

ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER
March 9, 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, March 9, 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: 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 February 9, 2026, were not read as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Moved by Jenkins and seconded by DeLosh that the minutes of the regular meeting on February 9, 2026, 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 February:

02/09 TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS APPROVED & PAID
\$ 84,198.44

02/10	Village of Arnold	150,000.00	Transfer to General from the Electric Fund
	Viter Tree Solutions	46,700.00	Tree Removal (Urban & Community Forestry Grant)
02/18	Arnold Insurance Agency	8,518.54	Insurance (Deductible Buy-Back Policy)

02/19	Nebraska Department of Revenue		
		4,267.90	Sales & Use Tax
02/27	Payroll	10,047.39	
	Aflac	349.37	Payroll Deductions
	IRS	3,020.04	Fed WH/Payroll Taxes
	Nebraska Department of Revenue		
		386.76	State Withholding
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS		\$307,488.44	

The Treasurer's Report shows there is

\$167,190.71 in the General Fund
 \$ 33,173.15 in the Edna B. Peterson Estate
 \$ 111,921.53 in the Street Fund
 \$ 44,531.65 in the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Fund
 \$754,682.17 in the Electric Fund
 \$ 95,172.07 in the Water Fund
 \$105,000.94 in the Sewer Fund
 \$ 12,505.70 in the Solid Waste Fund
 \$ 28,343.98 in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account
 \$357,014.48 in the Economic Development Fund
 \$ 1,014.28 in the Community Development Agency Fund
 \$ 12,460.00 in the Trust & Agency Funds

as of February 28, 2026. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder 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 Lab	\$	210.00	Testing (WW)
Aristotle Funds		631.00	Pension
Arnold Public School		225.00	Liquor License (Highlander)
Arnold Township		246.37	Gravel (Reimbursement)
Mary Becker		581.85	Salary
Borders & Furrow Law PC		60.00	Attorney Fee
City of North Platte		321.64	Tipping Fees
Country Partners Cooperative		2,677.96	Diesel/Propane/Scale Fees
Custer Public Power District (CPPD)		63.14	Electricity
CPPD		588.69	Contract Labor
Dana F. Cole & Company		3,150.00	Auditor Fees
Dutton-Lainson Company		112.24	Electric Supplies
Eakes Office Solutions		50.35	Office Supplies

Tory Edwards	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Harvey Foran	823.09	Salary
Kenneth Goodenow Jr.	33.21	Salary
Marshia Grant	400.00	Contract Labor (CC)
Great Plains Communications		
	592.44	Telephone/Internet
Green Acres LLC	7,506.00	Lawn Service
Eric Holmberg	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Inland Truck Parts Company	73.66	Windshield Wiper Arm
Knapp Electric Inc.	1,688.75	WW Plant: Pump Repairs
Patricia Lamberty	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency		
	1,188.18	Tipping Fees
Loup Valley Construction	1,337.50	Contract with Labor
Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc.		
	480.00	Zoning Assistance
Medica Insurance	7,952.59	Health Insurance
Maricela Melendez	100.00	Contract Labor (Office)
Mills Hardware	142.39	UPS Shipping (Water Sample)
Mills Hardware	18.09	Tool
Mills Hardware	43.27	CC Expense
Mills Hardware	260.25	Lumber (Bathroom Project)
Mills Hardware	99.95	UPS Shipping (WW Sample)
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska		
	24,067.48	Electricity
NE Public Health Environmental Lab		
	100.00	Testing (Water)
Nansel's Best Service	625.71	Gas/Diesel/Equipment Repairs
Paulsen, Inc.	1,996.00	Concrete (Bathroom Project)
Pinnacle Bank (VISA)	14.35	Vehicle Title/Registration
Pinnacle Bank	20.00	Wire Transfer Fee (WAPA)
Pinnacle Bank (VISA)	239.81	Office Supplies
		E File Tax Form
		Microsoft 365 Subscription
Reeds Food Center	19.96	CC: Toilet Paper
School House Graphic Products		
	488.45	Old Mill Park Sign
The Arnold Sentinel	690.39	Printing & Publishing Fees
USA Blue Book	1,065.07	Water/Sewer Expense
Village of Arnold	6,727.03	Utilities
Village of Stapleton	270.00	Trucking Fees
Norma Walker	400.00	CC: Contract Labor
Western Area Power Administration		
	15,990.40	Electricity
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS\$ 84,522.26		

After discussion, moved by Snyder and seconded by Bowers that the claims be approved and paid as presented except for the claim payable to Country Partners Cooperative. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

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

AEDC UPDATE:

Cheryl Carson, Arnold Economic Development Director, informed the Board that she is working on the guidelines for the sidewalk project.

