

December 3, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, December 3, 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, Larry Miller, JD Kuhns, and Iris Dicks. Trustees Karen Good and Dave Tiffan arrived after roll call.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes, public hearing minutes, and Executive Session meeting minutes of November 19, 2012, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius announced Michael Elsberry began working today.
- He explained work being done with the main filter at the water plant.
- Brandon Potthast is taking a test tomorrow at 9am.
- There will be a TIF follow-up meeting on Monday, December 10, at 7pm.
- President Bernius has spoken to a husband / wife team who has a lot of experience with TIF districts. They will be in the area later in the month and will meet with President Bernius.
- A thank you note was read from Pat Jurgens complimenting the Village for working on downtown flower baskets.

Trustees' Reports

- T. Clark commented on the TIF meeting. He has heard some concerns regarding signs on the boulevards and along Route 133. R. Crossman will research Village ordinances about this.
- I. Dicks thanked L. Miller for cleaning up leaves around the grade school. She stated someone was burning last night. She attended a CVB meeting; they have a Lake Land student doing a GPS mapping project. She attended the Arthur-Lovington Atwood-Hammond annexation meeting.

Police Chief's Report

- The monthly report was at each Trustee's place.
- He told about the gingerbread hunt activity at the pre-school.
- He described some upcoming scheduling changes; there should be no disruption in service.

Village Attorney's Report

- Rick Broch, who was going to assist the Village with pending litigation, has been appointed judge. He has good recommendations for Roger Weber and will be meeting with him soon.

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Lyle Dorjahn, Sandy Hoke, and Village employee Sue Perrine.

Old Business

- L. Dorjahn amended the Fair Board's previous liquor license request. They would like to only have the beer tent with normal hours at the south end of the fairgrounds, as they have done in the past. T. Clark made a motion to approve the same event liquor license as in previous years. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed the health insurance options and the increase of 17-21%. D. Tiffan reviewed the options and recommended going to Option 1 and absorbing the 17.8% increase. There was discussion about employees sharing some of the expense and the cost of percentage difference between employees. D. Tiffan made a motion to accept Option 1 and absorb the increase, look at this benefit more strongly next year, figure it into the employees' evaluations, and continue the self-funding as is. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

- President Bernius presented information about the Village taking care of the flowers and hanging baskets in the downtown area. It is a cost to the Village, but there are a lot of compliments. He recommended that the Village continue the program each year unless the Village notifies the Chamber of Commerce by mid-November. I. Dicks moved to accept President Bernius's recommendation. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Perrine described some AFLAC-type benefits through Ware Group Insurance that could be made available to the employees. The benefits would be an optional benefit to the employee; the premiums would be payroll deducted. Any new benefits need Board approval. I. Dicks made a motion to allow this benefit be made available to the employees. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$10,590.10. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Perrine stated all of the computers have been received. They are much faster and quieter.
- The lights at Vine & 5th Streets and at Route 133 at the Eberhardt entrance have been installed.
- The premiums for liability & work comp insurance were at each place.
- She stated the last filing date to turn in petitions is December 26, instead of December 24, at 5pm; the first day is the 17th.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer M. Perrine*
Village Clerk

DATE *December 17, 2012*