

March 19, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, March 19, 2012, 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, Larry Miller, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and Iris Dicks.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting and the Executive Session meeting minutes of March 5, 2012, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius attended a mayor's meeting in Champaign on March 13.
- Trustees have been given the information to complete the Open Meetings training.
- He was asked to notify Trustees about a donation request about Post Prom; he encouraged Trustees to personally make a donation if they chose to, and it would be put on the next agenda if needed.
- A home owner is requesting reimbursement for a sidewalk.
- A 24x24 pad was poured at the old Mast property.

Visitors Present

Bob Doan, Jim Fleming, Bruce Oye, Jack Oye, Chuck Reifsteck, and Steffanie Seegmiller were present.

Arthur Area Economic Development Corporation Annual Report

- AAEDC President Jim Fleming and Community Development Coordinator Bob Doan reported on the group's last year's activities, including a Rural Development grant received for a revolving loan fund, a hotel study, the formation of the Future and Current Entrepreneurs (FACE) group, Welcome Center volunteers, working with the Park Board on the Community Pool, school annexation, working with rural businesses with signs, TIF district, local signs, the Gasland and Progress properties, and vacant businesses.

New Business

- Attorney Robert Crossman reviewed the Zoning Board meeting on Friday, March 16, 2012. A suitable sewer line maintenance agreement needs to be created. Bruce Oye will put some numbers together for the costs of replacing the sewer in the alley that the Methodist Church wants vacated. Water & Sewer Committee will schedule a meeting to review the options and costs. S. Seegmiller reviewed several activities that happen at the Arthur United Methodist Church.

Treasurer's Report

- Comptroller Sue Perrine commented on the financial documents.
- She stated the lighting in Meadowview has been finished.
- The reimbursements have not yet been received for the lighting grants.
- The annual tile and carpet cleaning was completed at the Welcome Center. The Municipal Building carpet was cleaned. The tiles need to be resealed; she is getting quotes for this.
- She has started working on next year's budget; a meeting was scheduled for March 26 to begin working on the budget and to discuss a new employee.

Trustees' Reports

- I. Dicks is talking with a couple of people about a new roof for the Welcome Center. The Welcome Center carpet looks better after being shampooed. The Center is in need of volunteers. She thanked Larry Miller and his crew for the clean up uptown.
- D. Tiffan commented on the new backhoe. President Bernius explained a trade for the backhoe's buckets.
- L. Miller stated the new backhoe is being used a lot. He reminded residents to not blow leaves into the street and to pick up after your dog. He thanked those who helped, including the 6th graders, with the clean up uptown.
- T. Clark asked I. Dicks about groups sponsoring flower beds. She has been in contact with the school; they will be requiring students to complete some community service to graduate starting next year. He asked about the Brewer property clean up.

- President Bernius talked with Scott Seegmiller at the State Bank about Timm Trust funds for the carpet in the Community Room. The funds will probably be available in the third quarter of this year.
- Stormy Smith's last day before surgery was today. President Bernius thanked Jim Watkins for his work. He updated the Trustees on Jeff Mercer after his surgery. He has talked with Randy Carter; he's willing to work 2 to 3 hours per day. This will be put on the agenda for a special meeting.

Police Chief's Report – Absent

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney R. Crossman will be meeting with President Bernius on the Brewer property.

Old Business – None

New Business

- L. Miller presented job descriptions for street sweeping and the street department. There was some discussion if a CDL license is needed to run the street sweeper. President Bernius tabled the street sweeping description. L. Miller made a motion to approve the part-time employment job title and job description in the Street Department. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius stated L. Miller has tried to contact the railroad about the debris along the right-of-way. L. Miller stated when he worked for the railroad they would receive letters from municipalities to clean up the debris. President Bernius recommended sending them a letter with a time period, and if it's not cleaned up by the deadline, the Village would clean it up at the railroad's expense. He directed R. Crossman to draft a letter. L. Miller made a motion to send the railroad a letter to clean up the right-of-way, including trees, ties, and drainage, all through the Village. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Perrine presented the information to bring all the benefit plans on the same time frame. K. Good made a motion to approve the short year for the dental and vision plans for the employees through December 2012. I Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$8,382.27. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve February expenditures not yet approved in the amount of \$19,474.34. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer M. Perrine*
Village Clerk

DATE *April 2, 2012*