After discussion, moved by Bowers and seconded by DeLosh that the following claims be approved and paid as presented from the Economic Development Fund:

AEDC	\$3,054.35	Salary (C Carson-Reimbursement)
AEDC	233.65	Payroll Taxes - Reimbursement
AEDC	60.00	Chamber Membership Dues - Reimbursement
AEDC	125.48	EDDM - Chamber/Community Event Flyer
Cheryl Carson	50.00	Cell Phone (Reimbursement)
Dahlia Valley Ranch	35.00	Sola Wood Arrangement (Highlander)
Marshia Grant	62.50	Contract Labor
Great Plains Communications	127.87	Telephone/Internet
MJK CPA PC	272.50	Bookkeeping Services
Mills Hardware	27.98	Trash Bags/Padlock
The Arnold Sentinel	313.79	Color Copies (Chamber/Community Events Flyer)
Village of Arnold	133.31	Utilities
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS \$		4,496.43

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

Consideration of the sealed bids for the hay at the Arnold Recreation Area (ARA) was the next item on the agenda. The following bids were submitted:

Cory Peterson \$1,725.00
Jason Jenkins 600.00

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Bowers to accept the bid of \$1,725.00 from Cory Peterson for the hay at the ARA. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried

Eli Rogers, representing the Rotary Interact Club, met with the Board regarding a proposed project (“StoryWalk”) in the Arnold Recreation Area (ARA). Eli Rogers would like to put nine posts at the ARA. A page from a children’s book will be mounted on each post. Eli Rogers is hoping to get businesses to sponsor the poles. Eli Rogers stated that he will work with Eric Holmberg to keep the maintenance at a minimum. Eli Rogers stated that the Interact Club partners with Dolly Parton Imagination Library so the books will be free. After discussion, moved by Snyder and seconded by Bowers to authorize Eli Rogers to proceed with the project. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that Justin Strasburg emailed the following update on the Old Mill Park:

OLD MILL PARK – UPDATE-

Bathrooms

Bathroom concrete was poured in the last week of February, and the block is approximately half laid. Once the block is finished the rest of construction will be completed.

Septic Tank is scheduled to be installed this month by Kirks Septic out of Cozad. It will be a concrete tank and go west of the bathroom.

Plumbing will follow construction performed by TJ Elliot.

Electrical is in the works and will be tied to the service on the north side of the current concession building.

Lighting

Lighting for the infield is scheduled to be installed by the end of April. Robert Keeney from Callaway will be doing the work. If the lighting works well, it would be nice to complete and upgrade the rest. On that note, we are going to try to salvage good parts from the few fixtures we take down and use the lens for some of the old lights we are keeping.

Batting Cages

The batting cage poles were set last summer and will be strung in April sometime. We would like to get the concrete swept off.

Next Steps?...

After these projects are complete, here’s some thoughts on next steps:

Crow’s Nest – needs work done to stop the rot, this has been discussed and was thought it would fall under the Parks budget for upkeep.

Scoreboard – we have looked into this and would like to renovate to working order. It was originally an Eagle Scout Project. The family of the Eagle Scout Project said they would foot the bill if we do it.

Safety Cover Fence – we would like to place the plastic corrugated safety plastic on all exterior fencing, now that the fence has been repaired, we feel this would be a good upgrade. (Little League should have funding for this project and be able to complete the work).

Flagpole – We would like to mount a permanent flagpole; we have been using an expandable one and they last about 3 years. (Is this something that the American Legion might be interested in helping with?)

Becky Dailey attended the meeting to request permission for SORC to put up a sign on Margie McDowell's land, just west of highway mile marker 250. Becky Dailey informed the Board that according to the Nebraska Department of Transportation's regulations the Village must own the sign. SORC has an agreement from Margie McDowell granting permission to put the sign on their property. SORC will be responsible for the upkeep of the sign. After discussion, moved by Snyder and seconded by Hagler to give permission to SORC to put up the sign provided that the Nebraska Département of Transportation approves the application. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that Nebraska Low Income Home Energy Assistance Home (LIHEAP) is updating the service agreements to reflect improved processes, compliance updates, and new terms. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder to approve the updated LIHEAP service agreement and to appoint Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, as the authorized representative. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the quote from Pye-Barker Fire & Safety to add a network connection to the existing fire panel at the Community Center and program it to communicate to the central station through this connection for \$851.00. This network connection will automatically call Custer County Dispatch in emergencies. There will be an annual monitoring fee of \$600.00. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Snyder to accept the quote from Pye-Barker Fire & Safety to add a network connection to the existing fire panel at the Community Center. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

