

September 6, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Larry Miller, JD Kuhns and Iris Dicks. Trustee Dave Tiffan arrived immediately after roll call, and Karen Good arrived at 7:15pm.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes of August 15, 2011, were approved as corrected, and the Water and Sewer Committee meeting minutes of August 29, 2011, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius commented on a successful Cheese Festival weekend and thanked everyone involved in all of the activities.
- On August 18, he worked with Deputy Clerk Sue Perrine and about 35 EIU students at the firehouse with community service projects. A couple of students will come back as guest judges for the BBQ Festival.
- The auditors will attend the next meeting.
- He reminded everyone of the Palmer Street bridge re-dedication ceremony on October 3.
- Ne-Co will start next week on the Vine Street re-surfacing project.

Trustees' Reports

- I. Dicks thanked Larry Miller and those that helped him for mowing, trimming bushes, etc. She might find additional donations for more rock. She thanked President Bernius and S. Perrine for working with the students. She asked Mac Condill to put up some displays before the Cheese Festival. She commented on the new benches uptown; the old ones need to be painted in the winter.
- D. Tiffan had a question about the drainage project. Yoder's finished their part at the cemetery; Neil Hostetler will work on his part of the project this week or next.
- J. Kuhns stated the items he had to talk about would be covered under new business.
- L. Miller thanked all the volunteers for work around the Village
- T. Clark commented about how important the festivals are to the Village. He thought the restrooms for the Cheese Festival worked well. He commented on how important the Village employees are, especially at festival time.
- L. Miller stated how impressed he was at the response to a diabetic emergency at the Welcome Center on Saturday.

Police Chief's Report

- The monthly report was mailed in the Board packet.
- The new ballistic vests have been ordered.
- The car prisoner partitions are here and will be installed soon.
- A portable radio was damaged with the rains during the fireworks. It has been replaced with a used portable radio.
- There were no major incidents during the Cheese Festival.
- Police Chief Goodman received an e-mail from the Moultrie County Circuit Clerk. The Illinois General Assembly has passed / is passing legislation allowing municipalities to collect bail bonds. He has Village Attorney Crossman looking into collecting a \$20 bail processing fee. A new ordinance will need to be passed or an existing one updated.
- T. Clark commented that a community service volunteer did good work this weekend.
- President Bernius stated there were vehicles parked very closely to fire hydrants during the Festival; this will need to be addressed / observed next year.

Village Attorney's Report

- R. Crossman will look into the ordinance for bail bonds for the next meeting.

Visitors' Comments

One visitor was present, Billie Bernius.

Old Business – None

New Business

- The current and proposed ordinance for livestock in the Village was distributed. There was discussion about the need for uniformity, especially with horse and buggies on the streets each day. Some complaints could come under the nuisance ordinance. There was discussion regarding the fencing for the animals versus the housing and how close it can be to another residence. President Bernius moved further discussion to a future Work Session meeting.
- K. Good presented a letter from Andy and Billie Bernius regarding the Village vacating part of South Oak Street and an offer of \$2,000 to purchase it. They, not the Village, have maintained the property for at least 12 years. There was discussion regarding all options – they could demand the street be replaced and maintained, this is their access to their property, any precedents this would set, the value of the property, the current liability of the property to the Village. K. Good made a motion to accept the offer of \$2,000 for the 60' x 78' parcel of property and vacate it as Village property. J. Kuhns seconded. Trustees Clark, Good, Miller, Kuhns, and Tiffan voted YEA. Trustee Dicks voted NAY.
- Eric & Craig from Tick Tock Energy presented information regarding replacing or retrofitting lighting for the Village. Some items will no longer be available after next year. There is some funding through grants for these projects. They reviewed the energy savings for the updates. They explained what the proposal covered, what was not covered, and some problems that could come about. There was brief discussion and concern about the wiring at the Sewer Plant; they will come back to review that. The timeline for the grant process was outlined. T. Clark made a motion to proceed with the proposals presented for the total commitment outlay of \$35,331 plus whatever the incentive doesn't cover. L. Miller seconded. President Bernius stated this is a proposal to apply for the grant; we are not contracting to install the lighting at this time. All Trustees voted YEA.
- R. Crossman explained zero lot lines, and the decision of the Zoning Board. Duplexes are allowed in R3, not R1. The Zoning Board is proposing that the Board's policy is that zero lot lines are allowed after a variance. K. Good made a motion to approve the recommendation; L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Kuhns explained some problems at the sewer plant. The handle on a valve broke, and the only way to fix it is to pump it down. The way to re-route it had already been set up. Bodine had to come and pump it down last week; money had to be spent without approval due to the emergency of the problem. There are some additional repairs and expenses that must be completed. J. Kuhns made a motion to approve the repairs made and needed repairs going forward on the sewer plant. I. Dicks seconded. President Bernius stated if there are additional repairs that will be very expensive, and emergency meeting will be scheduled. All Trustees voted YEA.
- There was a short break in the meeting.
- S. Perrine updated the Board regarding the insurance claim at the Sewer Plant. A quote that was provided was incorrect.
- L. Miller made a motion to pay Mike Sullivan \$8,869 as the final payment for the Palmer Street bridge project. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- L. Miller stated someone was injured on a sidewalk. The insurance company states any sidewalk with an elevation of 4" or more needs to be addressed immediately. There is no sidewalk on the opposite of the street from this sidewalk. The Village needs a written policy regarding sidewalks; the policy in place needs to be followed. A sidewalk inspection and maintenance plan needs to be implemented. Tree roots are the cause for most sidewalk problems. S. Perrine reviewed the recommendations from the Illinois Municipal League, the insurance company. A policy allows the Village to communicate with the public and minimizes the Village's risk. There was discussion about options and setting precedents. L. Miller made a motion to repair the sidewalk on Poplar Street where the injury occurred, removing the trees, and replacing the sidewalk. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Perrine reviewed the three grants received for the Palmer Street bridge. The leftover balance of the grants \$74,324.19, not counting the interest earned. She would like to re-write the grants to use the surplus money for some of the lighting upgrades (\$7,735) and for high priority sidewalk and curb repairs (\$66,589.19). She reviewed other funding options for the balance of the Tick Tock upgrade costs, and the energy savings. Due to reporting deadlines, she has to revise the grants this month. All of the work would have to be finished before the end of June 2012. She has contacted Springfield about information for this. K. Good made a motion to approve the revision of the grants; L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Perrine reviewed the need for new chairs in the Community Room. There is a vendor in Decatur that she and Police Chief Goodman visited. The new ones would be vinyl rather than

upholstery. The cost for a black chair was \$42 each; the room seats 250, for a total of \$10,500. She anticipates being able to "trade-in" the old chairs for about \$6 per chair or there might be someone local to purchase the old chairs at that price. K. Good made a motion to purchase new chairs from Associated Office Furniture in Decatur for \$42 per chair in black vinyl per the recommendation. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$10,878.24. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer M. Parrise*
Village Clerk

DATE *September 19, 2011*