

**ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**July 13, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Chairperson and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arnold, Nebraska was held in the Arnold Community Center on Monday, July 13, 2009 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by publication and by posting notices at the Arnold Light & Water Office, Arnold Sentinel, Reed's Food Center, Post Office, and the meeting room at the Community Center. The agenda for said meeting was on the posted notices. Notice of this meeting 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.

Chairperson Karin Moore called the meeting to order and Patricia Lamberty, the Village Clerk, recording the proceedings. On roll call the following were present: Connelley Barton, Glen Bowers, Karin Moore, Aaron Olson. Absent: Ted Bubak. A quorum being present the following proceedings were had and done.

Chairperson Karin Moore publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for public inspection and is located on the easel.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting on June 8, 2009 and the special meeting on July 6, 2009 were not read as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Moved by Olson and seconded by Barton that the minutes of the previous regular meeting on June 8, 2009 be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Barton, Bowers, Moore, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Bubak. Motion carried.

Moved by Bowers and seconded by Olson that the minutes of the special meeting on July 6, 2009 be

approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Barton, Bowers, Moore, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Bubak. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the claims paid in June:

<b>06/08 TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS APPROVED &amp; PAID</b>		<b>\$67,974.65</b>
06/09 Village of Arnold	2,000.00	Transfer to Closure/Post Closure Care Acct
06/24 Nebraska Department of Revenue	2,413.80	Sales/Use Tax
06/30 Payroll	11,004.62	
Aflac	255.09	Payroll Deductions
IRS	3,234.83	Payroll Taxes/Fed WH
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS IN JUNE</b>		<b>\$86,882.99</b>

The Treasurer's Report revealed there is \$119,276.77 in the General Fund; \$1,593.35 in the Community Center Building Fund; \$97,829.41 in the Street Fund; \$265,842.49 in the Electric Fund; \$34,315.28 in the Power Plant Fund; \$57,512.82 in the Water Fund; \$63,626.57 in the Sewer Fund; \$19,099.91 in the Sewer Debt Service Fund; \$37,105.12 in the Solid Waste Fund; \$11,432.41 in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account; \$52,963.77 in the Economic Development Fund; \$1,207.77 in the Community Development Agency Fund; \$10,399.28 in the Trust & Agency Funds as of June 30, 2009. After discussion, moved by Barton and seconded by Bowers that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Barton, Bowers, Moore, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Bubak. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the following claims on file:

All Points Cooperative	3,219.85	propane/parts (WW Plant)
American Red Cross	32.00	lifeguard certificates
Arnold Insurance Agency	9,633.00	insurance - quarterly
Arnold Pool Company	814.86	pool supplies
Arnold Public School	94.50	CC: Sign

Barco Municipal Products	240.05	water supplies
Rick Beshaler	165.00	trucking fees
Cal's Best Service	302.35	gas/tire repair
Central Service Company	545.00	parts/labor- Water Heater
Consolidated Fleet Services	710.00	inspections
Custer County Highway Department		
	1,260.00	cold mix
Custer Public Power District	17.50	electricity
Department of Energy	14,816.46	electricity
Dutton-Lainson Company	13,687.13	NE Upgrade
Electric Fixture & Supply	385.12	electric supplies
Fastenal	218.13	street supplies
Forrester's Dodge City	22.24	labor (Dodge Ram)
Great Plains Communications	91.36	CC: telephone
Great Plains Communications	591.57	telephone
Great Plains One-Call Service	25.25	one call fees
Holiday Inn	139.90	lodging (Patty- Finance Conf)
Hornung Trucking	578.50	equipment rental
Hydraulic Equipment Service	424.56	parts/labor (Versalift)
Johnston Well Service, Inc.	192.97	parts/labor (Well)
Kearney Crete & Block Company	916.00	sewer supplies
Kelley Tree Service LLC	250.00	tree removal
Kelly Supply Company	468.71	pool repairs
Joanie Knight	39.35	equine activity Statute sign - reimbursement
Koubek Trucking	42.00	supplies
Patricia Lamberty	114.02	mileage/meals (Finance Conf)
League of Nebraska Municipalities		
	384.00	reg fee (Patty- Finance Conf)
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency		
	1,182.24	tipping fees
Logan County Coop Oil Assn	572.29	gas/diesel
Mills Hardware	419.48	supplies
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska		
	10,817.50	electricity
Municipal Supply, Inc.	325.23	water supplies
NE Public Health Environmental Lab		
	16.00	testing (water)
Nebraska Department of Revenue		
	1,173.27	2 <sup>nd</sup> QT State WH
Nebraska Municipal Power Pool	423.85	office supplies

