

April 18, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, April 18, 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, and Mike McWilliams. Trustee Iris Dicks arrived a few minutes late, and Trustee JD Kuhns was absent.

#### **Approval of Previous meeting minutes**

The regular meeting minutes of April 4, 2011, were approved as presented.

#### **Village President Comments and Announcements**

- President Bernius stated the work on the Palmer Street bridge has begun. When the bridge is re-opened and dedicated, all people involved should be invited.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

S. Perrine commented on the financial documents. She compared some of this year's figures to last year. She thanked Arthur Christian School for some volunteer work and Jim Watkins for trimming shrubs. Some EIU students will come in August for volunteer work. There was an employee meeting with Illinois Municipal League representative today. She will be in a meeting Thursday morning regarding IMRF information. There will be an employee meeting on Wednesday regarding benefits and the cafeteria plan.

#### **Police Chief's Report**

- Chief Goodman sent a press release to the Arthur Graphic regarding the prescription drug drop off on April 30. The drugs will then go to the Sheriff's office, then to the DEA to be destroyed.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- I. Dicks stated men are painting the Welcome Center, the bridge, and poles. The sign is being re-worked and painted. She's in the process of getting the flag pole painted; the school will furnish a lift. New guttering is in process. There was a mis-communication regarding volunteers at the Welcome Center on a Saturday.
- M. McWilliams congratulated those elected to the school board and Village board.
- L. Miller received some complaints regarding traffic in the 5-way stop area. Motorists are not stopping at the signs and then accelerating quickly through the intersection; there are a lot of children in the area.
- T. Clark has received some comments regarding the railroad right-of-way property. President Bernius stated some of the property is clear, some is not; he thinks the State wants to deed all of the property at one time.

#### **Village Attorney's Report**

- R. Crossman stated there will be a variance to approve at the next Board meeting. He is working on a draft of a model ordinance for cell towers; hopefully, action can be taken at the next meeting.

#### **Visitors' Comments**

Visitors present were Rich Buckler, Kaye Dick, Lester Diener, and Village employee Sue Perrine.

#### **Old Business – None**

#### **New Business**

- Rich Buckler from the Vine Street Christian Church reviewed the request to close the ½ block of West Park Street from Vine Street west to the alley from 6pm to 11pm. All dates are Friday evenings with the next day as a rain date. The dates are June 24, July 29, August 26, and September 16. T. Clark made a motion to grant the request as presented. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- M. McWilliams made a motion to enter into Executive Session regarding lot sales in Meadowview Subdivision. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- The regular session resumed. All Trustees were present. President Bernius reopened the meeting.
- I. Dicks made a motion to accept the offer from JD Builders as presented. M. McWilliams seconded. Trustees Clark, Miller, McWilliams, and Dicks voted YEA. Trustee Good abstained.
- M. McWilliams reviewed the sewer and water rates and tap fees and the proposed increased rates; he stated that the rates don't always match Village costs. He proposed implementing a \$1 per month per customer meter fee to help fund replacement meters as needed and maintenance. There was discussion regarding the timing of increases for those on a fixed income and if one increase could be implemented now and another one at a later time. M. McWilliams made a motion to implement a \$1 per month meter fee for all users of non-customer-owned water meters and the money earmarked for a fund for replacement and purchase of meters. K. Good seconded. Trustees Good and McWilliams voted YEA. Trustees Clark, Miller, and Dicks voted NAY.
- M. McWilliams made a motion to increase the minimum the sewer charge to \$5.35 per 1,000 gallons, increasing the minimum water and sewer charge to \$15.61 per month, and increase the water and sewer tap fees to \$100 each. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The ordinance number will be 04-18b-11.
- S. Perrine stated the General Fund owes the Water and Sewer Fund \$143,246.48. She projects there will be a balance of approximately \$210,000 at the end of the fiscal year, and the balance of the loan could be paid off in two or three years. M. McWilliams made a motion to pay \$43,246.48 back to the Water and Sewer Fund. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Perrine stated the appropriations ordinance needs to be amended because the amount in the unemployment insurance fund needs to be raised \$1,500 to \$3,500. M. McWilliams made a motion to amend the 2010-2011 appropriations ordinance for the unemployment insurance line item to \$3,500. S. Perrine stated the total appropriations would then be \$3,890,382. The ordinance number is 04-18a-11. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Perrine reviewed the line item transfers needing to be re-distributed. The amount is under \$31,215. K. Good made a motion to accept the line items transfers as provided. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to cash in a \$20,000 CD for the Motor Fuel Tax fund. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to loan \$100,000 for the inter-fund loan. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

**Approve Expenditures**

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$35,754.96. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve March expenditures not yet approved in the amount of \$12,804.21. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

**Adjourn**

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*  
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer M. Perrine*  
Village Clerk

DATE *May 2, 2011*