A letter from April Tickle, Secretary/Treasurer of the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department, regarding the annual AED Concierge Program maintenance fees was discussed. The AVFD would like the Village to consider paying the annual maintenance fees. It is around \$490.00 a year. The AEDs are located at the Village Office/Swimming Pool and the Community Center. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Bowers to reimburse the AVFD for the annual maintenance fees on the AEDs. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Snyder. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

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

Resolution No. 2026-5

Appointment to MEAN Board of Directors

WHEREAS, in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 18-2420, the mayor, in the case of a city, the chairperson of the board of trustees, in the case of a village, or the chairperson of the governing body, of each participating municipality, with the approval of the respective governing body, shall appoint a director to the Board of Directors of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 18-2435, a certificate of the appointment of any director shall be filed with the clerk of the municipality for which such director acts and such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper appointment of such director; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Village of Arnold, Nebraska appointed Eric Holmberg to serve as director and Tory Edwards to serve as alternate director to represent the Village of Arnold on the Board of the Directors on the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Arnold that the appointments set forth in this resolution are hereby approved.

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.

Chairman Zach Hagler introduced Ordinance No. 498 entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 498

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-208 OF THE ARNOLD MUNICIPAL CODE; TREE BOARD; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;AND TO PRESCRIBE A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT

Ordinance No. 498 removes the requirement that members must be citizens and residents of the Municipality. Board Member Jason Jenkins 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 Austin Snyder moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Board Member Glen Bowers. The Chairman then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 498 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.

Chairman Zach Hagler introduced Ordinance No. 499 entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 499

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-305 OF THE ARNOLD MUNICIPAL CODE; MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM; INSTALLATION EXPENSE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PRESCRIBE A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT

Board Member Austin Snyder moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Board Member Donnell DeLosh 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 Donnell DeLosh 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. 499 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.

Chairman Zach Hagler introduced Ordinance No. 500 entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 500

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8-409 OF THE ARNOLD MUNICIPAL CODE; TREES; PRUNING; CORNER CLEARANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND TO PRESCRIBE A 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 Glen Bowers 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 Austin Snyder moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Board Member Glen Bowers. The Chairman then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 500 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.

Chairman Zach Hagler introduced Ordinance No. 501 entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 501

(See Ordinance Book Page 203)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION II OF ORDINANCE NO. 496 (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 AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT THEREOF;) AND PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT.

Ordinance No. 496 is being amended to increase Eric Holmberg's salary by \$1.00 per hour since he passed the exam for a Non-Commercial Pesticide Applicator License. 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. 501 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.

Update on the Ordinance Codification Project:

Patricia Lamberty informed the Board that she received the editorial report from the American Legal Publishing. There are fifty pages of comments and responses to go through. The contract base price is \$7,720 is based on an estimated 375 pages. The actual pages to date are 468 plus the index, of which is approximately 40-50 pages. It is \$19.00 per additional page. This additional cost will be included in the 2026-2027 budget.

Community Concerns brought to the Board Members outside of the Village Board Meeting:

Jason Jenkins informed the Board that someone contacted him regarding the tree behind the Legion.

The tree does not serve much of a purpose. The Board agreed to have the tree removed.

Zach Hagler said that someone asked if the Village could spray sandburs in the lot south of the City Park. The Village contracts with Green Acres for Application 1,2 and 4.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Becky Dailey reminded the Board that the Callaway District Hospital Foundation is hosting the Legacy of Care Gala at the Arnold Community Center on April 18th. This is a fundraiser to support a new Arnold Medical Clinic.

Andrew Tickle asked about putting an electronic speed radar sign on the west side of Arnold. This will be discussed at budget.

COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE SUPERINTENDENT

I attended a Meter Conference on Feb 17th and 18th in Kearney

I am attending the Nebraska Rural Water Association's Annual Conference on March 9, March 10, March 11 in Kearney

Started removing the concrete at Carroll Street Courts

COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK

Special Meeting on March 23, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. A Public Hearing on the application for Retail Liquor License Class C with a catering endorsement from JM Bass Enterprises, DBA Grazers Bar & Grill, will be held during the special meeting.

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.