

May 16, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, May 16, 2011. 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 Iris Dicks. Trustee Karen Good was absent.

#### **Public Hearing for 2011-12 Proposed Appropriations Ordinance**

There were no comments for the public hearing.

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

The regular meeting minutes of May 2, 2011, and the Finance Committee meeting of May 9, 2011, were approved as presented.

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

- President Bernius stated the next CIMOA meeting will be Thursday, June 16, in Monticello at the Best Western.
- He attended the DARE graduation and commended the Police Department on that program.
- He attended the Arthur High School Honors Assembly and commented on the amount of money given to students.
- President Bernius has been at the Palmer Street Bridge a couple of times, and it is progressing well since water has gone down.
- He scheduled a Police Committee meeting for June 6 at 6pm, and he tentatively scheduled a Hotel / Motel meeting for June 2 at 6pm.

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

T. Clark made a motion to approve the Finance Committee Executive Session meeting minutes of May 9, 2011, as corrected. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees who attended the session (T. Clark, L. Miller, D. Tiffan, I. Dicks) voted YEA.

#### **Treasurer Report**

S. Perrine reviewed the financial documents. All the checking accounts have positive balances as required at the end of the fiscal year. Revenues were up (about \$51,000) and expenses were down (about \$457,000) from last year. T. Clark thanked the Committees and Village staff for their work.

#### **Visitor Comments**

Visitors present were Phil Carver and Rod Randall. Village employee Sue Perrine was also present.

#### **Trustee Reports**

- L. Miller stated the grass in some yards hasn't been mowed, and those residents need to be notified.
- I. Dicks stated the stop sign at the IGA parking lot and the alley is missing. R. Crossman stated the sign was replaced today. There was discussion about the direction of traffic on that alley.

#### **Police Chief Report**

Roger Hansen was present in place of Chief Goodman and had no report.

#### **Village Attorney Report**

- R. Crossman reviewed a request to vacate part of a street. The Street and Alley Committee will review that request for the north end of South Oak Street.
- No further information has been received from the first request for the cell phone tower siting. Another request has been received; that company stated they will provide the information needed.

#### **Old Business**

- President Bernius tabled any discussion and action regarding the cell tower siting ordinance.

#### **New Business**

- R. Crossman reviewed the Board of Appeals meeting regarding a zoning variance for 112 N. Elm Street. The Zoning Board recommends approval. There was a question and discussion regarding elevation and drainage changes. P. Carver answered the questions. T. Clark made a motion to approve the variance at 112 N. Elm Street. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 05-16A-11.

- R. Randall presented information from WCIA requesting street closures for an "Our Town" promotion on May 27. I. Dicks made a motion to accept the request from WCIA to close Vine Street between the IGA driveway and Illinois Street the purpose of filming the "Our Town" promotion from 3:30pm to 7pm. T. Clark seconded. The Police Department will take care of barricades. The residents in that area need to be made aware of this closure. All Trustees voted YEA.
- R. Randall presented a request regarding street closings for the Strawberry Jam, Cheese Festival, and BBQ Festival. He reviewed the changes from last year. There was brief discussion regarding leaving Vine Street open during festivals. T. Clark made a motion to approve the request for the street closings as presented for Strawberry Jam, Arthur Country Cheese Festival, and CIBR BBQ Festival. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- R. Randall stated there would be buggy rides for festivals. He briefly reviewed the Festival and Events rules. This would allow the Village to delegate the authority to use the streets for the festivals. After discussion, T. Clark made a motion to endorse the Festival and Event rules as presented by the Association of Commerce subject to any final decision made by the Board if there should be any question or discrepancy. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Engineer Mike Sullivan will need to estimate how much of Vine Street can be resurfaced with the budgeted amount. The approaches also need to be done. L. Miller made a motion to use Mike Sullivan to send out bids for milling and resurfacing Vine Street. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius stated he would like to advertise for part-time employment for the summer to see what type of qualified applicants apply. This will allow some tasks in multiple departments to be done at a lower wage. L. Miller made a motion to advertise for part-time summer help. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve the Pay Estimate #2 regarding the Palmer Street Bridge Project for \$9,952.20. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve the appropriations ordinance for \$3,324,106. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 05-16B-11.
- R. Crossman recommended destroying the Executive Session recordings of May 18, 2009; August 3, 2009; September 21, 2009; two recordings each for September 28, 2009, and October 5, 2009; October 19, 2009; November 2, 2009; and November 16, 2009. T. Clark made a motion to approve R. Crossman's recommendation. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- R. Crossman recommended opening the Executive Sessions minutes of February 22, 2011, and April 18, 2011. T. Clark made a motion to open the minutes as recommended; D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve the following wages for the 2011-12 fiscal year: Jim Watkins, \$20.88; Jeff Mercer, \$21.33; Randy Murray, \$19.86; Roger Hansen, \$19.80; Stormy Smith, \$17.51; Sue Perrine, \$17.65; Kevin Mante, \$16.32; and Brandon Potthast, \$15.92; and a salary for Mike Goodman of \$53,587. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$20,218.91. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve April expenditures not yet approved in the amount of \$32,317.11. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm.

APPROVED

*R. Matt Bernius*  
Village President

ATTEST

*Jennifer Perrine*  
Village Clerk

DATE

*June 6, 2011*