

January 21, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, January 21, 2013, in the Village Board Room. In Village President Matt Bernius's absence, President Pro-Tem Terry Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Larry Miller, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and Iris Dicks.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes and the Executive Session meeting minutes of January 7, 2013, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements – None

Treasurer's Report

- S. Perrine commented on the financial documents.
- All employees, with the exception of a couple that will do their training at another time, completed their CPR training.
- There was a meeting about the optional benefits; some employees are taking advantage of them.
- Jim Watkins's mother passed away. The Village employees sent flowers.

Trustees' Reports

- I. Dicks stated she attended a meeting about the school annexation with Atwood-Hammond. The next meetings are January 30 in Lovington, February 13 in Arthur, and February 17 in Atwood. She attended the last school board meeting; Mr. Condill thanked the Board and the community for providing the DARE program. She asked about the possibility of a quiet zone for the railroad in town. Attorney R. Crossman will check the requirements; L. Miller stated it would raise liability insurance.
- D. Tiffan stated a resident asked about the property back by the old Cheese Factory; there is some standing water. It could be a safety hazard and would be a mosquito hazard in warm weather. There was some question about who owns the property. Police Chief Goodman will be asked to check into any ordinance violations.
- T. Clark stated there are questions about Christmas wreaths. The brackets are currently being repaired, and this is the time to inspect them. D. Tiffan had someone point out that the American flags got entangled in the wreaths. T. Clark asked everyone to start thinking about the budget process.

Police Chief's Report – Absent

Village Attorney's Report

- R. Crossman stated there was nothing to report on the hearing regarding the ordinance violation case. There is some discussion regarding settling.

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Rod Randall and Village employee Sue Perrine.

R. Randall stated there is a problem with speeding on the north end of town and people parking on the wrong side of the street. R. Crossman stated parking on the wrong side of the street is a ticket-able offense.

Old Business – None

New Business

- I. Dicks moved to approve the request from Vine Street Christian Church for their movie nights to close West Park Street from the alley east to Vine Street from 6pm to 11pm for the dates of June 21, July 19, August 2, and August 23. The rain date is Saturday night. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Kuhns stated he and President Bernius met with R. Randall regarding the water billing service with Randall Electric. R. Randall prefers a more long-term agreement. If the Village were to bring the water billing in-house, the Village would bring in Randall's employee. There's an increase of \$100 per month; Randall's has done the

billing service for 10 years without an increase. There was discussion regarding the salary and benefits terms of bringing the Randall's employee to the Village. If this were to happen, the Village would pay a comparable total package to Randall's. There was discussion regarding the employee being subject to the Village's evaluation process and other requirements. R. Crossman suggested editing the agreement to add the employee is not terminable without cause. J. Kuhns made a motion to accept the agreement between the Village and Randall Electric adding the employee is terminable only with cause. K. Good seconded. Trustees Clark, Good, Kuhns, Tiffan, and Dicks voted YEA. Trustee Miller voted NAY.

- S. Perrine stated when the next renewal time is available, Mike Elsberry will be added as a member for the Illinois Rural Water Association. K. Good made a motion to send Jeff Mercer, Mike Elsberry, and Brandon Potthast to the Illinois Rural Water Association 31st Annual Technical Conference on February 19-21 in Effingham for a total cost for all to attend of \$500. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- The computer at the Sewer Plant has had problems for years; the computer and printer there now are B. Potthast's. The proposed new computer is the same as what is at the Water Plant. The proposal is \$1,577 for a computer and printer including software from APT Computers. Set-up cost is \$75 per hour. Another anti-virus license will have to be added. I. Dicks moved to purchase a computer, printer, and software for the Sewer Department at a cost of \$1,577 plus installation. L. Miller seconded. S. Perrine suggested starting to rotate new computers so that so many won't have to be purchased at once in the future.
- S. Perrine tentatively scheduled Village Clean Up Days for the first Saturday in May. It would be curbside as before, the price is the same, and everyone in town will be on the same day. She is relatively sure that the electronics can be collected uptown on the same day. The company collecting electronics likes for a couple of employees (or local people) to help. T. Clark moved to accept May 4th as Village Clean Up Day with the electronics in the back and coordinated with Advanced Disposal. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$15,785.19. K. Good seconded. There will be an exception of Randall's which will be the new amount. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve December expenditures not yet approved in the amount of \$15,160.03. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Pro-Tem Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm.

APPROVED

Tony Clark
Village President Pro-Tem

ATTEST

Jennifer M. Perrine
Village Clerk

DATE

February 4, 2013