

December 21, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, December 21, 2009. Village President Ron Kingery called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Darrell Duzan, Matt Bernius, Mike McWilliams, and Iris Dicks.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The following meeting minutes were approved as presented: November 16, 2009, Executive Session; November 30, 2009, Executive Session; December 7, 2009, regular Board meeting; December 7, 2009, Executive Session; December 10, 2009, Police Committee; December 10, 2009, Police Committee Executive Session; December 14, 2009, Special Board meeting.

President Comments and Announcements

President Kingery addressed comments regarding police protection; it is the intention of the Board that all shifts will be covered.

He reminded everyone to be responsive to their needs regarding snow removal. He asked the community to work together to alleviate any issues.

Materials are still being received regarding the census.

There will be a Village employee meeting tomorrow morning.

President Kingery thanked the community for supporting the Board and sponsoring and supporting various events.

Treasurer Report

S. Perrine commented on the financial documents.

Visitor Comments

Visitors present were Mary Bell, Sharon Daily, Jim Jurgens, Larry Miller, Joe Monahan, and Rod Randall, as well as Village employee Sue Perrine.

Trustee Reports

T. Clark stated that even with difficult decisions being made, he is receiving positive comments from the community.

K. Good stated the new sign is now displayed at the subdivision

M. Bernius thanked Roger Bonham for the positive remarks in the newspaper.

I. Dicks stated she and T. Binion attended the Central Illinois Tourism meeting in Atlanta, Illinois; it was a worthwhile trip.

Police Chief Report

M. Goodman stated Elmer Stanford has resigned as crossing guard. There is an ad in the newspaper, and several applications have been received.

Village Attorney Report—None

Old Business—None

New Business

D. Duzan distributed a map with the proposed traffic changes for the one-way traffic request on West Illinois Street. Joe Monahan, on behalf of the Arthur Community Bank, presented the request to change the first block or half-block of West Illinois Street to one-way westbound traffic. R. Randall commented on behalf of the Association of Commerce. There was a question about what utilities and easements are in the area. The idea of a public hearing was submitted; R. Crossman stated that was an option, but the ordinance doesn't require it. After further discussion, President Kingery set a public hearing for 6:30pm on February 1.

D. Duzan left the meeting.

When running street sweeper, that part of the employee's salary can be expensed against Motor Fuel Tax money rather than the General Fund. Storm Smith's gross wages for his time sweeping streets from May 1 to the present is \$4,881.76. K. Good made a motion to transfer the street sweeping part of S. Smith's salary, \$4,881.76, from the General Fund to Motor Fuel Tax fund. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

I. Dicks made a motion to change the hourly rate of pay for Officer Ty Ledbetter from \$14.05 to \$12 per hour effective midnight December 31, 2009. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

S. Perrine distributed and reviewed a Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Illinois Freedom of Information Act document. There are changes to the Act effective January 1, 2010. She explained several of the changes including that all communications regarding Village business, including all electronic communications, are public record. With the changes, the designated FOIA officers will be required to complete online training.

M. Bernius made a motion to adopt an ordinance to adopt the rules of the Freedom of Information Act. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

T. Clark made a motion to appoint Village President Ron Kingery, Deputy Clerk Sue Perrine, and Police Chief Mike Goodman as FOIA officers. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

President Kingery stated other municipalities have bid out their electric supply to save money. S. Perrine explained that Ameren would still deliver the Village's electric supply, but another company can supply the power. The proposal as of this morning is \$0.05940 from Ameren Energy Marketing. The estimated 12-month savings would be \$6,412.43; 24-month savings would be \$9,203.73; and 36-month savings would be \$10,486.22. If the Village decides to participate, there must be a response within 24 hours of the rate quote. T. Clark made a motion to pursue a 24-month contract to reduce electricity costs. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

President Kingery stated since the last meeting there have been discussions with the AAEDC, Tri-County Welding, and Helmuth Custom Kitchens regarding the Visitors Center. There has been an offer of a donation to cover the costs of custodial services and utilities during the time that the Village had decided to close the Center. R. Randall stated the library employees have met with Theresa Binion and will serve as a source of information for visitors. M. McWilliams made a motion to reopen the Visitor Center and accept the donation of utilities and custodial services. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

M. Bernius made a motion to enter Executive Session discuss lot sales in Meadowview Subdivision. (5ILCS 120/2)(c)(6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. M. McWilliams seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

The regular session resumed. All Trustees were present. President Kingery reopened the meeting.

President Kingery appointed a committee of Matt Bernius, Terry Clark, and Ron Kingery to review lot prices and marketing strategies for the Meadowview subdivision.

Approve Expenditures

T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$6,681.09. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

T. Clark made a motion to approve November expenditures not yet approved in the amount of \$11,862.80. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Kingery adjourned the meeting at 8:27pm.

APPROVED Ronald L. Kingery
Village President

ATTEST Jennifer M. Perrine
Village Clerk

DATE January 4, 2010