

November 4, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, November 4, 2019, in the Village Board Room. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Mike Hilgenberg, Justin Ray, and Jenni Marner. Trustee Paul Pearce attended the meeting remotely. Trustee Christy Miller was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Randall asked Police Chief Mike Goodman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

General Public Comment

- Visitors present were Loyd Gingerich, Larry Rocke, Lyndon Gingerich, Al Rennert, LaVern Herschberger, and Jonathan Kauffman.

Special Public Comment Concerning the Sale of Cannabis

- Jonathan Kauffman thanked the Board for giving the public the opportunity to share opinions concerning the sale of cannabis. Mr. Kauffman noted the cons of allowing the sale of cannabis and did not think this should be allowed in Arthur.
- Al Rennert spoke about Arthur's reputation of being a moral and industrious community. He provided statistics regarding states that have legalized cannabis. These states have higher rates of 12-17 year olds using the drug. He noted a study that cannabis hinders brain growth.
- Loyd Gingerich expressed his care about the Arthur community. Loyd has spent many years in prison ministry, and he encouraged the Board to help the community by not allowing the sale of cannabis.

Consent Agenda

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including to allow Trustee Paul Pearce to attend the meeting remotely; approve the Board of Trustees Public Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2019; and approve the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes of October 21, 2019. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$84,663.44. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall thanked the Arthur Graphic for the special local government section in last week's edition of the newspaper.

Trustees' Reports

- M. Bernius thanked Christy Miller and Angie Parsons for the community events they have organized. These events were well-attended, and Trustee Bernius encouraged the Board and community to support these events.
- M. Hilgenberg also thanked the Arthur Graphic for the local government section of the newspaper.
- J. Marner heard many comments thanking the Board for putting information in the Arthur Graphic special section.
- J. Ray congratulated the ALAH Knights football team for making the playoffs. Justin noted he will not be able to attend the November 18 Board meeting due to work-related travel.

Auditors' Reports

- Kevin Buckley provided the auditor's report. This report was the result of looking at the financial records for the year. Mr. Buckley highlighted governmental funds, which he reported were in healthy condition. The general fund was up \$291,000.00 from last year. The insurance fund and motor fuel tax also went up. The non-major funds were down by \$39,000.00. Kevin also went over income and expenditures,

which were very consistent with last year. The report also included a letter stating recommendations from the auditors.

Comptroller's Report

- Erica Carter provided the treasurer's report. She provided income highlights and expense notations. Erica provided information on the current insurance costs.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports for October. Chief Goodman has scheduled interviews for the open Police Officer position. He hopes to narrow the field down to three candidates, then include the Police Committee and the Human Resource Committee in the final interview.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided monthly reports from the Public Works department. He noted the many projects his department has been busy with. M. Bernius thanked Public Works for their help with all of the community events.

Village Attorney's Report

- Kenny Crossman had no report.

Unfinished Business

none

New Business

1. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to postpone action on accepting the auditor's report to give Board members a chance to study the report. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. M. Bernius made a motion to approve Ordinance 11-04A-2019: An Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of Cannabis within the Corporate Limits of Arthur. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. J. Marner made a motion to approve the appointment of Community Representative Marty Yeakel to the Community Relations and Tourism Committee. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. Kenny Crossman provided information on the sale price and square footage for Village-owned property formerly known as the Penn Central Railroad. EZ Trail Inc. would purchase 16,981.50 square feet for \$4,245.38. J. Ray made a motion to approve Ordinance 11-04B-2019: The Sale of Village-owned Real Property Known as the Former Penn Central Railroad to EZ Trail Inc. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
5. Grant Corum provided a quote from Oye's Hardware for a new gas furnace at the water treatment plant in the amount of \$6,902.58. He noted this expense was in the budget for this year. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a new gas furnace at the water treatment plant in the amount of \$6,902.58. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
6. M. Bernius made a motion to enter Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).) The appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

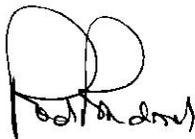
President Randall reopened the meeting. Trustees present were Matt Bernius, Mike Hilgenberg, Justin Ray, and Jenni Marner. Trustee Paul Pearce attended the meeting remotely.

General Discussion

President Randall gave the Board some information on the movie *All the Queen's Horses*, which IML members can stream at a community event.

Adjourn

M. Hilgenberg made a motion to adjourn. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

APPROVED 
Village President

ATTEST 
Village Clerk

DATE 11-18-19