

June 6, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, June 6, 2011, 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 minutes of May 16, 2011; the emergency meeting minutes of May 18, 2011; and the special meeting minutes of May 26, 2011; were approved as presented.

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

- President Bernius went to the Palmer Street bridge today and checked the progress. Without any delays, it should be finished by mid-July.
- He reminded everyone about the Arthur Area Association of Commerce Employer / Employee dinner on June 14.
- The next CIMOA meeting and dinner is June 16 in Monticello. Reservations for this meeting and the AAAOC dinner are due by noon on Friday.
- He asked the Trustees to consider riding together as a group in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.
- There is a public scoping meeting about FutureGen in Tuscola on Wednesday, June 8; they are looking at sites in Douglas County. President Bernius will attend the meeting.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- T. Clark has received questions about the color of the water. Jim Watkins stated that some hydrants on the south end of town have been flushed and Jeff Mercer is working on getting others set up. T. Clark commented on the state of some properties in the Village; Police Chief M. Goodman stated notice has been served on about six properties.
- L. Miller stated he recently rode with Stormy Smith on the street sweeper during the day. The sweeper caused a lot of dust and startled some people on the sidewalks; running the street sweeper needs to be rescheduled for a different time. A Committee meeting to discuss other options will be scheduled.
- D. Tiffan received compliments about the appearance of the streets for the Strawberry Jam last weekend.
- I. Dicks stated there are a lot of speeding cars coming from MasterBrand. She recognized Bruce Woods for purchasing flowers and Mark Aschermann for the work he did on the flower beds uptown.

#### **Police Chief's Report**

- Chief Goodman said several letters regarding the litter ordinance were sent to residents.

#### **Village Attorney's Report**

- R. Crossman stated once the Police notify him regarding a litter ordinance violation, it becomes more expensive for the violation. If it has to go to court, it is even more expensive. M. Goodman stated if the resident responds to his request, there is no charge.
- R. Crossman stated he has had requests for zero lot lines, where a duplex is built on two lots.
- With the street vacation request, there is a question about exactly what property the petitioners own and where the utilities are. He suggests tabling the request. President Bernius will contact JULIE for the utilities.

#### **Visitors' Comments**

<sup>120</sup> One visitor was present, Dick Hein and Jim Watkins.

#### **Old Business**

- R. Crossman stated he has not had any response regarding the cell tower siting. He suggests taking the item off of the agenda until a response / further information is received.
- L. Miller reviewed a quote from Freeway Ford for a new Street Department truck. The truck, including delivery to Arthur, is \$40,865. Additional items not included in the quote are a hitch for \$573, a spare tire for \$350, and electric windows and locks for \$850. There would be additional cost for title work and license plates. L. Miller made a motion to accept the bid from Freeway Ford with the additions for \$42,638 plus title and license. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

**New Business**

- President Bernius stated there is not a Class B liquor license (package only) available in the Village. There might be a need for one for a new business in the near future; the application process and requirements would still need to be met. K. Good made a motion to create an additional Class B liquor license. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 06-06A-11.
- I. Dicks reviewed the Tourism Committee meeting this morning. The Committee members are Marsha Bowyer, Trustee Terry Clark, Trustee Iris Dicks, George Fritz, and Anna Herschberger. President Bernius also attended the meeting. There was one request for funds from the Arthur Area Association of Commerce for \$8,000. That would leave approximately \$2,100 available. I. Dicks suggested that requests be made by May 1 each year. I. Dicks made a motion to pay \$8,000 to the Arthur Area Association of Commerce in support of their marketing plan. K. Good seconded. T. Clark explained how those funds will be spent for year-round advertising. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius asked the Human Resources Committee to review applications for the part-time maintenance help.
- President Bernius reviewed a proposal from Yoder Lawn Care for \$696 to mow Wells 7, 8, and 9 near Atwood for this mowing season. Currently, Jeff Mercer is driving a tractor up there which takes a lot of time. This can be renewed annually. T. Clark made a motion to approve the bid from Yoder Lawn Care to mow Wells 7, 8, and 9, for \$696 in a one-time payment. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius tabled any action on the street vacation.
- L. Miller reviewed bids to replace an 18' x 115' section of the concrete on the north side of the hitch rack behind IGA from GR Mast Concrete, Herschbergers Concrete, and Allen Chupps Concrete. The least expensive was Herschbergers Concrete at \$9,656. L. Miller made a motion to accept the bid from Herschbergers Concrete for \$9,656. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed the recent discussions regarding Village drainage work. The bids for the Parkview drainage project were \$7,929 from Yoder Farm Drainage and \$7,325 from Neil Hostetler. L. Miller made a motion to approve the bid by Neil Hostetler for \$7,325 for the drainage work in Parkview. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Kuhns reviewed bids on a drainage project on East Illinois Street. The bid from Yoder Farm Drainage is \$7,639 and the bid from Neil Hostetler is \$5,915. J. Kuhns made a motion to approve the bid from Neil Hostetler; L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius stated the price for water meters has not increased, and they can be paid for over 90 days. I. Dicks made a motion to purchase 45 water meters. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to approve Pay Estimate #3 regarding the Palmer Street Bridge Project in the amount of \$68,744.97. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- I. Dicks made a motion to approve paying the engineering fees to date regarding the Palmer Street Bridge Project in the amount of \$10,192.40. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

**Approve Expenditures**

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$8,508.31. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

**Adjourn**

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*  
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer M. Perrine*  
Village Clerk

DATE *June 20, 2011*