

November 2, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, November 2, 2009. Village President Pro-Tem Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Mike McWilliams, and Iris Dicks. Village President Ron Kingery and Trustee Darrell Duzan were absent.

#### **Approval of Previous meeting minutes**

The regular meeting minutes of October 19, 2009, and the Executive Session meeting minutes of October 19, 2009, were approved as presented.

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

Village President Pro-Tem Bernius proclaimed November as National American Indian Heritage month.

He is trying to organize a meeting, hopefully on November 16, with Veolia about town-wide garbage pick-up.

He has received some complaints on burning on streets and sidewalks and after dark. Chief Goodman stated the Police Department is stepping up watch on leaf burning, and one citation has been issued. There have been a lot of contacts with residents, and each of the cars has hand outs explaining the rules regarding burning.

#### **Visitor Comments**

Village employees present were Jeff Mercer and Sue Perrine.

#### **Trustee Reports**

T. Clark stated Rod Randall will be attending the next meeting regarding the Christmas season kick-off event. There are several events scheduled for November 21. He commented on the Arthur Area Economic Development's successful dinner last Thursday night. A private donation paid for the concrete repair at Aschermann's.

K. Good asked about flooding in the Village after the recent rains. The dredge ditch was less than half full. A citizen asked that a police officer be at the Methodist Church at 5pm and 5:30pm on Wednesday nights to help with traffic when youth group dismisses. A citizen asked about marking parking on Lincoln Street. She distributed designs for the Meadowview Subdivision signage.

M. McWilliams commented on the leaf burning. He would like to see more citizens take advantage of the alternatives.

I. Dicks commended those involved with the AAEDC dinner and those who worked on the Meadowview Subdivision landscaping. She stated several people in town rake their leaves to the street and leave them; this also needs to be addressed. She is looking for volunteers to cover Theresa Binion's vacation at the Visitor Information Center from November 23 to 30.

#### **Police Chief Report**

Chief M. Goodman stated the Illinois Rural Development also has funding available for municipalities and police agencies. He has contact information.

He and Sergeant Hansen drafted a letter to solicit funding for K9 unit donations. To date, he has received a total of \$2,000 from three agencies.

He will be doing presentations soon for DARE program donations.

He commented on the Department's monthly report.

#### **Village Attorney Report**

R. Crossman commented about being disappointed with leaf burning during the merchant's Trick or Treat hours.

The North Vine Street Subdivision is now officially Meadowview Subdivision.

#### **Old Business**

No action was taken on job descriptions and evaluations in the Street Department.

M. McWilliams made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Village revenues and expenses and cost cutting measures. (5 ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) The

appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

The regular session resumed. All Trustees were present. President Pro-Tem Bernius reopened the meeting.

K. Good made a motion to implement the plan of no scheduled overtime effective November 3, 2009, in the Water and Sewer Departments. A new schedule of work will be presented to employees at a separate meeting, and then brought back to Board at a later time. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

**New Business**

M. Bernius stated Ron Daily Welding needs an extension to the building permit. The permit expires this month, but due to weather, work on the building didn't start until spring. Active progress is being made on the property. M. Bernius made a motion to grant a six month extension to the building permit. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

R. Crossman reviewed the zoning variance requested for 214 N. Vine Street. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approving the variance. There was discussion about the number of variances requested and approved, and the need to update the zoning codes. M. McWilliams made a motion to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and approve the variance. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance Number will be 11-02A-09.

**Approve Expenditures**

T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$15,298.82. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

**Adjourn**

M. McWilliams made a motion to adjourn; K. Good seconded. President Pro-Tem Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:59pm.

APPROVED *Ronald R. Krueger*  
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer M. Perrine*  
Village Clerk

DATE *November 16, 2009*