

October 7, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, October 7, 2013, in the Village Board Room. Village President Pro-Tem Terry Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Larry Miller, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman. Village President Matt Bernius and Trustee J.D. Kuhns were absent.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The Work Session and Executive Session meeting minutes of September 10, 2013, and the regular and Executive Session meeting minutes of September 16, 2013, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius asked that everyone be reminded about the Open House at the firehouse this Sunday from 2p-5p.

Trustees' Reports

- D. Tiffan encouraged everyone to attend Atwood's homecoming this weekend.
- L. Miller stated the gas station is closed for two weeks; Collins Oil is open until 7pm for gas sales. The new water line and hydrants are being installed along Route 133.
- T. Clark stated there is utility work being done around the corner of Route 133 and Vine Street; work has been done to the south and to the west. He stated there is a problem around town with mail being misdelivered or not delivered. After discussion with Attorney Robert Crossman, a letter from President Bernius will be sent to the Postmaster on behalf of citizens.

Police Chief's Report – Absent

- A monthly report was at each Trustee's place.

Village Attorney's Report – None

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Kevin Buckley and George Fritz.

New Business

- Accountant Kevin Buckley reviewed the Village's last fiscal year audit. The General Fund increased by \$92,000; overall, the Village's income increased \$120,000. He reviewed the letter to the Board with recommendations. He stated the transition from Sue Perrine to Erica Carter went smoothly. K. Good made a motion to accept the audit report as presented by Kevin Buckley. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Aikman presented the street closing request for the BBQ Festival on October 10-12; it will be the same as last year. G. Fritz reviewed the plans for this year. There was discussion about handicapped parking along the west end of East Progress Street. J. Aikman made a motion to approve the street closings as presented as well as West Progress from Vine Street to the alley and placing handicapped parking along the west end of East Progress Street. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. G. Fritz asked if the Village employees could empty the trash cans as close to the event as possible, then he will bag the cans and keep them empty. He also asked that the water hydrants and electricity be put out and to use the Village trailer to pick up tables to move from the park.

Old Business

- D. Tiffan reviewed the research he did regarding health insurance plans. The Committee wants to move forward with the 70/50 plan (a 0.3% increase) and to increase the health reimbursement account to \$1,000 per employee. The health reimbursement account is coordinated through the insurance company and will help with out-of-pocket expenses. D. Tiffan made a motion to approve the 70/50 plan with a \$1,000 health reimbursement account per employee. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

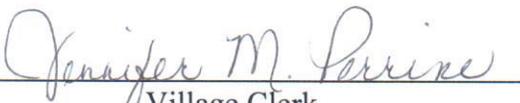
Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$82,179.51. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Pro-Tem Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm.

APPROVED 
Village President Pro-Tem

ATTEST 
Village Clerk

DATE October 21, 2013

October 14, 2013

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, October 14, 2013, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Larry Miller, and Dave Tiffan. Trustees JD Kuhns and James Aikman were absent.

New Business

- Police Chief Mike Goodman stated he is looking for some direction regarding hiring a new police officer. An ad was placed, and 23 application packets have been received. He reviewed a potential schedule for wages for a new officer with different scenarios for candidates with different experience and education. He reviewed the potential upcoming turnover in the department. There was discussion regarding some differing scenarios. This would be a working tool to be reviewed at any time.
- Chief Goodman reviewed the current residency requirement for employees. Currently, employees must live in the Village or within a 4-mile radius within the six-month probationary period. He suggested either repealing the requirement or to expand the radius from the Village limits to allow for a greater pool of candidates. There was discussion regarding to whom this requirement change would apply – new hires vs. current employees, different departments, etc. The consensus was that any types of changes should only apply to new Police Department hires.
- Chief Goodman stated he would not be available to start interviewing for a new officer until next week. He was asked to develop a wage scenario with his ideal candidate.
- To give Trustees time to consider both topics, President Bernius tabled action on both agenda items.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm.

APPROVED

Matt Bernius
Village President

ATTEST

Jennifer M. Perrine
Village Clerk

DATE

October 21, 2013