

October 17, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, October 17, 2016, 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, Jenni Marnier, Paul Pearce, Dave Tiffan, and Andy Monts. Trustee JD Kuhns was absent.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **Approval of previous meeting minutes**

The regular meeting minutes and Executive Session meeting minutes of October 3, 2016, were approved as presented.

#### **Approve Expenditures**

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$130,427.48.
- P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

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

- President Bernius thanked everyone who participated in the BBQ Festival.
- He reminded everyone about the CIMOA meeting this Thursday that the Village is hosting.
- The AAEDC mid-year meeting is next Monday.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- P. Pearce also commented on the BBQ Festival.
- A. Monts stated he thought the parking issues that were anticipated during the BBQ Festivals didn't come to fruition.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter complimented Christy Frederick on her work while she was gone last week at a conference
- She commented on the financial documents.
- P. Pearce asked about an investment report. E. Carter stated she would be happy to look into that.

#### **Public Works Supervisor's Report**

- Superintendent Grant Corum commented on the activity since the last meeting.
- He received another revised Capital Improvement Plan; it still needs a few edits.

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

- Police Chief Mike Goodman stated a siren malfunctioned yesterday. He has a call into Barbeck Communications to investigate why that happened.
- He was asked to be a part of Douglas County all hazard mitigation task force. He has a packet of information he needs to complete and needs to meet with various people to get the appropriate information.
- The BBQ Festival went really well from the Police Department's perspective.
- The new car camera has been received and will be installed tomorrow.

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

- Attorney Ken Crossman stated the Village closed on the property at 321 South Elm Street last Friday.
- He is in communication with Paul Osmond, the state flood manager, about the Master Drain Expansion.
- Stout Law is preparing closing documents on the other property.

#### **Visitors' Comments**

Visitors present were Becky Bernardi, Bob Doan, Christy Miller, and John Stewart. Cliff Shaw from Coles County Regional Planning (which includes Douglas County and Arthur) described a grant from the Illinois Housing Development office that his office is working on to get money to rehab homes for low to middle income people.

**Old Business**

- P. Pearce made a motion to approve the additional \$5,000 to the Arthur Area Economic Development Corporation as discussed at a previous meeting. A. Monts seconded. Trustees J. Marner, P. Pearce, D. Tiffan, and A. Monts voted YEA. T. Clark abstained.

**New Business**

- Pastor John Stewart presented a request to close Hickory Street on October 31 from 3:30 or after the school busses run until about 5:30p from the First Baptist Church parsonage south to Park Street for Trunk or Treat. T. Clark made a motion to approve the request. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Chief Goodman described the challenges for the bus drivers with the parking spaces between the Arthur Grade School circle drive entrance and exit. The school district and G. Corum approve removing the spaces. T. Clark made a motion to remove the two parking spaces on East Park Street on the south side between the entry and exit of the circle drive. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- G. Corum stated the composite sampler for the lagoon is original to when it was built; a new one is in the budget. P. Pearce made a motion to approve the purchase. A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- G. Corum stated CHI requested a pedestrian crosswalk sign on Moses Street where the concrete is on the street. There was a comment about it being enforced. D. Tiffan made a motion to approve the request; P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius talked with Yoder Farm Drainage and Bill Plank about demolition of the property at 321 S. Elm Street. Yoder's didn't have time now to do the job; Bill Plank's bid was \$12,000. If the Village uses its own fill dirt, \$1,000 could be saved from the bid. P. Pearce made a motion to hire Bill Plank to demolish the property at 321 S. Elm for \$12,000 with the option to reduce if the Village's dirt is used. A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius presented the following changes to Committees:
  - Finance – no changes
  - Human Resources – P. Pearce, chair; J. Marner
  - Police – President Bernius, chair; J. Kuhns, D. Tiffan
  - Street & Alley – D. Tiffan, chair; A. Monts
  - Water & Sewer – J. Kuhns, chair; J. Marner
  - Community Relations / Tourism – T. Clark, chair; A. Monts
- A Human Resources Committee meeting was scheduled for November 1 at 6pm to talk about insurance.
- A Work Session needs to be scheduled to discuss the TIF funds.

**Adjourn**

A. Monts made a motion to adjourn; T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*  
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer Pearce*  
Village Clerk

DATE *November 7, 2016*