

December 17, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, December 17, 2012, 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, Larry Miller, JD Kuhns, and Iris Dicks. Trustee Dave Tiffan was absent.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes of December 3, 2012, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius had a moment of silence in honor of the Connecticut school shooting.
- He asked Police Chief Goodman to contact the schools and review the operating procedure in case of an emergency.
- He told the Trustees how he has enjoyed the year and wished them Happy Holidays.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Sue Perrine commented on the financial documents.
- She stated that today was first day for petitions to be turned in for the spring election. Those turned in for Village President were Rob Fustin and Matt Bernius. Those for Trustee were Terry Clark, Karen Good, Becky Bernardi, and James Aikman.
- She reviewed that Integrys had gotten the Village's rates for electricity and the terms and rates. The rates will be effective on February 1 and will be seen on the next billing. The most common was the 16-month rate at 4.024 per kilowatt hour. Information will be going to all those affected by this rate.

Trustees' Reports

- T. Clark appreciated the moment of silence.
- L. Miller appreciated the work of the Village employees and community volunteers. President Bernius reviewed the work of the Arthur Volunteer Fire Department and the EMT Association. K. Good commented on the school's Christmas concert.
- I. Dicks thanked the Welcome Center volunteers.

Police Chief's Report – Absent

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Robert Crossman updated the Board on the ordinance violation case. Roger Weber and Andrew Beckett are the attorneys working with him on this case.
- He heard a comment from a MasterBrand employee as to why they stay in Arthur – the quality and reliability of the work force.

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Becky Bernardi, Rob Fustin, Colby Herschberger, Henry Herschberger, and Village employee Sue Perrine.

Old Business – None

New Business

- President Bernius reviewed the changes on the listing agent from Kaye Dick to Karen Good for the Meadowview Subdivision lots. R. Crossman will review this for any conflict of interest. T. Clark made a motion to change the listing agent from Kaye Dick to Karen Good with regard to the Meadowview Subdivision lot sales as long as there's no conflict of interest. L. Miller seconded. Trustees Clark, Miller, and Kuhns and President Bernius voted YEA. Trustees Good and Dicks abstained.
- President Bernius recommended renewing the listing agency for the current phase of Meadowview Subdivision. T. Clark made a motion to renew the contract with Coldwell Banker regarding Meadowview lot sales for a 12-month period. J. Kuhns seconded. Trustees Miller, Kuhns, Dicks, and Clark voted YEA. Trustee Good abstained.

- S. Perrine reviewed the changes that need to be done for the ordinance of the electric franchise agreement with Ameren. I. Dicks made a motion to amend the terms of an electric franchise agreement between the Village of Arthur and Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois. The Ordinance number will be 12-17A-12. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius stated if any of the old railroad property is rented, even for \$1, it will be considered rental property for taxes, etc. He recommended having those wanting to use the ground sign a hold harmless agreement for any liability. This will not include anything dangerous for hazardous. R. Crossman recommends having a certificate of insurance on file. K. Good made a motion to authorize license agreements with a hold harmless provision for non-exclusive use of the Penn Central right-of-way pursuant to license agreements that have been submitted with a \$1 million insurance certificate. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Perrine reviewed the number of sweeps (49), number of hours (127 between Jim Watkins and Stormy Smith), and the cost of those sweeps (\$3,678.15). This is less than last year. This can be re-expensed to the Motor Fuel Tax account. K. Good made a motion to re-expense the street sweeping salary from May 1, 2012, through December 10, 2012, from the General Fund to the Motor Fuel Tax fund. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius tabled the discussion and action on well cleaning. He will meet tomorrow morning with Mike Sullivan and representatives from the well cleaning company to review long-term solutions.
- President Bernius stated an independent contractor talked with him and Bob Doan last week about TIF districts. President Bernius would like to have him talk to a larger group; it will cost \$400. A donor will pay for \$200; he is asking the Board to approve the other \$200. The meeting is this Thursday at 6pm. I. Dicks made a motion to pay the \$200 for Royle Hullinger & Associates to do a presentation Thursday at 6pm in the Community Building. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Perrine reviewed the 2013-14 tax levy; it includes \$350,753, a 4.99% increase over what was received last year. It has to be on file by this Friday. T. Clark made a motion to adopt the levy with an increase of \$16,671, which represents a 4.99% increase for a total levy of \$350,753. The Ordinance number will be 12-17B-12. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to enter Executive Session about Village owned railroad property (5ILCS 120/2(c)(6)), the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, K. Good, L. Miller, J. Kuhns, and I. Dicks.
- President Bernius tabled any action regarding the railroad property until at least January. Attorney R. Crossman will do some investigation regarding the origins of the property and deed information.
- T. Clark made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding Christmas bonuses (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)), the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
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- T. Clark made a motion to issue a \$250 Christmas bonus to all full-time employees who were on staff before November 30 and part-time employees who have worked over 80 hours a \$50 Christmas bonus. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$60,954.48. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve November expenditures not yet approved in the amount of \$257,281.35. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm.

APPROVED R. Matt Bernius
Village President

ATTEST Jennifer M. Perrino
Village Clerk

DATE January 7, 2013