

February 9, 2009

A Street and Alley Committee meeting of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, February 9, 2009. Chairman Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

Roll call was answered by Committee Members Matt Bernius and Darrell Duzan. Jim Watkins was also present.

Jim Watkins discussed the meeting he had with Greg Yoder, Yoder Farms and Drainage; Dave Crist, homeowner; and Dannie Gingerich, Gingerich Farms. They walked an area in the northwest corner of town where flooding is a problem and took elevations from several places. The low spot is in the southeast corner of the Gingerich Farms field. After discussion at that meeting, the proposal is to cut a swale in the field and do some dirt work. This should allow the water to get to the ditch more quickly. If there is a large rain and the water overflows the ditches, this will allow time for residents and the Village to make arrangements, i.e. sand-bagging. This work would be done as soon as they can get into the fields. The estimated cost is \$1,500 – 2,000. As this will also benefit the Village, Gingerich Farms is asking the Village to consider assisting with the cost. There is some additional work Gingerich's will do to help their field drainage, and they will pay for all of that work.

There was discussion about changing where water comes into the drainage ditch. There is water that comes into it at a "T" intersection. J. Watkins is suggesting changing the flow to a "Y" intersection to allow the water to escape faster. He has contacted the Drainage District, but has not heard a final answer. He does not yet have a cost estimate for this work.

Dave Crist is on board with these proposals.

Chairman Bernius adjourned the meeting at 6:35pm.

APPROVED David J. Bernius
Village President

ATTEST Jennifer Perrine
Village Clerk

DATE February 16, 2009