

October 21, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, October 21, 2013, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman. Trustees Larry Miller and JD Kuhns was absent.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes of October 7, 2013, and the special meeting minutes of October 14, 2013, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius congratulated the football team on making the playoffs.
- He attended a news event in Champaign regarding road improvement money being allocated to eastern Illinois. The Village will get a small portion of it.

Treasurer's Report

Village Comptroller Erica Carter provided financial reports. T. Clark commented on the layout and format and reviewed a few of the reports.

Trustees' Reports

- T. Clark commented on continuing problems with misdirected mail. President Bernius stated he would probably visit with the Postmaster then send a follow-up letter.
- President Bernius stated the support for CIMOA is declining. If anyone is interested in hosting the November meeting, please notify him.
- D. Tiffan commented on how nice the Pumpkin House looks. He thanked Bruce Wood and his team for the effort.
- J. Aikman was approached about a price for the last two phases of Meadowview Subdivision. Someone is interested in purchasing and developing it.

Police Chief's Report – Absent

Village Attorney's Report – None

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Bob Doan, Mike Hoffman, and Allen Schlabach.

New Business

- M. Hoffman from TESKA reviewed information regarding the potential TIF district. He discussed the potential annexation of some property that could be included in the TIF area. He is suggesting a Conservation Area TIF; the Village meets the requirements. Once the redevelopment projects are completed, the equalized assessed valuation of real property within the area is estimated to increase 225%, or from approximately \$5 million to \$19 million. The total proposed TIF budget is \$19.5 million. It is intended to be a "pay-as-you-go" TIF. A proposed timeline was presented – including a public hearing on December 16, then adoption between January 6 and March 16, 2014.
- Bob Doan presented information regarding a sign to highlight businesses on East Progress Street. It would be where a flower pot is along Vine Street on the west side of the Welcome Center. The Village would own the sign; the business owners would own the individual placards. There was discussion about the precedence it would set for signage in other areas of town. There was a suggestion for trying it for 6-12 months and reviewing the results. President Bernius tabled any action until the next meeting.
- There was discussion about the timing of the TIF district mailing. It will need to go to most Village residents. T. Clark made a motion to schedule the public hearing for the TIF District on December 16. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Trustees will assist with the mailing.

Old Business

- President Bernius reviewed the discussion from the last meeting about a proposed pay schedule for new police officers and further discussions with Police Chief Mike Goodman. There was discussion about the amount of the base pay. The form M. Goodman presented outlined the guidelines; the Board has the final decision. K. Good made a motion to accept the pay guideline as presented with a base rate of \$14 per hour for newly hired police officers effective today. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- R. Crossman stated the Ordinance Number for the TIF public hearing will be 10-21a-13.
- President Bernius reviewed the background of the Village residency requirement and the discussion about stretching the boundaries. The proposed changes were presented including changing the radius to 20 miles from the Village offices for newly hired police officers, if they move to the Village limits pay will be increased by 50 cents per hour, and changing the probationary period to twelve months prior to assuming full-time status. The new officer will not be considered a permanent employee until the residency requirement is met. D. Tiffan made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the residency requirement and probationary period to all full-time police officers. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius stated he has talked with Jeremy Doggett from Lovington about using his license as a sewer plant operator. The soonest Michael Elsberry can test for his next license is February 2015. The agreement with J. Doggett will be through that time at a cost of \$500 per month. There was discussion about hiring someone to start through the training and testing process. K. Good made a motion to hire J. Doggett for \$500 per month until February 2015 or until a licensed sewer operator is hired. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$104,990.36. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:34pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer M. Perrine*
Village Clerk

DATE *November 4, 2013*