

October 3, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, October 3, 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 September 19, 2011, were approved as presented; the Work Session meeting minutes of September 26, 2011, were approved as amended.

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

- President Bernius thanked everyone for attending the bridge dedication ceremony earlier in the evening.
- He reminded everyone about the upcoming CIMOA meeting.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- T. Clark relayed positive comments received from Kevin Buckley on the audit. He thanked Deputy Clerk Sue Perrine for the work she did towards the new bridge. He stated a discussion should be started about the flowers downtown for next year.
- K. Good thanked Eberhardt Village for the reception after the bridge ceremony.
- L. Miller stated he thought the bridge ceremony went well.
- D. Tiffan received positive comments about the new drainage on East Illinois Street.
- I. Dicks stated how nice the bridge dedication ceremony was. She also received a comment about the East Illinois Street drainage. There will be a luncheon on October 20 to recognize the Welcome Center volunteers; she encouraged Trustees to attend.

#### **Police Chief's Report** – Absent; Sergeant Hansen was present.

- The monthly report was at each Trustee's place.

#### **Village Attorney's Report** – None

#### **Visitors' Comments**

Visitors present were Stephanie Alexander and Bob Doan.

#### **Old Business** – None

#### **New Business**

- S. Alexander presented a request to close parking spaces on Vine Street (and Illinois Street if needed) to hold the Chili Cook-off on November 5. She distributed a map and the timeline for the cook-off. K. Good made a motion to allow The Berg to close the parking spaces on Vine Street per the map supplied for the Chili Cook-off. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to extend the hours of operation for The Berg until 2am on this New Year's Eve. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Bob Doan presented drawings of proposed signage to direct traffic to Arthur. He described the signs and explained where they will be placed at the intersection of Route 133 / Vine Street and in the country. He reviewed the amounts other entities are donating; he requested \$300. T. Clark made a motion to contribute \$300 towards the cost of the sign as presented. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed the draft of an updated livestock section in the Village Code. The proposed draft will match what is currently used in the Meadowview Subdivision, with some clarification. This is only for areas zoned as residential. If a citizen wants an animal not on the list, he / she will have to go through the variance process. I. Dicks made a motion to accept the new regulations for household animals as presented by R. Crossman. L. Miller seconded. The Ordinance number will be 10-03a-11.
- President Bernius reviewed the work that was done previously at the Sewer Plant. As Tri-County Welding was looking at what needed to be fixed, there were several more things found that need to be repaired. The cost for Tri-County's part of the project will be about \$8,000. There is some sandblasting work that will need to be done, and then an epoxy will need to be applied; a bid for that work was \$37,925. Bodine will then have to come back to do additional

work for about \$2,500. The total cost for the project will be about \$60-65,000; that will bring the equipment back to almost new condition. Funding for the project was discussed. J. Kuhns made a motion to approve the bid from Central Illinois Coatings for \$37,925; the extra expense of Bodine, about \$2,500 or less; and all other items needed, including valves, to get the sewer back up to like-new condition. L. Miller seconded. The work could be finished by next week. All Trustees voted YEA.

- R. Crossman stated the Illinois Department of National Resources is asking for an ordinance to accept the Penn Central bike trail property on the Moultrie County side. T. Clark made a motion for an ordinance to accept the Quit Claim Deed of the Prairie Wind State Trail from the IDNR to the Village of Arthur on the Moultrie County side. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number is 10-03b-11. There was discussion about exactly where the property is and how much property is involved.
- President Bernius and S. Perrine explained the Village can change the number of hours <sup>an</sup> ~~a part~~ time employee can be expected to work before they are enrolled in the IMRF system. All current Village ~~part-time~~ <sup>part-time</sup> employees, except for the current Village President, would go to the 1,000 hour standard. Future Village Presidents will go to the 1,000 hour standard. The Resolution number will be 10-03a-11r. T. Clark made a motion to adopt the resolution of 1,000 hour standard for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund participation. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

**Approve Expenditures**

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$15,691.67. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

S. Perrine stated the pump for the sewer plant has been ordered. The grants from the Palmer Street bridge have been re-written. Nothing has been heard on the energy grants. She updated the Trustees on the status of CDs.

**Adjourn**

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 7:59pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*  
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer Perrine*  
Village Clerk

DATE *October 17, 2011*