

September 19, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, September 19, 2011, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Karen Good, Larry Miller, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and Iris Dicks. Trustee Terry Clark was absent.

Annual Audit Report

Kevin Buckley, from McGuire, Yuhas, Huffman, & Buckley CPAs & Consultants, gave the audit report from the last fiscal year.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes of September 6, 2011, were approved as amended, the last name was added to the representatives from Tick Tock Energy. Village Attorney Robert Crossman pointed out that the motion for the Oak Street vacation had the wrong dimensions and was Ordinance 09-06a-11. K. Good made a motion to correct the minutes of the September 6, 2011, regular meeting to reflect the motion for the street vacation should have been 60' x 178'. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius commented about the traffic with the memorial bike ride. There was discussion about how things had been done in previous years and how to make it safer for riders and car and pedestrian traffic.
- President Bernius scheduled two work session meetings – September 26 and October 10.

Treasurer's Report

- Comptroller Sue Perrine commented on the financial documents.
- She stated a letter was received from the Department of Revenue that \$5,386.90 in sales tax revenue was received that should have been paid to another municipality. It will have to be paid back; it will be taken out of the next four disbursements.
- A representative from Tick Tock Energy came back the day after the last meeting and reviewed the Water and Sewer plants; there are no problems with the wiring. The representative and S. Perrine worked on the grant application. The Clean Energy grant application has been electronically submitted.
- She received a notice that all elected and appointed positions will be required to take online training regarding the Freedom of Information Act as of January 1, 2012.
- She updated the Board regarding the insurance claim at the sewer plant.
- She has not started modifying the grants yet.
- She will be out of the office on Thursday for IMRF meeting.
- She reported on her attendance at the IML Conference.

Trustees' Reports

- I. Dicks stated the resurfacing on Vine Street has been an improvement. A recognition time will be scheduled for the Welcome Center volunteers.
- J. Kuhns stated a quote has been received from Tri-County for repairs at the Sewer Plant. Details will be provided at a later meeting.
- L. Miller called Mike Sullivan to thank him. He has received compliments about the Village wanting to stay within the budget on projects.
- K. Good reported about a stop she made in Fair Hope, Alabama.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Goodman reported he will be reviewing everyone's NIMS certification.

Village Attorney's Report

- The ordinance for the Oak Street vacation doesn't take effect until the money is received.

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Kevin Buckley and George Fritz. Kevin Buckley left the meeting after his presentation.

Old Business – None

New Business

- George Fritz presented a request for street closures for the BBQ Festival on October 6, 7, and 8; it is similar to the other festival street closures. The closures were approved at a previous meeting. He commented every year there is a bigger demand on electricity and space for the BBQ Festival and other festivals. He presented a couple of ideas of places to install additional electricity on Village property, which would cost about \$5,000. L. Miller made a motion to allow the Arthur Area Association of Commerce to put an electrical box on the corner of the alley behind the Arthur Community Bank, the northeast corner of the parking lot, and give them \$1,000 toward the cost. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Bernius asked that festival food vendors be offered cardboard to be laid underneath their cooking equipment to keep from staining the streets.
- M. Goodman presented information regarding municipalities collecting bond fees; the maximum is \$20. I. Dicks made a motion to allow the Police Department to collect bond fees in the amount of \$20. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The ordinance number is 09-19a-11.
- L. Miller reviewed information received from an insurance company representative. The Village has some additional liability for the trees in the boulevard; the trees could fall on a house in a storm, and they buckle sidewalks and could injure someone. Based on that information, the trees and sidewalk problem on Ash Street needs to be reviewed. The homeowner on Poplar Street is aware of what needs to happen with the problem there. L. Miller made a motion to take the trees down and make a new sidewalk on Ash Street down to Logan Street. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Bernius suggested contacting a horticulturalist regarding if there are any types of trees that might be allowed in boulevards without disrupting sidewalks or utility lines.
- K. Good made a motion to set Trick or Treat hours on October 31 from 5pm to 8pm. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- I. Dicks made a motion to accept the audit report's findings as presented. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approve Expenditures

- K. Good made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$109,941.93. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to approve August expenditures not yet approved in the amount of \$26,036.12. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer Perrine*
Village Clerk

DATE *October 3, 2011*