

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. Village President Ron Kingery called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Matt Bernius, and Iris Dicks. Trustees Larry Miller and Mike McWilliams were absent.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The Water and Sewer meeting minutes of August 23, 2010, were approved as presented.

President Comments and Announcements

- Since the last meeting, about 25 EIU students volunteered at the Welcome Center parking lot. The \$200 donation from Woman's Club was used to buy mulch, and the students spread it in the flower beds around the parking lot. President Kingery thanked everyone who helped. The students might return to help with the BBQ Festival.
- President Kingery attended a CDAP overview meeting on August 25. Doug McDermott from Coles County ^{Regional Planning CD} went over grant procedures for municipalities.
- There was a Kaskaskia Watershed meeting in Arthur on August 26. He described the different booths, speakers, and demonstrations.
- The curbing on West Illinois Street is complete, some trees have been trimmed or removed, and a section of concrete in the alley behind IGA has been replaced, Sue Perrine created a "What If and What to do" list for Welcome Center volunteers, and the Scouts might put together a trailer for aluminum can recycling near the recycling area on Progress Street.
- President Kingery stated additional calls have been made and paperwork has been submitted for the Palmer Street bridge.
- A letter from the IDNR was received regarding the change in flood plain map. It stated the changes President Kingery submitted in February were warranted.
- The Village audit should be completed by the first meeting in October.
- President Kingery commented on the successful Cheese Festival and is pleasantly surprised with volunteers in the community. He listed several individuals. He recognized how many people it takes to put together such an event. T. Clark recognized the Village employees for their work. President Kingery thanked the Police Department. I. Dicks commented on the state of some of the porta potties.
- President Kingery stated MasterBrand is planning on putting up signs on Route 133 to direct truck traffic to Glasgow Street.

Visitor Comments

Visitors present were Stephanie Alexander and Village employee Sue Perrine.

Trustee Reports

- T. Clark asked about the possibility of requesting the railroad make the Village a quiet zone. His understanding is that it can be done since all crossings have gates. President Kingery stated he has made contact but has not heard back from the railroad.
- K. Good stated Jim Watkins has talked with Jim Crane and Mike Sullivan about the sight study for parking along Vine Street downtown. She will schedule a Street and Alley meeting to review the findings.
- M. Bernius stated the fire department was six meals short of their record at their pancake and sausage breakfast. They are making a commitment for 1500 people next year's breakfast.
- I. Dicks recognized Jim Fleming for power washing the Welcome Center. There is a new cleaning lady at the Center that is being paid by Amish businesses. She recognized Susan Custer for her work and Bruce Wood who pays her salary.

Police Chief Report

- The monthly report was distributed. He noted the increase in ordinance revenue.
- Police Chief talked with Jeff Thomas, Moultrie County Sheriff, about the repeaters and antennas on top of the water tower. He explained the repeaters, how antennas are shared, and who owns them. Another antenna needs to be installed. J. Thomas has offered to split the cost with the Village. The Village's half would be about \$500. It will be decided at a future meeting.

- He asked Trustees to consider taking out two of the No Parking signs in the 600 block of South Spruce Street. The northern most sign in that block would remain. The residents in the area agree with the request.

Village Attorney Report

R. Crossman commented about the successful Cheese Festival.

New Business

- S. Alexander presented a request to block some parking spaces in the 200 block of South Vine Street on the east side. She would like to try having the chili cookers for The Berg's chili cook-off in the parking spots. Other business owners are agreeable. She explained the changes in the competition this year. She requests the parking spots on the north side of the 100 block of East Illinois Street be available to also be blocked if needed. If it rains and tents are needed, those tents would overlap on the sidewalk. The sidewalk will be open for pedestrians. The spots would need to be blocked the night before and should be open by 5:30 – 6:00pm. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the request. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Alexander requested The Berg be allowed to stay open until 2am on New Year's Eve night. They sell tickets for a private party; they open at 6pm and request to be open until 2am. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the request. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Kingery stated the final meeting regarding the flood mitigation plan is September 23. It will then be sent to FEMA. The Village needs to approve a resolution to approve the plan to be eligible to receive FEMA money. There are 16 things on the list that the Village will be working towards. T. Clark made a motion to follow with the mitigation plan when it's approved. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Old Business

- M. Bernius reviewed the Water and Sewer Committee meeting and the repairs needed at the Sewer Plant. He reviewed the pieces of the bids and what pieces need to be done at this time. The valve needing to be replaced now is 18 years old. The money is budgeted, but this will eliminate some other projects. Those projects will be prioritized for next year. M. Bernius made a motion to approve \$59,000 to Universal Mechanical to replace valve #1 Section A Part 1 and Section B Part 2. The Village will do the final grading and seeding, saving \$1,000. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

President Kingery requested the Trustees do some research on TIF districts. There might be future discussions, and a letter has been received from Eberhardt Village requesting non homestead property tax exemption.

Approve Expenditures

T. Clark stated the expenditures needing to be paid total \$26,220.50. There was a question regarding the cost of the concrete work in the alley behind the grocery store. The bill seems higher than the bid. K. Good will talk further with Jim Watkins. T. Clark made a motion to pay all of the bills except the one discussed \$26,220.50 minus \$14,606. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Kingery adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*
 Village President *Pro Tem*

ATTEST *Jennifer M. Devine*
 Village Clerk

DATE *September 20, 2010*