

July 6, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees Village of Arthur, IL was held on Monday, July 6, 2010. Village President Ron Kingery called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Larry Miller, and Matt Bernius. Trustee Mike McWilliams joined the meeting soon after. Trustee Iris Dicks and Clerk Jennifer Perrine were absent.

#### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting minutes of June 21, 2010 were approved as presented.

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

President Kingery began by informing the Board he would be attending a meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> to review flood maps.

President Kingery thanked Trustee K. Good and her husband, Gene, for all the landscape work they have done in Meadowview Subdivision.

President Kingery announced the Village had received notice of two more grant appropriations from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) totaling an additional \$375,000.

Previously the Village had received notice of a grant appropriation for \$112,500 making the grant appropriations total for the Palmer Street Bridge \$487,500.

#### **Trustees Reports**

K. Good reported that the flower beds in Meadowview Subdivision were now complete. New street signs that meet the new federal guidelines on reflectivity standards will be put up soon. Bids for concrete work in the downtown area have been received. The work will be done in phases. The first project will be the alley south of the IGA between the hitch rack and the Masonic Lodge. Work will be done using Motor Fuel Tax Funds. Work for this phase should be complete by the Cheese Festival. The Street & Alley Committee plan to have a meeting to go over specifications for a 1-ton truck. K. Good also reported that she had met with Jim Crane, Douglas County Highway Engineer, and President Kingery regarding the possibility of a 4-way stop at Vine and Illinois Streets. According to J. Crane, based on the last traffic study done on Vine Street in the downtown, this intersection does not meet the criteria for a 4-way stop. K. Good commented that we cannot put up stop signs in order to reduce speed. J. Crane recommended doing a Sight Line Study in the downtown to determine if federal guidelines are being met. Some of the parking spaces near the intersections may be too close. It is possible that the downtown could lose a couple of parking spaces. However, if federal guidelines are followed, we should see an improvement in visibility at the intersections. K. Good also requested more visibility by the Police Department in the downtown.

M. McWilliams reminded citizens operating UTV and golf carts that they need to abide by the same rules and guidelines as other vehicles. He pointed out that UTV and golf carts should not be operated on the sidewalks and that all vehicles of this type must have the proper equipment installed and be licensed by the Village.

#### **Police Chief's Report**

M. Goodman commented his monthly report had been included in the member's packets. There were no major problems regarding the fireworks held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were 25 officers representing 4 agencies and 10 volunteers from the Douglas County emergency responders group working at the event.

#### **Village Attorney's Report**

R. Crossman reported that closings have been completed on Lots 9 & 54 in Meadowview Subdivision. The closing for Lot 56 should be later this month.

#### **Old Business**

Motion was made by M. McWilliams to proceed with the purchase of a squad car for the K-9 Unit. Seconded by M. Bernius.

Discussion regarding this expenditure was held among the Board. T. Clark said it was hard for him to justify expenditures for this vehicle. He felt we would be more justified in maintaining the vehicle we had. M. McWilliams pointed out the Village had spent 35% of the cost of the vehicle in repairs and maintenance. L. Miller felt at this point in time, there are better ways to spend the money. He expressed this was a vehicle issue, not a K-9 issue. R. Kingery commented that the Police Committee was not in favor of the vehicle purchase at this time. M. McWilliams voted YEA. T. Clark, K. Good, L. Miller, and M. Bernius voted NAY.

#### **New Business**

M. Bernius made the motion to approve a Resolution with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the temporary closing of State right-of-way. The annual resolution is necessary to allow closings and use of the state highway. Seconded by L. Miller. All Trustees voted YEA.

M. Bernius made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss employee compensation. (Illinois Statutes 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Seconded by M. McWilliams. All Trustees voted YEA.

The regular session resumed. All Trustees were present. President Kingery reopened the meeting.

**Expenditures**

K. Good made the motion to accept the expenditures in the amount of \$13,468.60 as presented. Seconded by L. Miller. All Trustees voted YEA.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED Ronald H. Kingery  
Village President

ATTEST Ann A. Perrini  
Village Deputy Clerk

DATE July 19, 2010