

March 1, 2012

A Work Session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, March 1, 2012, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan and Iris Dicks. Trustee Larry Miller was absent.

**Visitors' Comments**

Village employee Sue Perrine was present.

**Discussion items**

- President Bernius briefly reviewed the fire at AJ's Auto Body yesterday. Some embers blew across the street and started to burn along the railroad. The Fire Department got it under control quickly; however, if it had gone further east, it could have caught all the debris and trash on fire and really gotten out of control. He will talk with Larry Miller about continuing to contact the railroad about cleaning up that trash.
- President Bernius reviewed the upcoming staff changes and the idea of hiring an additional full-time person, someone who can cross-train to get some licenses and be prepared for other potential staff changes later. A part-time employee and a full-time employee might need to be hired for this year. There was a brief review of benefit costs of some current employees. President Bernius stated a pay range needs to be decided to determine the other costs involved. Some potential candidate names were discussed. There was the idea of an inter-governmental agreement with another municipality for an employee; the employee might work part-time for our Village and part-time for another municipality. A pay range around \$15 was discussed; S. Perrine will estimate costs for an employee. K. Good and D. Tiffan will interview one or two candidates that have previously applied.
- Items for the budget that were discussed were the roof and air conditioner at the Welcome Center and a plan for Water and Sewer to update maps. Further discussion will be at later meetings.
- President Bernius stated the emissions standards are changing in the equipment industry. He reviewed the costs and benefits of purchasing a new <sup>backhoe</sup> end loader, which would be grandfathered in to the old emissions standards if the Village purchased it, and the trade-in for the old unit. There are several safety benefits of the new unit. The net cost would be \$30,000. Other potential major expenses were discussed.
- Another budget item discussed was lighting along Palmer Street and the potential development on the west side across from Eberhardt Village. Other Village development was discussed.

**Adjourn**

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

APPROVED *Terry Clark Proten*  
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer M. Perrine*  
Village Clerk

DATE *March 5, 2012*