica Insurance	7,952.59	Health Insurance
Maricela Melendez	100.00	Contract Labor (Janitorial)
Mills Hardware	82.96	Water Expense
Mills Hardware	198.02	Electric Expense
Mills Hardware	128.16	Sewer Expense
Mills Hardware	676.60	Street Expense
Mills Hardware	33.97	CC Expense
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska		
	26,448.68	Electricity
Municipal Supply, Inc.	1,154.89	Water Supplies
NE Public Health Environmental Lab		
	98.00	Testing (Water)
Nansel's Best Service	2,914.05	Gas/Diesel/Equip Repairs & Maintenance
NE Department of Labor	10.82	4 th Quarter Unemployment
NE Department of Revenue	490.98	Pool Sales Tax (Annual)
One Call Concepts, Inc.	10.62	One Call Fees
Pinnacle Bank	50.00	Safe Deposit Box - Annual Fee
Pinnacle Bank	20.00	Wire Transfer Fee (WAPA)
Pinnacle Bank (VISA)	447.25	FR Clothing
Pinnacle Bank (VISA)	29.80	WW Plant Expense (Hour Meters)
PowerManager	513.17	Customer Bills/Meter Sheets
Pye-Barker Fire Safety	721.00	CC: Service Call
		CC: Fire Alarm Inspection
Reed's Food Center	28.47	CC: Supplies
The Arnold Sentinel	381.83	Printing & Publishing Fees
Uline	100.31	CC Expense

Utilities Section	170.00	Registration Fee - Tory (WW Conf)
Village of Arnold	5,533.93	Utilities
WESCO Receivables Corp	338.67	Electric Expense
Norma Walker	400.00	CC: Contract Labor
Western Area Power Administration		
	16,478.75	Electricity

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS \$127,667.77

After discussion, moved by Snyder 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: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Zach Hagler announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearings to consider proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 483, the zoning regulations of the Village of Arnold, Nebraska. Notice of the Public Hearings was published in the Arnold Sentinel, the official newspaper for the Village, and in prominent places within the Village, namely, at the Village Office, Reed's Food Center, Pinnacle Bank, and Post Office. Moved by Snyder and seconded by Jenkins to open the Hearing to consider amending Article 4, Section No. 410.02 (1) to Ordinance No. 483, the zoning regulations. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried. Hearing opened at 7:05 p.m. The proposed amendment is to change the 1200 square feet minimum living/livable floor area to 900 square feet. There were no comments from the floor. Moved by DeLosh and seconded by Jenkins to open the Hearing to consider amending Article 4, Section No. 411.02 (12) to Ordinance No. 483, the zoning regulations. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried. Hearing opened at 7:08 p.m. The proposed amendment is to delete bed and breakfast and similar uses from the Central Business District (C-1). Comments were heard from the floor. A discussion was held on the pros and cons of bed and breakfast businesses in the Central Business District. Moved by Snyder and seconded by DeLosh to close the Public Hearings. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried. Hearings closed at 7:38 p.m.

Chairman Zach Hagler announced that this was the time and place of the Public Hearing for the discussion of the six-month review of Arnold's Economic Development Program. Moved by Snyder and seconded by DeLosh to open the Public Hearing. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried. Hearing opened at 7:39 p.m. Cheryl Carson, Economic Development Director, informed the Board that she attended the Citizen Advisory Committee meeting at 5:15 P.M. and gave an update to the Citizen Advisory Committee. Cheryl Carson stated that copies of the AEDC Director's Report (July to Dec) are available. (If anyone wants a copy of the AEDC Director's Report contact Cheryl Carson or Patty Lamberty). Chairman Zach Hagler asked if there were any comments from the floor. There were no comments. Moved by Snyder and seconded by DeLosh to close the Hearing. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 7:45 P.M.

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

Sidewalk Project

The first draft of engineering plans for Phase 1 of the sidewalk project has been received and reviewed on January 9th, 2026. Business owners in 100 Block of South Walnut Street will be contacted to meet individually before the end of January. Discussion during this meeting will cover plans/scope of work for their individual location, cost, as well as any changes.

2025 Holiday Shopping Passport – This was concluded on January 6. Winners will be drawn on the 16th of this month.

A new printer has been ordered for the office. The donated printer that has been in use for quite some time has finally quit working and parts are not available. This new printer will be the same one as the Village recently purchased.

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

AEDC	\$4,611.38	Salary(C Carson-Reimbursement)
AEDC	352.78	Payroll Taxes - Reimbursement
Cheryl Carson	50.00	Cell Phone (Reimbursement)
Columbia Insurance Group	30.00	Workers Compensation
Custer County Register of Deeds		
	11.00	Copies/Search for Deeds
Kristi Dvorak	150.00	Website Hosting & Security
Kristi Dvorak	1,055.00	Website/Social Media Updates
Marshia Grant	62.50	Contract Labor (Janitorial)
Great Plains Communications	127.87	Telephone/Internet
IKNOP	300.00	Digital Advertising
KNOP	700.00	TV Commercial Advertising
Village of Arnold	186.46	Utilities
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS		\$ 7,636.99

