

March 14, 2011

A Work Session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, March 14, 2011. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Larry Miller, JD Kuhns, Mike McWilliams, and Iris Dicks.

Comptroller Sue Perrine reviewed a draft of the budget and some of the projections she knows about.

T. Clark stated his ideas on a time frame to pay back the loan to the Water and Sewer fund and future infrastructure projects.

#### Street and Alley

K. Good discussed the cost of resurfacing some of Vine Street. The Street Department is researching a new 1-ton truck with a snow plow. There is a thought of holding off oiling and chipping some streets and using that money to work on Vine Street and the alley behind the IGA. There will be a need for salt for next year's winter. Storm drainage needs to be re-routed in Parkview to help the streets. Jim Watkins thinks that the Department will not need extra help this summer. There are a few more signs that need to be replaced, and lights in the Street Department shed need to be replaced.

#### Water and Sewer

President Bernius stated the sewer lagoon valve and gate project probably will not be completed this fiscal year; it will need to be re-appropriated next fiscal year. The North Vine Street sanitary sewer project will cost between \$45-50,000 based on an engineer's estimate. He discussed ideas to help alleviate sewer back-up in the Morningside subdivision. Thirty water meters have been approved for ordering; that will leave 85 meters that need to be replaced, costing about \$72,000.

M. McWilliams reminded everyone about the increase in fuel costs. He asked about cutting ditches to help alleviate flooding.

President Bernius stated another issue that will need to be addressed is leaf burning.

T. Clark mentioned consolidating the garbage haulers and adding that to water bills. If the Village chooses to use one waste hauler, that will have to be bid out.

#### Community Relations

I. Dicks stated the guttering at the Welcome Center has been tacked, but the eaves are going to rot at some point. She has two bids, both for about \$1,000, for new guttering. The flag pole and bridge on the north side of the building need to be painted. She stated the air conditioner will need to be fixed or replaced. There was discussion regarding the computers (owned by the Village), copier (out of lease), and printer at the Center.

Other brief discussion covered the cleaning of the water tower; employee timesheets, evaluations, and salaries; sewer rates (haven't been increased in several years); tap fees; a monthly water meter fee; and saving for future projects.

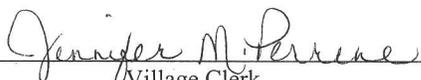
#### Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

APPROVED

  
Village President

ATTEST

  
Village Clerk

DATE March 21, 2011