

March 25, 2009

A Street and Alley Committee meeting of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009. Chairman Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll call was answered by Committee Members Matt Bernius and Darrell Duzan. Village President Dave Conlin, Mike Goodman, Stormy Smith, and Jim Watkins were also present. Jim Watkins presented a three to five year plan for the Street Department for streets, sidewalks, drainage, and traffic signs.

#### Streets

He suggests continuing yearly oiling of streets based on the condition of the road and the cost of material. A map of the Village with the priority of repairs was distributed. He has heard that road oil will cost \$15,000 per tanker this year. Depending on the rate of application, a tanker will cover about 20 city blocks. Milling / grinding down high spots in roads and intersections, raising areas of roads where water stands to better preserve the road condition and that have a significant change in elevation, and continuing general maintenance were also discussed. Written policies need to be established regarding the purchase and maintenance of culverts and related off street parking. Currently, decisions are based on past practices.

Specific streets discussed were County Road 100E, just south of Route 133, which is a Village street, not a Bourbon Township road. Ideas about maintenance with the heavy truck traffic were discussed. Some of the streets in Morningside have separated from the gutter and have dirt, and thus, weeds growing. That allows for water to get under the road and a quicker break down of the oil. Rhema Drive is a private street, but needs a lot of attention.

#### Sidewalks

The Illinois Municipal League did a formal study of sidewalks. Due to the various reasons, including liability, the downtown area sidewalks and curbing should be a high priority. The next priorities should be around churches and schools, then residential area. There was discussion about leaf burning in ditches and on sidewalks and streets and how the Village cares for lawn waste.

#### Drainage

Discussion included the need to continue digging, cleaning, and inspecting ditches and culverts; how the new tile on the east side of town is working; and the need for a mapping system showing drainage tiles and catch basins.

#### Traffic Signs

An inventory for the street signs on the Douglas side of the Village was distributed. The Village needs to come into compliance regarding requirements, such as size, height, and reflectivity. There needs to be an adequate supply of signs on hand for new installations and replacement.

Chairman Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:41pm.

APPROVED David J. Conlin  
Village President

ATTEST Jennifer Perrine  
Village Clerk

DATE April 6, 2009