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

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by seconded by Snyder to amend Article 4, Section No. 410.02 (1) to Ordinance No. 483, the zoning regulations (change 1200 square feet minimum living/livable floor area to 900 square feet). Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by Snyder to amend Article 4, Section No. 411.02 (12) to Ordinance No. 483, the zoning regulations (delete bed and breakfast and similar uses from the Central Business District). Roll call vote: Aye: none. Nay: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

Consideration of the Arnold Golf Association's Application for a Special Designated License for Saturday, March 7, 2026, for the Annual Chili Cook Off was the next item on the agenda. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that this is to allow for the consumption of alcohol at the Chili Cook Off. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder to approve Arnold Golf Association's Application for a Special Designated License for Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 8 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the Annual Chili Cook Off at the Arnold Community Center. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

Michelle Medich attended the meeting to request that the Village consider paying the bill from Taylors Heating & Cooling. Michelle Medich informed the Board that on December 18, 2025, that she woke up with no heat. Taylors Heating and Cooling was contacted to diagnose the issue. A technician from Taylor Heating and Cooling thoroughly inspected the HVAC system and found no mechanical or equipment failures within Michelle Medhich's home. The technician confirmed that the system was not receiving proper 220 power and advised to have the Village check the electrical supply. Eric Holmberg, Village Superintendent, found the electric meter to be hot due to a bad connection. The bad connection could be due to age. The meter and meter loop was replaced, and heat was immediately restored to Medich's home. After discussion, moved by Snyder and seconded by DeLosh to issue a check for \$922.15 to Taylors Heating & Cooling. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

Joe Bob Atkins, DBA Arnold Insurance Agency, attended the meeting to discuss a deductible buydown policy. The deductible buydown policy is for wind and hail coverage only. It is designed to work in conjunction with an overlying primary property insurance policy. This buydown policy pays the difference between your primary policy's deductible (2% of total insurance value) and your chosen buyback deductible. The Village insures 17 locations in Arnold. These locations have a combined total insured value of \$7,842,268. The overlying policy deductible is 2.00% per occurrence (equals \$156,845.36 based on total insurance value). Joe Bob Atkins informed the Board that there are three options available for the deductible buydown policy. Joe Bob Atkins recommended that the Board go with Option A:

Option A:
\$10,000 Deductible Buydown
Annual Premium \$12,340.23
Out of Pocket Per Claim \$10,000

The deductible buydown policy covers the gap between your primary policy's 2% deductible and your chosen deductible buydown. Joe Bob suggested that the Board consider setting up a separate account for the insurance deductible and annually transfer money to the account. Once the account has enough to sufficiently pay the deductible then there would not be a need to purchase the deductible buydown policy. Joe Bob Atkins stated that he will provide the Board

with a comprehensive analysis of the deductible buydown policy over a 20-year period to help them make an informed decision. The matter was tabled.

Joe Bob Atkins presented a proposal from Philadelphia Insurance Companies Package for general liability and property coverage on the Gun Range. The General Liability Coverage is \$834.00 and is \$1,000,000 for each occurrence limit. The Property Coverage is \$302.00. The limit on building coverage is \$72,000. The liability is for the Village only and does not cover the Gun Club. Cheryl Carson, representing the Arnold Gun Club, informed the Board that the Gun Club will not have enough revenue to purchase a general liability policy. The Gun Club will disband, and the range will be opened back up to the public on March 1, 2026. After discussion, moved by Snyder and seconded by DeLosh to purchase the comprehensive insurance package policy for the Gun Range for \$1,136.00. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that the Village was awarded a \$26,487.00 Grant from Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (DWEE) for a Scrap Tire Collection. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder that the Grant Agreement with DWEE for the implementation of the Waste Reduction & Recycling Incentive Grant Application Project, Reference Number: 2025-152715639 be approved and that Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk/Treasurer, is authorized to sign said agreement. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that the application to West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) to administer the Nuisance Abatement Program has been received and approved. The Board reviewed and discussed the map from WCNDD. The community is divided into four sections. This will be a four-year process. Patricia Lamberty informed the Board that they need to select Section 1, 2, 3, or Section 4 for the 2026 Nuisance Season. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder to select Section 4 (Everything south of Highway 92) for the 2026 Nuisance Abatement Program. Roll call vote: Aye: DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Absent: Bowers. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Rich Hornung stated that he has a granddaughter coming back to Arnold to open a Beauty Parlor. Rich Hornung stated that they would like to develop the lot north of the red building (200 Block

of South Walnut). It will require electricity, water and sewer. Rich Horning wanted to check on zoning. Cheryl Carson stated that a beauty parlor is permitted in the Central Business District.

COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE SUPERINTENDENT

Installed new windows at the street shop

Put up a new steel pole at the Community Center to replace the one that the truck with the oversized load hit

Replaced a Light Pole at the Baptist Church

Replaced posts at the boneyard at the Old Mill Park

CPPD changed out the regulator and repaired hot spots on December 9th

Sewer Jetted on East Washington to North Carroll Street

COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK

Melvin L. Nielsen donated \$2,000 to the Carroll Street Courts Project. Melvin Nielsen was a 1958 Arnold High School Graduate.

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Chairman Zach Hagler declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.