

August 17, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, August 17, 2015, 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, Paul Pearce, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes and the Executive Session meeting minutes of August 3, 2015, were approved as presented.

Approve Expenditures

- E. Carter explained the number of water deposits returned. T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$39,066.66. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius stated there are a lot of signs on the sidewalks downtown that impede the flow of foot traffic which could be a liability as well as those not placed in an appropriate place and left for days or all weekend. There are also a lot of signs at the corner of Route 133 and Vine Street which are unsightly. He asked the Board to look around the Village and think about how to proceed. Different options to market businesses but yet protect the Village from liability were discussed.
- President Bernius stated no written offers were submitted for the next phases of Meadowview Subdivision. He requested Grant Corum to put numbers together for the Village to start the next phase.
- He thanked the Public Works employees for putting in extra hours since the Plank brothers have gone back to school and Storm Smith being off.

Trustees' Reports

- P. Pearce acknowledged a Letter to the Editor in the newspaper regarding children's safety as pedestrians. He talked with the crossing guard and in the guard's opinion there is not a safety issue with children pedestrians crossing the streets at the corner of Park and Vine Streets.
- K. Good also addressed the Letter to the Editor. She stated there were traffic studies done on Vine at Park, Illinois, and Progress Streets several years ago. There was discussion about if the Village qualified for stop signs on Vine at those intersections. Also, the crosswalks at the school are very faded.
- T. Clark stated people are always welcome to address Trustees regarding issues. He asked about kids who have flags in the back of their pick-up trucks; the waving flags tend to spook horses. President Bernius will ask the Superintendent to make an announcement at the school.

Treasurer's Report

- Deputy Clerk Erica Carter has someone working on the logo.
- She is in contact with Atlas Tower regarding another cell tower in the area.
- She commented on the financial documents.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman stated the bottom of the steel door jam to the Police Department is rusting; it is 15 years old. O.E. Schrock's price to replace it is \$1,300. He will get at least one more price.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Grant Corum reported on the status of the new Public Works building.
- The summer help is finished for the year.
- He reported on water leaks.
- He stated the hitchrack behind the IGA has been hit twice this summer. He is going to get prices to fix the hitchrack as it is and prices to shorten the north hitchrack by 8-10 feet to allow more room for delivery trucks to exit the parking lot. There was discussion about redesigning that parking lot including public restrooms.

Village Attorney's Report

- Kenny Crossman stated the Douglas County Assessor's Office has questions about the railroad right-of-way ownership. He and Bob will be meeting with those representatives this week. The Village has the deed to the property.

Visitors' Comments

No visitors were present.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- E. Carter presented information regarding a new contract for the copy machine / printer. The price is less expensive than what is being paid now. There was discussion regarding leasing versus buying a machine. T. Clark made a motion to accept the proposal from Advanced Digital Solutions for an office copy machine at a monthly cost of \$70.48. K. Good seconded. There was discussion regarding getting another price. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed the previous conference call with Hartman Consultants. He stated he would like to put together and request for qualification (RFQ) for bids to decide what direction the Board will take. The report needs to be accepted. This will allow the Village to narrow the next steps. J. Aikman made a motion to accept the report from Hartman Consultants. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Police Chief Mike Goodman stated one bid was received for the police interceptor car from Chicago Motors, Inc. for \$1,607. J. Aikman made a motion to reject the bid from Chicago Motors, Inc. for \$1,607; J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to allow the Police Committee to advertise the car for \$3,500 and to accept a minimum of \$2,500. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed the topics that will be discussed at the IML Conference. He asked the Trustees to think about going; he plans to attend. The Board will approve attendance in September.
- President Bernius reviewed the Village is currently short-handed in Public Works. He reviewed the proposed agreement with the Park District; it is the same agreement that the Village has with area townships. This will allow the Village and Park District to help each other as needed with personnel and equipment. P. Pearce made a motion to approve the proposed inter-governmental agreement with the Park District. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Kuhns 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, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, K. Good, P. Pearce, J. Kuhns, D. Tiffan, and J. Aikman.
- K. Good made a motion to accept the change to the residency requirements to correct a typographical error to read within five miles of the Village limits. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Aikman made a motion to allow G. Corum to advertise for part-time and full-time employees. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to allow Storm Smith to utilize short-term disability. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- P. Pearce made a motion to conduct research on IMRF early retirement for employees. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

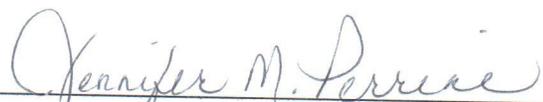
Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 9:27pm.

APPROVED


Village President

ATTEST


Village Clerk

DATE September 8, 2015