

August 17, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, August 17, 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 regular meeting minutes of August 3, 2009, were approved as presented; the Executive Session meeting minutes of August 3, 2009, were approved as corrected.

President Comments and Announcements

- There is a Farm Bureau meeting on Monday, August 24; Governor Quinn and US Representative Tim Johnson are scheduled to attend. A meeting with Village, Economic Development, and school officials is trying to be scheduled before the Farm Bureau meeting.
- President Kingery spoke with Chapin Rose about the old railroad right of way.
- The buggy lane work is complete on Route 133.
- The road work north of town is near completion.
- President Kingery stated his appreciation for the sidewalk work being done around town.
- He thanked the Water Department for the work done for the water leak over the weekend.
- A letter was received from Dave Eversole from Eberhardt Village thanking the Village for their support of their 50th anniversary.
- The work session scheduled for next Monday will be rescheduled to Tuesday due to the Farm Bureau meeting.
- The next scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, due to Labor Day.

Treasurer Report

S. Perrine commented on the financial documents.

Visitor Comments

Visitors present were Rich Buckler, Jerry Rafferty, and Rod Randall. Village employee Sue Perrine was also present.

Rich Buckler thanked the Board for allowing Park Street to be closed for the Vine Street Christian Church's movie night and asked that it be closed again on August 28, with an August 29 rain date, and September 12 for additional movie nights. A straw poll of the Board showed everyone in favor. Final action will be taken at the work session meeting.

Trustee Reports

K. Good reported that the salt / patch storage building has been ordered and should be constructed the first part of October. Mo Chupp will help with the project.

D. Duzan will be talking with Jim Watkins and working on the Street Department job descriptions.

D. Duzan reported on a cable wire problem at a resident's home.

M. Bernius stated the roof has caved in on the building between the old bakery and Larry Kauffman's trucking shed. Legal action needs to be taken. R. Crossman stated M. Sullivan needs to give his opinion before action is taken.

M. Bernius asked if a program similar to the government's Cash for Clunkers program could be used in the Village. The Village needs to take a strong stance on vehicles sitting in town not being used. R.

Crossman explained the legal definitions and options available to the Village.

M. Bernius stated the Safe Routes to School monies were distributed; Arthur's project was not funded.

I. Dicks reported that School Superintendent Travis Wilson said the school will pay for half of the crossing guard costs.

Police Chief Report—None

Village Attorney Report—None

Old Business

President Kingery asked each Trustee to share their top selections for a name for the North Vine Street subdivision. A majority of Trustees named Meadowview. I. Dicks moved to give the name Meadowview to the subdivision on North Vine Street. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

R. Crossman reviewed the zoning variance requested for 820 Mill Street. He reviewed the suggestions from the Zoning Board of Appeals. There was discussion about setting precedence for this situation. M. Bernius made a motion to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and approved the variance. T. Clark seconded. Trustees Clark, Good, Duzan, Bernius, and Dicks voted YEA. Trustee McWilliams voted NAY.

Action on the request to allow alcoholic liquor in the Community Room on September 25th by Becky Bernardi for a fundraiser was tabled.

R. Randall reviewed the electrical requirements and needs for the Cheese Festival. The Association of Commerce has voted to purchase some of the equipment needed. They are requesting additional funding for additional permanent equipment. There was discussion about the cost of the project. R. Randall will provide the labor at no charge. M. Bernius made a motion to authorize Rod Randall to try to purchase the three needed pieces for a cost of \$1,500, if not to purchase a plug cap for \$665. D. Duzan seconded. Trustees Clark, Good, Duzan, Bernius, and Dicks voted YEA. Trustee McWilliams voted NAY.

R. Randall reviewed the route for the Cheese Festival parade. All entries will be a maximum of seven feet wide. He requests permission for the parade and police assistance. D. Duzan made a motion to accept the route as submitted. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

R. Randall reviewed the waivers requested by the Association of Commerce—health exam of the horse, registration of proof of age (the horses will be at least 3 years old), vehicle operators have a motor vehicle license (the drivers will be at least 18 years old and will be from the Old Order Amish). The Association’s insurance will take precedence. D. Duzan made a motion to accept the proposal as written for this festival. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

M. Bernius reviewed a problem with a water leak in the alley between Progress and Illinois Streets between Walnut and Beech Streets. The Water and Sewer Committee and the Village President were consulted. Burdick and A&R were consulted for prices; they are companies the Village has used before. Burdick estimated the project between \$6-8,000. A&R stated it would be \$2,214 per day. It was a 2 day project. A&R billed the labor; the materials will be billed through Illinois Meter. Total cost of the project is about \$10,000. There was discussion about the Village’s infrastructure mapping needs and long-term planning for these types of projects. This project will be approved with the expenditures.

R. Crossman reviewed the need for the approval of IL Warn Policy, a reciprocal agreement for mutual aid. The Village already has reciprocal agreements for other area towns. This puts the Village in a state-wide network. The Village is not obligated to respond to a project and is held harmless. D. Duzan made a motion to join the IL Warn Policy. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approve Expenditures

T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$31,385.20. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

T. Clark made a motion to approve July expenditures not yet approved in the amount of \$48,245.57. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

M. McWilliams made a motion to adjourn; M. Bernius seconded. President Kingery adjourned the meeting at 8:29pm.

APPROVED Ronald L. Kingery
Village President

ATTEST Jennifer Perrine
Village Clerk

DATE: September 8, 2009