

May 16th, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, May 16th, 2016, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Paul Pearce, James Aikman, and Mayor Matt Bernius. Trustee Karen Good arrived after roll call. Trustees JD Kuhns and Dave Tiffan were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$38,210.98. Paul Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius attended DARE graduation and thanked Mike for his work in regards to the DARE program.
- President Bernius also commented on the Legion dedication this past weekend. It was a wonderful service and very well attended.

Trustees' Reports

- Trustee Pearce seconded Mayor Bernius' remarks about the legion dedication, it was a wonderful event.

Treasurers' Report

- Deputy Clerk/Comptroller Erica Carter commented on financial documents.

Police Chief's Report

- Police report was placed at each place setting. Erica stated that Mike is expected to be back at the beginning of June.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant reported that flower baskets are hung and are being watered.
- There was a drainage repair on cedar lane. The catch basin had stopped working and was replaced and will now drain.
- There was a repair done at 222 South Ash.
- Working on finding a way to get the plaque installed at the new building.
- Consolidated is putting in new fiber optic line. They've been doing work on Beech Street and it runs through town and up Vine Street and out on 500.

Village Attorney's Report

- No report

Visitors' Comments

Roger Bonham from the Graphic Clarion was present. Stephanie Wierman, Bob Doan, Christy Miller, Mac Condill, and Dave Conlin were all present.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Stephanie Wierman requested road closures for the Strawberry Jam. Vine Street will be closed from the IGA parking lot to Progress Street. Hickory Street will be closed from Progress to Park and Walnut will be closed from Progress Street to the parking lot entrance to the IGA parking lot. Trustee Clark made a motion to approve the requested street closures. Trustee Aikman seconded. All trustees voted YEA.

- Mac Condill of the AAEDC and the Tourism Council presented on behalf of both boards. The Village of Arthur has always shown strong support of the efforts put forth by the AAEDC and the Tourism Council. They set a precedence for the rest of the community and he would like to see this continue. They are requesting a three year contract for each donation, beginning with \$15,000 donation for both the first year, \$20,000 donation for each for the second year, and a \$25,000 donation the final year for both organizations. Paul was impressed with the information presented tonight and the information Christy provided him when they spoke. He would like to recommend the use of the Hotel/Motel Tax, as well as the TIF funds for future projects and events. Mayor Bernius thanked everyone for their attendance, but he would like to table to discussion until they have a full board present to vote and decide.
- Tim Singer and Mark Jones attended the last board meeting and made a request for a donation for the Freedom Celebration. The Village of Arthur has always been a supporter of the event and they would like to see that support continue. There was some concern that the Village's donations are going to the intended event, rather than other functions that the Rotary does, example: scholarships. Kenny spoke up and clarified that all funds donated for fireworks go to fireworks. Mayor Bernius spoke up and stated that in recent years, video gaming has been legalized and has brought in a fair amount of money. He would like to see this money be used for donation requests such as this one. The Rotary is a great group and this is a great event. James Aikman made a motion to donate \$2,000 to the Rotary Club. Terry Clark seconded. All trustees voted YEA.
- Mayor Bernius present a request from the Arthur Christian Church. They are wanting to place temporary signs out on Sunday mornings. There is some concern from our attorney that there are potential legal issues with doing so. Kenny will look into it and get back to us on that.
- Kenny Crossman presented the executive session minutes. Trustee Pearce made a motion to release the minutes as presented by the attorney, Trustee Good seconded. All trustees voted YEA. Resolution 2016-3 passed.
- Kenny Crossman presented the executive session tapes. Trustee Good made a motion to release the minutes as presented by the attorney, Trustee Pearce seconded. All trustees voted YEA. Resolution 2016-4 passed.
- Personnel issues were discussed in executive session and tabled due to the need for additional research and discussion.
- Trustee Karen Good made a motion to table all items not acted on. Trustee James Aikman seconded. All trustees voted Yea.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*
Village President

ATTEST *Ewa J. Carter*
Village Clerk

DATE 6/6/16