

March 7, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, March 7, 2016, 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, Paul Pearce, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman. Trustee Karen Good arrived after Roll Call.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes and the Executive Session meeting minutes of February 15, 2016, and the public hearing meeting minutes of February 22, 2016, were approved as presented.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$82,996.39.
- P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius encouraged everyone to attend the Home and Garden Expo this weekend.

Trustees' Reports

- D. Tiffan commented on a trip to Philo he took this week. He spent quite a bit of time talking with the water plant operator. He reported on the operator's comments. Aqua Illinois owns the water system in Philo.
- P. Pearce thanked the Fire Department for their work on one of his buildings. He reminded everyone to vote on the referendum next week. He had an inquiry about hydrant flushing and talked with G. Corum about it. He had feedback and his own thoughts about the water meeting; he made suggestions about the next meeting. He commented on the consultant's presentation; he feels that residents are not thoroughly informed. He commented on the use of Executive Sessions. He reported on a call he made and the research he had done regarding the use of Executive Sessions.
- K. Good appreciated the visitors attending the meeting.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman distributed the monthly report for February.
- He stated Officer Cody Harley had resigned to work at the Charleston Police Department; his last day was yesterday. M. Goodman read part of Officer Harley's resignation letter.
- Officer Kepley is in training mode.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Grant Corum stated two sink holes were excavated; the problem was found and fixed. One will need to be watched.
- The Public Works Department should be moved into the building by the end of the month.

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Kenny Crossman explained the Executive Session on selling real estate.

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present and signed in were Becky Bernardi, Tony Bernardi, Ruth Bissey, Zella Bissey, Connie Foran, John Foran, Adam Fritz, George Fritz, Rob Fustin, Patti Grant, Jerry Hale, John Kraft, Cindy Lee, Amber Mercer, Andy Peck, Georgia Peck, Steve Peterson, Larry Plummer, Carol Randall, Rod Randall, Kelley Rose, Mike Rose, and Larry Sawyer.

- Deputy Clerk Erica Carter read the rules for visitor comments.
- Rod Randall commented about open discussion versus Executive Sessions and the anonymous mailings regarding the referendum.
- Andy Peck commented about what he considers to be the abuse of Executive Sessions and asked who produced the video on the Village's website.
- Rob Fustin asked about the use of Executive Sessions.
- John Kraft, from Edgar County, asked questions about what previous Boards had done about the water / wastewater issues and asked about the use of Executive Sessions.

- Jerry Hale asked about the finances of the water and sewer departments.

Old Business

- K. Crossman reviewed Ordinance 03-07A-16 about vacating the alley east of the United Methodist Church. The Village will retain a perpetual easement for utility purposes. T. Clark made a motion to agree to vacate the alley as presented. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Crossman explained the variance the church needs for zoning. The building will be in the setback area on Ash Street but there will be a visibility triangle. K. Good made a motion to approve the variance ordinance 03-07B-16 to allow the 7' encroachment. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Crossman made the changes the Board suggested regarding the caterer's liquor license. P. Pearce asked for a special events definition be included or referenced in the ordinance. K. Good made a motion to approve the Ordinance subject to the additional wording. J. Aikman seconded. After a concern about wording, K. Good rescinded her motion.

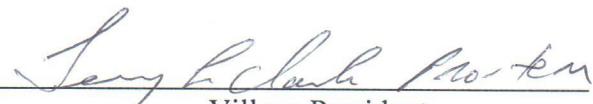
New Business

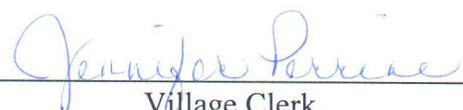
- E. Carter stated there will be a wedding event at the community building in October; insurance is in place if the Board approves the serving of alcohol. T. Clark stated he prefers alcohol not be served in the community building. J. Aikman made a motion to allow alcohol to be served at an event in the Community Building on October 15, 2016. D. Tiffan seconded. Trustees K. Good, P. Pearce, J. Kuhns, D. Tiffan, and J. Aikman voted YEA. T. Clark voted NAY.
- Due to the retirement of Officer Randy Murray, Police Chief Goodman is asking to advertise for a new police officer. T. Clark made a motion to allow M. Goodman to advertise for a new police based on previous criteria. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- D. Tiffan made a motion to enter Executive Session. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session was to discuss personnel. (5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, K. Good, P. Pearce, J. Kuhns, D. Tiffan, and J. Aikman.
- K. Crossman clarified the potential need to go into the Executive Session.
- President Bernius addressed a question he had received about Aqua being able to potentially sell to another company. T. Clark made a motion to add a statement as read by President Bernius to the APA. This item was not on the agenda; T. Clark rescinded his motion.
- President Bernius asked for a Finance Committee meeting to be set.
- P. Pearce asked about discussing his financial analysis he submitted earlier. There was discussion regarding the financial analysis, the timing of communications, and the lack of committee meetings.

Adjourn

K. Good made a motion to adjourn. J. Kuhns seconded. Trustees T. Clark, K. Good, J. Kuhns, D. Tiffan, and J. Aikman voted YEA. Trustee P. Pearce voted NAY.

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:23pm.

APPROVED 
Village President

ATTEST 
Village Clerk

DATE March 21, 2016