

May 20, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, May 20, 2013, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Larry Miller, and James Aikman. Trustee Dave Tiffan arrived after Roll Call. Trustee JD Kuhns was absent.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes of May 6, 2013, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius stated several responses have been received about the TIF District RFP. A copy of each will be sent to the consultant, and a work session was scheduled for May 28 at 6pm to discuss this as well as other topics.

Trustees' Reports

- T. Clark has had several comments about the crosswalk signs being needed on Vine Street. AJ's Auto Body returned the check for the sidewalk work in front of his building.
- K. Good received complaints about loose dogs on Dogwood Drive and S. Union Street.
- L. Miller had a complaint about the drainage from the railroad property. A letter was sent and a response received, but no work has been done.
- D. Tiffan reported people have been burning in town. He stated a lot of semis with large equipment and fertilizer applicators traveling on Vine Street are dangerous. Prairie Street has a lot of speeding traffic; Chief Goodman will put the speed trailer near his house.
- J. Aikman commended the Village employees for putting up the flower baskets.
- L. Miller asked about weed control in the alleys. In the downtown area, the business owner will be contacted.

Treasurer's Report

Village Comptroller Erica Carter is having problems with the software; therefore, no reports were printed. A report will be printed and sent to the Trustees as soon as possible.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman thanked the Board for the support for the DARE program.
- He is planning for festival season. He asked for input if anyone has any suggestions.
- He stated the portable billboard used to display the winning DARE posters was decommissioned. He is looking into if the company might be willing to sell it. A local business is willing to purchase it and donate to the Village.
- There was brief discussion about the potential concealed carry law.
- L. Miller thanked the Police Department for addressing the properties with tall grass. Residents will be notified if they are seen throwing grass into the street.

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Robert Crossman has received calls about the railroad right-of-way.
- He reported on recommended zoning for the one and a half mile radius from the Village limits. A Zoning meeting will be scheduled.
- A traffic ordinance violation case will be filed next week.
- He updated the Board on the status of the pending litigation on the ordinance violation case. There will be discussion at a later time what the Village would be interested in if the case was settled with a new property owner.

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Jennifer Sawyer and Officer Jesse Whitford. J. Sawyer explained the plan for SS2Wheel to expand in some of the old Cheese Factory buildings. She wanted to verify the zoning before purchasing property. It will be on the next meeting agenda.

Old Business – None

New Business

- T. Clark made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss appointment, employee performance, compensation, and benefits. (Illinois Statutes, 5ILCS 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.

- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, K. Good, L. Miller, D. Tiffan, and J. Aikman.
- D. Tiffan made a motion to hire Jesse Whitford as a full-time Police Officer with a starting wage of \$15.25 and a six-month time period to become an Arthur resident effective immediately. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius recommended putting down rock in the landscaping areas in the community parking lot and mulch in the gazebo parking lot. The weeds look unsightly, especially with festival season starting soon. There was discussion about specific plants and their care. The cost of the rock would be about \$2,600. Volunteers will be used. Money from the gaming machines could be used for this project. K. Good would like a little bit of mulch for the Meadowview flower bed. Maintenance was discussed. T. Clark made a motion to allocate \$4,000 towards the landscaping of the parking lot and gazebo area as discussed. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed information regarding the Illinois Municipal League Newly Elected Officials Workshop.
- President Bernius asked that the Village and railroad property be surveyed. T. Clark made a motion to have the Village and railroad property surveyed by Consolidated Services. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This will be the property next to the redi-mix plant.
- President Bernius reviewed two sealed bids for the Chevy one-ton truck. L. Miller made a motion to accept the bid of \$1,262 from Gary Ozier. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- L. Miller reviewed the trip he and Jim Watkins took to Dayton, Ohio, to look at a street patch machine, an extension, and a crack wand and a bid from Woody's. There was discussion about paying for the machine and accessories. L. Miller made a motion to buy the patching machine from Woody's Municipal Supply for \$58,117.28 for the patcher, extension, and the crack wand. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed the history of Rotary donations for the fireworks. He would like to use income from the gaming machines to make a donation. T. Clark made a motion to donate \$1,500 to the Rotary for the fireworks this year. J. Aikman seconded. Trustees Clark, Miller, Tiffan, and Aikman voted YEA. Trustee Good abstained.

T. Clark asked about the status of the Morningside sewer project. President Bernius stated the Village is waiting on delivery of the truck purchased from Tuscola to be able to start cutting the roots out of the sewer lines.

Approve Expenditures

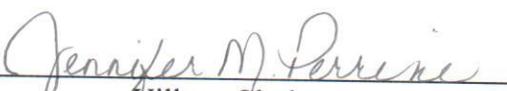
- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$11,857.91. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve April expenditures not yet approved in the amount of \$31,080.32. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

D. Tiffan stated there is a big chunk of concrete broken out of the road just east of the gas station. It is a private road; L. Miller will contact the owner.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:44pm.

APPROVED 
Village President

ATTEST 
Village Clerk

DATE June 3, 2013