

September 16, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, September 16, 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, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman. Trustee JD Kuhns was absent.

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

The regular and Executive Session meeting minutes of September 3, 2013, were approved as presented.

#### **Village President Comments and Announcements – None**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Erica Carter was absent, but she submitted reports to the Trustees.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- T. Clark commented that the new financial software is probably capable of running any report the Trustees would want.
- K. Good had an employee ask her about providing the minutes to the employees, which was discussed at a previous meeting. The problem is that it would be approximately two weeks before they are approved and posted.
- J. Aikman stated the BBQ Festival is the next event. The street closings will be on the agenda for the next meeting. He also stated the State Bank purchased the Cheese Festival quilt and wants to donate it to be displayed in the Community Room. The way to display it is being investigated.

#### **Village Attorney's Report – None**

#### **Police Chief's Report – None**

#### **Visitors' Comments – None**

D. Tiffan made a motion to enter Executive Session; K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session is regarding pending litigation on Cedar Street in the Village of Arthur (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and a part-time employee during maternity leave of Deputy Clerk, acquiring a qualified candidate who holds license level 2 for sewer plant on a contractual basis, as well as an emergency discussion regarding an employee - the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, K. Good, L. Miller, D. Tiffan, and J. Aikman.

#### **Old Business**

President Bernius tabled any action regarding pending litigation on Cedar Street.

#### **New Business**

- President Bernius stated the Board had discussed keeping their original decision on the health insurance with the updated figures; an employee stated to him that the new co-pay amounts would create a hardship. There was discussion regarding the agreement with employees (The Village would cover any premium increases up to 10%, then the employee would pay for any increase over 10%), the additional costs to the employees, and the recent history of raises and bonuses. A decision must be made by October 15. D. Tiffan will investigate any other options. Any further decision was tabled for a future meeting.
- President Bernius stated Christy Frederick is willing to work for the Village part-time for \$12 per hour. K. Good made a motion to hire Christy Frederick as a part-time employee at a rate of \$12 to work in the office to cover maternity leave and perhaps other duties effective October 1. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- President Bernius reviewed the discussion regarding establishing a land value of city owned property from the Work Session meeting. He would like to appraise the parcels of land – the old railroad property and the property at the north edge of town just south of the Southern Baptist church. J. Aikman contacted Stan Gordon about appraising the parcels; he stated it would cost approximately \$400 per parcel, but he was concerned about being able to find comparable parcels. President Bernius reviewed his conversations with the Gunny Sack group about the property on the north side of the community building. There was discussion regarding appraising the land behind Henry Herschberger's property. D. Tiffan made a motion to approve appraising the previously mentioned three parcels of land. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius tabled any action regarding acquiring a qualified candidate who holds license level 2 for sewer plant on a contractual basis.

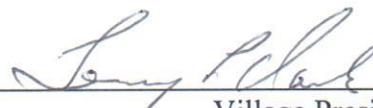
**Approve Expenditures**

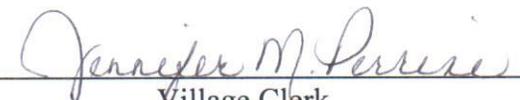
- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$69,131.48. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

There was a brief question regarding charging non-profit groups for building permits. They are charged unless they request it to be waived.

**Adjourn**

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:11pm.

APPROVED   
 Village President *Pro-Tem*

ATTEST   
 Village Clerk

DATE October 7, 2013