

September 8, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, September 8, 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 17, 2009; the special meeting minutes of August 25, 2009; and the special meeting minutes of August 31, 2009; were approved as presented.

President Comments and Announcements

- President Kingery commented on how well attended the 37th Annual Cheese Festival was. Rod Randall thanked the Village and commented on well how the festival went.
- There will be a meeting regarding Open Meetings Act changes at the Moultrie – Douglas Extension Office on September 10 from 3-5pm.
- President Kingery asked the Trustees to be ready to discuss the Street and Alley job descriptions at the next meeting.
- He stated the water main problem in the alley between W. Illinois and W. Progress cost was \$9,963.
- The drudging on the ditch is now being completed in the park. It is being trucked out as they go, so it will not set on the ground for long. It should be done in about 3 days.
- President Kingery met with Tammy Bennett from Tuscola about IPWMAN, Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network. It is similar to the IL Warn system, but for Public Works departments. The cost to join the Network is \$100 per year. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- President Kingery thanked the Water Department for being able to alleviate the air conditioner problem without a new unit, but with a couple of dehumidifiers and blowers. This was at a greatly reduced cost.
- President Kingery met with Kaye Dick from Devonshire Realty about incentives for lot sales.

Visitor Comments

Stephanie Alexander, Rod Randall, and Village employee Sue Perrine were present.

Trustee Reports

- T. Clark recognized R. Randall and the Association of Commerce for the work on the Cheese Festival. He commented that a lot of civic groups, not just merchants, depend on festivals for fundraisers.
- K. Good stated the quote from Dunn Company for milling on the Industrial Drive bridge was \$12,300, under the \$15,000 approved. However, they didn't bid for the structural engineering assessment. That will probably be about \$1,000.
- D. Duzan talked to some politicians during the Cheese Festival, and the money for the Palmer Street bridge project is in the state budget. He gave a suggestion for taking pictures at the Festival as a fundraiser and suggested taking an aerial photo of festivals.
- M. Bernius commented on the Cheese Festival, but had a concern about the big cookers being so close to buildings. The Fire Department served 1,372 at the pancake breakfast.
- M. McWilliams received a complaint about parking on the south end of Ash Street behind the grade school and suggested parking stripes. M. Goodman stated the school was to send home flyers to help explain the new traffic flow and the reasons for the change. They are still tweaking the system.
- I. Dicks commented at Mac Condill assembled a fall scene at Visitor's Center; the flowers will be changed as needed. She stated she heard the comment during the Festival that people couldn't find the Community Building. The Building needs better signage.

Police Chief Report

A copy of the August department report summary was in the Trustee packets. He commented that they have been busier than in past, the vandalism has slowed down, and there were no festival problems, except for a few parking issues. Parking signage will change for next year.

Village Attorney Report—None

Old Business

K. Good stated if the structural engineering assessment bid added to the other portion of the bid for the bridge work is under \$15,000 the work can proceed, since the Board approved that amount at an earlier

meeting. There was a question about verbiage in the document; K. Good stated the questionable portion would be deleted.

New Business

Stephanie Alexander presented her idea for a chili cook-off on November 7. She requested the alley behind her business be closed from just south of The Berg's back door to Oye's gate and maybe part of Illinois Street. There was discussion about giving the event more exposure on Vine Street or on Illinois Street. She was asked to re-evaluate the location and return to a future meeting. Action on this was tabled.

WTW has requested an additional clean up day for appliances this fall. It would be difficult to schedule a weekend day for this when there isn't a community event happening. The company representative was not present to make a presentation. M. Bernius made a motion to deny the request from WTW Salvage to hold a fall clean up day. D. Duzan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

M. Goodman reviewed the requests for street signage in the Village.

D. Duzan made a motion to place a stop sign on North Hickory at East 2nd Street requiring northbound and southbound traffic to stop. M. McWilliams seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 09-08A-09.

D. Duzan made a motion to place stop signs on Cedar Lane and Cedar Street at Lincoln Place requiring northbound and southbound traffic to stop. M. McWilliams seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 09-08B-09.

D. Duzan made a motion to place yield signs on Walnut Street at Boise Street requiring northbound and southbound traffic to yield. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 09-08C-09.

R. Crossman explained that as Jerry Rafferty was digging for his construction project, he dug up a water main in a Village easement. Jeff Mercer didn't think it would be a problem for construction to continue. If there does become a problem, the water would be turned off at the hydrant and would only affect that property. The property owner will be responsible if there are any problems. M. Bernius made a motion to grant J. Rafferty to build over an existing termination of a water main with the understanding that the maintenance and / or removal will be at the landowner expense with a lien on the property if not paid. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 09-08D-09.

M. Bernius made a motion to approve Pay Request 4 from Burdick Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$34,138.73. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Currently, all full-time employees are required to live within a four-mile radius of the Village limits. There was discussion about employees being paid with taxpayer dollars not living in the community that supports that salary, an employee's commitment to the community if he / she doesn't live in the community, and employees being available for emergencies. R. Crossman will research the legal ramifications of residency requirements. President Kingery tabled any action until a future meeting.

Approve Expenditures

T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$50,571.75. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

K. Good made a motion to adjourn; M. Bernius seconded. President Kingery adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm.

APPROVED *Kimberly D. Kingery*
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer M. Perrine*
Village Clerk

DATE *September 21, 2009*