

August 20, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, August 20, 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 minutes of August 6, 2012, were approved as corrected.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius was asked about striping Moses Street. He turned it over to the Street and Alley Committee.
- He reminded residents to clean up after their dogs.
- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 4, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Treasurer's Report

- Village Treasurer Sue Perrine commented on the financial documents.
- She and Jim Watkins attended a meeting in Springfield on August 9. They went to CMS afterwards and found six inexpensive office chairs for the Village.
- On August 18, she worked with incoming EIU students at The Great Pumpkin Patch.
- Butch Jent had back surgery on August 14; he is home and doing well.
- The County Clerk received the information about utility aggregation; it will be on the November ballot.
- Landscape waste should not be put in the street gutters; it blocks the water flow. It should be put on private property.

Trustees' Reports

- T. Clark has had questions about what could be done about the bird droppings on the sidewalk at the gazebo parking lot; he will wash the sidewalk before the Cheese Festival. He talked with Freeman Beachy about the watering tank at the IGA hitchrack; F. Beachy thought it wasn't really needed there and was concerned about where the tank would be placed so it would be out of the way. T. Clark reminded everyone about the Village hosting CIMOA in September.
- L. Miller mentioned the hazards about the landscape waste in the gutters and streets. President Bernius mentioned the ordinance about trash cans in the street longer than they should be.
- I. Dicks attended a meeting last week about the Mahomet aquifer. The federal EPA will decide about the landfill being located in that area.

President Bernius reviewed the draw down levels for the water wells; there weren't any alarms for concern.

Police Chief's Report

- Chief M. Goodman reported the new squad car was picked up. The equipment change over will be done this week.

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Robert Crossman stated there is not a hearing date for an ordinance violation; there are new violations with this same case.

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were James Aikman, Reuben Chupp, Rob Fustin, Linda Ingles, and Village employee Sue Perrine.

Old Business

- J. Aikman presented an updated street closing proposal for the Cheese Festival. Police Chief Goodman, Street Department employee Jim Watkins, J. Aikman, and Rachel Marx met to review the closings. T. Clark motion to accept the street closings as presented. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- I. Dicks presented information about the two bids for a new roof for the Welcome Center. The timing of the project was discussed. T. Clark made a motion to accept the bid from Bernardi Construction in the amount of \$10,846. D. Tiffan seconded. Trustees Clark, Good, Kuhns, Tiffan, and Dicks voted YEA. Trustee Miller passed.
- President Bernius stated Jeff Mercer has an appointment on Tuesday, August 28. He has made progress and believes he will be released from the doctor at that time. Brandon Potthast will need time off soon. K. Good made a motion to bring Jeff Mercer back full-time with a written release from his doctor. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

- J. Kuhns presented information about a package deal on a street transit laser from Birkey's for \$2,395. It can be used for a lot of projects with just one person and will need to be calibrated every year. I. Dicks moved to purchase the street transit laser for \$2,395 from Birkey's. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Perrine presented information about lighting for the corners of Vine / 5th Streets and Route 133 / Palmer Street and the cost associated with them. K. Good made a motion to approve installing the requested lighting. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius stated Gary Jent's contract expires on August 23, and there is no one in place. Applications are being received and will be reviewed soon. D. Tiffan made a motion to approve renewing Gary Jent's contract for another six months or until someone is hired. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius presented information about refinancing the 1998 sewer (\$426,000) and 2003 general obligation (water plant - \$230,000) bonds. He and S. Perrine met with two representatives about this. S. Perrine reviewed each of the presentations and the benefits of each and the process to re-fund the bonds. All Trustees agreed to have David Pistorius from First Midstate Inc. in Bloomington attend and make a presentation at the next Board meeting.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$13,485.38. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve July expenditures not yet approved in the amount of \$55,056.57. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

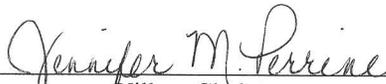
Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:08pm.

APPROVED


 Village President Pro-Tem

ATTEST


 Village Clerk

DATE

September 4, 2012