

June 16, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, June 16, 2014, 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, Karen Good, Larry Miller, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman. Trustee JD Kuhns was absent.

#### **Approval of Previous meeting minutes**

The regular meeting minutes and the Executive Session meeting minutes of June 2, 2014, were approved as presented.

#### **Village President Comments and Announcements**

- President Bernius reminded everyone that the office will be closed this Thursday and Friday.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- L. Miller stated concrete is being poured in Surrey Lane.
- K. Good showed a picture of a boulder idea for the Meadowview entrance. She complimented those who did the landscaping work. She stated Rotary finished painting the Welcome Center bridge but without the non-skid additive in the paint.

#### **Police Chief's Report – Absent**

#### **Village Attorney's Report**

- Robert Crossman stated he's working on getting written agreements for encroachments.
- He discussed signage for a business that is going to move into another established business with some residential neighbors.

D. Tiffan reported on concerns about vehicular and pedestrian traffic with the construction at CHI. He stated some houses are falling apart; there was discussion about who owns the property where they are located; there is a liability concern. A citizen contacted him about tall grass in some yards.

#### **Visitors' Comments – None**

#### **Old Business – None**

#### **New Business**

- President Bernius stated someone requested hooking up their downspouts into the Village drainage. The policy is that private property is not allowed to connect directly into the Village's sanitary sewer; it doesn't say anything about connecting to the storm sewer. R. Crossman will double check the policy. There was discussion about developing a policy about not allowing citizens to put culverts in ditches at their expense and maintenance except with Board approval.
- President Bernius reviewed the previous discussion about purchasing a used truck. He talked about the pros and cons of a new versus a high mileage used truck. He contacted Mooney's, Pilson's, Crossroads, Rick Ridings, and Northside Ford dealers. He got two quotes back for a new truck from Crossroads (Springfield) and Northside (Effingham). It will eventually have a salt box and snow plow mounted. A light package and other equipment will have to be added. This truck will be purchased for the Sewer Department; the current Sewer Department truck will go to the Street and Alley Department. L. Miller made a motion to purchase a truck from Crossroads for \$26,396.27. J. Aikman seconded. This was purchased under 65ILCS5/8-9-1. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius described a new public works building and where it would be located relative to the current Street and Alley building. He asked everyone to look at the location. The size could be 60'x100' or 72'x100' and cost about \$450,000. No action was taken.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve the prevailing wage ordinance. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 06-16a-14.

- J. Aikman presented information regarding the route for the Freedom Celebration parade. J. Aikman made a motion to approve the proposed route for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade on June 28. Lineup will begin at noon; the parade will begin at 1pm. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius has had some complaints about speed on Chaise Lane. K. Good made a motion to install "Slow, Children at Play" signs on Chaise Lane. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Aikman made a motion to enter Executive Session. This Executive Session is regarding sale Village owned property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)) the setting of a price for sales or lease of a property owned by the public body and regarding personnel (5 ILCS(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.
- J. Aikman made a motion to sell the property behind Arthur Custom Tank to them for \$25,000. L. Miller seconded. The Ordinance number will be 06-16b-14. Trustees T. Clark, L. Miller, D. Tiffan, and J. Aikman voted YEA. Trustee K. Good abstained.
- K. Good made a motion to advertise for a position of a working supervisor over Public Works and authorize the Human Resource Committee to develop a job description. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to offer to trade an equal portion of the railroad right-of-way above Lot 2 for an equal amount of square footage on the east side of Lot 2 in the original town of Arthur. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 06-16c-14.

**Approve Expenditures**

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$20,823.61. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

**Adjourn**

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:54pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*  
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer M. Porcino*  
Village Clerk

DATE *July 7, 2014*

