

August 19, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, August 19, 2013, 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, Larry Miller, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman. Trustee Karen Good arrived after Roll Call.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes and the Executive Session meeting minutes of August 5, 2013, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius reported on the EIU students who were here for their Jump Start program.
- He reviewed some of the activities for the Cheese Festival.

The Police Committee minutes of August 12, 2013, were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

- E. Carter had no report.
- President Bernius stated at the second meeting in September an up-to-date report will be given. The transition to the new system should be completed by then.

Trustees' Reports

- T. Clark stated he receives comments almost daily on the flowers downtown; however, the flowers in the planter boxes need attention.
- K. Good commented on the student volunteers and stated the residents on Third Street appreciated the response to their concerns.
- L. Miller stated the truck should be back tomorrow after some repairs. The trailer has arrived. He appreciated the EIU students. He stated there are some vehicles on Village right-of-way without up-to-date stickers.
- President Bernius stated a first-aid kit has been purchased for the Welcome Center.
- J. Kuhns reported on parents who are concerned about drivers ignoring traffic signs.
- D. Tiffan wants to organize some people to decorate store fronts for homecoming to show community spirit. He will coordinate with the school.
- President Bernius asked the Human Resources Committee to reach out to other Trustees regarding insurance. D. Tiffan reviewed a meeting with the insurance representative. A decision will be made at the September 3 meeting.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman reviewed the Police Committee meeting about upgrading the records management software; it needs to be upgraded. It can be purchased from a company in Savoy with half the amount down at the time of purchase and the balance to be paid in the next fiscal year.
- There will be an auction for 14 unclaimed bicycles on September 7 at 9am.
- He reminded everyone about school starting Thursday and to be careful with pedestrians.

Village Attorney's Report – None

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Dale and June Bissonett, Bob Doan, George Fritz, Jeff Mercer, and Allen Schlabach.

Old Business – None

New Business

- President Bernius reviewed information regarding signs for Progress Street businesses. He recommended allowing the businesses on Progress Street 60 days to put signs on the sidewalk from 8am to 5pm on days when they are open and to propose a solution to the Board. After a discussion, all Trustees were agreeable to this.
- President Bernius stated there was a complaint about items blocking sidewalks in front of Vine Street businesses. If the ordinance is enforced, it will pertain to all businesses on that street.

He suggested reviewing the current policy and working with the businesses to develop a compromised updated policy.

- R. Crossman stated the R-3 zoning doesn't allow for a fitness center / gym. To allow that, the zoning needs to be amended changing R-3 districts item #7 to include fitness centers. K. Good made a motion to approve the amendment. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The ordinance number will be 08-19A-13.
- President Bernius reviewed the water line needed for the new Jack Flash gas station. Currently, it would need to be bored under Route 133. Water Plant Operator Jeff Mercer investigated extending the current water line from the motel to the east as more development is planned to the east of the car wash. This will keep the Village from boring several lines underneath the highway. The extension will cost approximately \$40,000. President Bernius stated someone has agreed to extend the sidewalks from the east side of the car wash to past the old Horizon building if the water line is extended. J. Kuhns made a motion to approve the extension of the water line along the south edge of Route 133 at a cost of approximately \$40,000. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark asked about an update on the Morningside sewer line project. The truck was just received back after a breakdown, so the project can begin.
- M. Goodman presented a request to close the alley between the 300 block of Pine and Ash Streets. Safety concerns were presented and discussed. He would like to put a barrier in the middle to block vehicular traffic but allow for bicycle and pedestrian traffic. The alley shouldn't be abandoned as it is used to access driveways from either end. J. Aikman made a motion to approve the recommendation. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The ordinance number will be 08-19b-13.
- President Bernius asked the Trustees to review the TIF district map that was passed around.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark asked about the expenditure for Ameren (E. Carter stated the Sewer Department is using the aerators more than usual.) and the expenditure for Beckett and Webber (There was discussion regarding the status of the bill and the pending litigation.). T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$40,771.64. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

President Bernius rescheduled the Work Session meeting from August 26 to September 10 at 6pm.

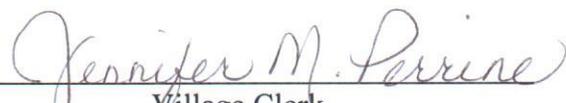
Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.

APPROVED


Village President

ATTEST


Village Clerk

DATE

September 3, 2013