

May 18, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, May 18, 2015, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:31pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Paul Pearce, JD Kuhns, and James Aikman. Trustee Dave Tiffan was absent.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes of May 4, 2015, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius had no comments

Trustees' Reports

- K. Good commented on the Touch-A-Truck event.
- P. Pearce had a resident comment on overgrown shrubs at the corner of Logan and Vine. Also, he did some research on potential ordinances and talked with the Douglas County Animal Control staff.

Treasurer's Report

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter commented on the financial documents.
- The TIF account has almost \$20,000.
- The auditors will be in the office June 10 and 11.
- She will be gone for two days this week for a conference.

Police Chief's Report

- The monthly report was included in the packet.
- Police Chief Goodman stated he's had about a dozen ordinance violation contacts since the last meeting. Most have been abated or will be soon.
- He reported on problems on the emergency sirens. Federal Signal is recommending an upgrade from an analog to a digital system for safety and security reasons.
- He reported on the DARE graduation; 44 students graduated. With the 6th grade going to the junior high next year, he is planning on working with those 6th graders next fall and the 5th graders in the Spring.
- He commented on a successful Touch-A-Truck event.
- He commented briefly on some of the research he's done on animal control ordinances; he agreed that it's best addressed in a work session.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Grant Corum stated the drainage is complete at the new building, except for the retention pond; that was completed with help from the three townships.
- Footings should start on Wednesday.
- Flowers were hung downtown.
- He reported on water repairs.
- He attended a preliminary meeting about hitchrack repair.
- Sheryl Perez commented about the street repair on Dogwood Drive. G. Corum stated he is putting together an evaluation system for all Village streets.

Village Attorney's Report – No report

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Bob Doan, David Hale, Christy Miller, Sheryl Perez, and Bill Singer.

Old Business

- E. Carter reviewed a change in the appropriation for ESDA; all other numbers did not change. T. Clark made a motion to adopt the Appropriations Ordinance as presented. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

- B. Singer presented a request on behalf of the Moultrie – Douglas County Fair Board for a special event liquor license. They would like to add a beer trailer in the southeast corner at the north grandstand area on Saturday night during the concert; it would close when the concert is over. They are asking for a license for Thursday – Saturday night (Sunday morning) 5pm-1am. T. Clark made a motion to approve a temporary liquor license for July 9-11 with the same regulations as before and with an additional wagon at the grandstand on July 11 with the same regulations as the main beer tent. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- B. Doan presented a request for street closures for the Strawberry Jam. T. Clark made a motion to approve street closings for Strawberry Jam as presented. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- C. Miller made a request to place a stationary Amish buggy on Village property (grassy area to the east of the Center) next to the Welcome Center. She described the modifications to the buggy for safety purposes. There was discussion about a replica horse and safety about the tongue of the buggy. There will not be any type of horse, and the tongue will be planted into the ground. K. Good made a motion to approve the placement of the stationary Amish buggy in the grassy area to the east of the Welcome Center. P. Pearce seconded. There was discussion about lighting around the buggy. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed the changes to the cell phone policy with regard to the usage of cell phones while driving. All employees have Bluetooth capability in their vehicles. P. Pearce made a motion to include the use of cell phone and similar devices while driving per state statute into the employee manual. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Kuhns made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding salary increases. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. (5 ILCS 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, and J. Aikman.
- K. Good made a motion to raise wages by 40 cents per hour for E. Carter, C. Frederick, C. Harley, K. Mante, R. Murray, and B. Smith. Mike Goodman will get a \$1,000 per year increase, plus a \$1,000 bonus on the next payroll. All increases are retroactive to May 1. The crossing guards' wages will stay the same. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Kuhns made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding collective bargaining unit. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)) Collective negotiating matter between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary scheduled for one or more classes of employees.
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Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$43,596.00. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