Nebraska U.C. Fund	47.29	2 <sup>nd</sup> QT unemployment
Olsen's Agricultural Laboratory, Inc.		
	75.00	testing (ww)
Olsson Associates	1,402.52	Professional Services
POWERPLAN	107.87	parts/labor (Bobcat)
Pacific Life & Annuity Company	567.06	pension
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Petty Cash Fund	178.98	stamps/postage/misc
Platte Valley Communications	118.95	radio expense
Platte Valley Fire & Equipment	36.00	fire extinguisher cover
Postmaster	140.00	stamps
Reeds Food Center	217.90	supplies
Reeds Food Center	300.00	Power Plant: Exhaust Fan
Kellsy Schneringer	184.80	mileage (WSI Instructor)
Sennett, Duncan & Jenkins	106.50	attorney fee
Skarshaug Testing Laboratory, Inc.		
	1,236.05	safety equipment
Tamela J Smith	343.50	reimbursement (Pool Operator Clinic)& (Swim Suits)
The Arnold Sentinel	1,187.32	Publishing Fees
USA Blue Book	818.54	supplies
VISA	2,600.12	Cyclone Rake Submersible Well Pump meals
Village of Arnold	4,206.32	utilities
Kim R Wagner-Sage	974.07	Salary
Weinman Tractor Repair	221.14	parts/labor
Western Engineering Co., Inc	1,689.38	cold mix
Pool Payroll	4,246.47	
Total Amount of Claims	\$86,487.33	

After discussion, moved by Barton and seconded by Bowers that the claims be approved and paid. Roll call vote: Aye: Barton, Bowers, Moore, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Bubak. Motion carried.

Lee Eastburn, dba Jim's Bar, met with the Board regarding Applications for Special Designated Licenses. After discussion, moved by Bowers and seconded by Olson to approve Lee Eastburn's, dba Jim's Bar, Applications for Special Designated Licenses to sell alcohol at the Community Center on Friday, August

14, 2009 and on Saturday, August 29, 2009 for wedding receptions. Roll call vote: Aye: Barton, Bowers, Moore, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Bubak. Motion carried.

Kristi Dvorak and Brian Gebhardt attended the meeting regarding the Arnold Economic Development Corporation (AEDC). AEDC's update for July:

#### **LB840 Projects**

- The loan committee is nearing completion of the loan procedures and documents. We are still awaiting review by the village attorney.
- We're developing a money plan and need to visit with local businesses to determine their needs. We are currently developing our business needs assessment questionnaire and will be visiting local businesses soon.
- We have formed several subcommittees for upcoming projects within our communications plan and may be asking for assistance from members of the community to complete these projects.
- We're working with the Housing Committee to get information on new housing listings so they may be posted on the web site.
- Kristi attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Central Nebraska Housing Conference in Ord on June 17. This conference provided information about federal, state, and local funding opportunities that are available to communities to help improve housing for their citizens.
- Kristi will be attending the More Than Just Money workshop in North Platte on July 17. This workshop will feature information and technical assistance on the Nebraska Department of Economic Development programs and grants. This is a free workshop.
- An extension club of 40+ women from Howard, Greeley, Sherman, and Valley counties visited Arnold on June 19. They had lunch at Grandma's Sweets & Eats and visited Oasis Coffee and other local businesses. This lead came in on our web site.
- The Nebraska United Methodist Bike Ride for Hunger came through town on June 29. There were 129 riders and many of them stopped at local businesses for lunch.

- There was a seminar held July 6-7 in the AEDC conference room by the Mid Plains Center for Enterprise. The seminar was titled "Level 1: Test Drive Your Idea." Scholarships were offered to interested parties but none were used. School House Graphics had eight students participate. Level 1 will be offered again in North Platte in August, and you must have Level 1 before you can enroll in Level 2. "Level 2: Plan For Success" is a 12-week session where you will build a business plan and delve into various marketing, financial, and legal areas. There are scholarships still available for Level 2 through Mid Plains. Fall classes will be held in Broken Bow, North Platte, and Imperial. There is room for one more community to host these classes, and Arnold would like to be that community if there is local interest.
- Central Nebraska Housing Developers is in the process of conducting the Custer County Housing Study. Kristi Dvorak, Patty Lamberty, and Kim Beshaler attended the steering committee meeting in Broken Bow on June 22. Housing questionnaires are being distributed in *The Arnold Sentinel* and will be available at the village office and must be returned to the village office by July 17. Results will be tabulated and the county will be applying for a \$250,000 grant to provide financial assistance for homes in the county which need repairs/updates.

#### **Grant Projects**

- We have received our last grant reimbursement for our building remodel and to our knowledge, the grant requirements have been fulfilled. We have received several donations: a cedar bookcase from Dave Eggleston, a microwave from Marvin Larson, a refrigerator from Brian Gebhardt, a credenza from Joe Bob Atkins, cleaning supplies from Rich Dvorak, and Kristi purchased a credenza and microwave stand at an auction. Still needed are lobby furniture and a printer stand.
- We are still awaiting news from the USDA on our grant application which would be used to establish a revolving loan fund to help local businesses. There has been a delay with several programs due to the new administration.

Kristi Dvorak informed the Board that the AEDC would like to apply for a BECA grant. The grant is due September 25 and the grant would provide funding for assistance from the Central Nebraska Economic Development District to complete the Nebraska certified community application. Other communities included in this grant would be Burwell, Broken Bow,

O'Neill, Valentine, and possibly Atkinson. Burwell would be the lead community, and our matching funds requirement would be based upon population. Becoming a certified community signals a community's dedication, leadership, and vision for growing and attracting new jobs and people. This certification also better positions a community for economic development opportunities, shows a community is economic development ready, and it shows that a community is capable of marketing itself for business and industry development. After discussion, moved by Bowers and seconded by Barton that permission be granted to the AEDC to apply for the BECA Grant and that the required matching funds will come from the Economic Development Fund. Roll call vote: Barton, Bowers, Moore, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Bubak. Motion carried.

Kristi Dvorak recommended to the Board that Helen Cool and Heather Hagler be appointed to the Arnold Economic Development Board. Moved by Barton and seconded by Olson to appoint Helen Cool to the Arnold Economic Development Board to fill the unexpired term of Joe Bob Atkins. Roll call vote: Aye: Barton, Bowers, Moore, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Bubak. Motion carried.

Moved by Barton and seconded by Olson to appoint Heather Hagler to the Arnold Economic Development Board to fill the unexpired term of Al Bishop. Roll call vote: Aye: Barton, Bowers, Moore, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Bubak. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the property located at 111 West Arnold Avenue.

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

ALLTEL	52.70	cell phone
AEDC	50.00	Google Adv (reimbursement)
Kristi Dvorak	93.50	mileage (Housing Conf)
Kristi Dvorak	61.81	mileage/meals (Custer County Steering Committee-Housing)
Great Plains Communications	90.20	telephone
The Arnold Sentinel	45.00	Website Ad
Village of Arnold	45.47	utilities
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$ 438.68</b>	

Roll call vote: Aye: Barton, Bowers, Moore, Olson.  
Nay: none. Absent: Bubak. Motion carried.

Chairperson Karin Moore stated that there will be a five minute break at this time and then the meeting will resume.

Chairperson Karin Moore expressed concerns regarding an individual that is going around town and stating false information.

Consideration of the no parking signs was the next item on the agenda. A group of concerned citizens attended the meeting regarding the matter. Karin Moore stated that at the last meeting someone commented that the no parking signs are because of Scott Winfield. Karin Moore read excerpts from previous minutes showing that the Board voted to apply for the Safe Routes to School Program. The traffic study was conducted as part of the Safe Routes to School Program. Karin Moore informed the concerned citizens that a letter was sent to Vic Larsen, District Traffic Engineer with the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) for clarification on the liability

regarding this issue. Vic Larson forwarded the letter onto the Attorney General. Karin Moore stated that Vic Larson mailed a copy of an agreement between the Village of Arnold and the NDOR dated January 17, 1979. The agreement pertained to parking along Highway 92. The Village entered into this agreement in 1979 for the improvement of a portion of Highway N-70(92). The Village agreed to prohibit vehicular parking on this project. Karin Moore stated that due to this agreement and also that it is illegal to park on the shoulder of a state highway that there will be no more discussion on this issue.

Rod Watson commented that the Village Board needs to consider if it is good for business or not good for business when making decisions. Businesses are what make Arnold a viable community.

Brad Forrester attended the meeting and expressed concerns over the Village owning the State Park. Brad Forrester stated that he would like to see a cost analysis done before the Board makes a decision. Brad Forrester said that he had several other questions about the State Park. The Board informed him to submit his questions in writing.

Brad Forrester asked about the generator at the Power Plant. Brad inquired as to why the generator is not being repaired since the Village is losing revenue by not fixing it. Scott Winfield explained that Unit #3 was taken out of service and that the Village is not going to be replacing it. Scott stated that Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) would not lease Unit #3 even if it was fixed. MEAN is not leasing any additional generators.

Discussion was held on the questionnaires.

Bill Whitlow attended the meeting to inform the Board that he is back in town and is interested in being hired as Arnold's police officer. The Board informed him to submit an application.

After discussion, moved by Bowers and seconded by Olson that the Village enter into a Water and Wastewater Mutual Aid Agreement and that Scott Winfield be appointed as the representative. Roll call vote: Aye: Barton, Bowers, Olson, Moore. Nay: none. Absent: Bubak. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Barton and seconded by Olson to enter into an Agreement with the American Red Cross so that the Red Cross can use the Community Center as an emergency shelter during a disaster. Roll call vote: Aye: Barton, Bowers, Olson, Moore. Nay: none. Absent: Bubak. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Bowers and seconded by Barton that the Agreement with the Arnold Public School for the use of the Community Center be approved and that Chairperson Karin Moore be authorized to sign said agreement. Roll call vote: Aye: Barton, Bowers, Olson, Moore. Nay: none. Absent: Bubak. Motion carried.

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, moved by Bowers and seconded by Barton to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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Karin B Moore  
Chairperson of the Board

ATTEST:

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Patricia Lamberty  
Village Clerk