

November 16, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, November 16, 2015, 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, Paul Pearce, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman. Trustee Karen Good was absent.

The visiting Boy Scouts led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The regular meeting minutes of November 2, 2015, and the Executive Session meeting minutes of October 19, 2015, were approved as presented.

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

- President Bernius reminded everyone about the upcoming Christmas parade.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- T. Clark had a request for the Village to consider sharing the cost of a bench for downtown with families for a memorial benches. In the past, the Village shared the cost of benches with businesses.

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

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter commented on the financial documents. The state is still holding funds for video gaming, use tax, and motor fuel tax. Overall, the Village is at 37% of the budget halfway through the year.

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

- In Grant Corum's absence, he left a written report for each Trustee.

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

- Police Chief Mike Goodman stated the department purchased a new taser for a new officer.

#### **Village Attorney's Report** – No report

#### **Visitors' Comments**

Several Boy Scouts and leaders were present. On behalf of the group, Benjamin Matheny stated the Scouts are working on their Community Merit badges. Those present were Jace Green, Justin Green, Mark Krutsinger, Ryan Krutsinger, Christopher Paul, Logan Paul, Wyatt Shonkwiler, Aiden Stewart.

#### **Old Business**

- There was explanation regarding savings when paying the insurance in a lump sum one-time payment. T. Clark made a motion to rescind the previous agreement to pay the Illinois Municipal League risk management policy in partial payment. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- P. Pearce made a motion to approve paying the Illinois Municipal League risk management liability insurance in one lump sum of \$67,508.10. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed two bids for concrete for the new public works building. One was from Herschberger Concrete (\$42,800) and the other from Gingerich Concrete (\$51,854). The bid from Gingerich included about \$6,000 for rock, which may or may not be needed. The recommendation is to accept the bid from Herschberger Concrete. J. Kuhns made a motion to accept the bid from Herschberger Concrete for \$42,800 for the concrete work in front of the new building. President Bernius stated there is the possibility for a little bit of rock to be needed. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

### **New Business**

- Bob Crossman reviewed the need to block the two parking spots in front of the Crossman Law Office for carolers and to allow for pedestrian traffic during the Christmas parade. P. Pearce made a motion to allow the Bob Crossman carolers to block two parking spots in front of the law office. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark stated the Association of Commerce would like to use the gazebo parking lot for the buggy / wagon rides during the Christmas kick-off from Friday evening through Saturday. D. Tiffan made a motion to close the gazebo parking lot during the Christmas celebration. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Crossman presented information for a zoning variance for John and Sharon Daily at 306 East Park Street to put a temporary building (a building on skids, not affixed to the ground) in the setback area and the building would add to the amount. Zoning Board approved the request unanimously. J. Aikman made a motion to approve the variance at 306 East Park Street. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 11-16A-15.
- President Bernius stated the Village has not paid the general fund to set up the TIF district of \$20,580. T. Clark made a motion to allocate funds from the TIF district to reimburse the initial cost of \$20,580. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Crossman stated a tax levy will be prepared for the next meeting. If the levy is above 5%, there will need to be a Truth in Taxation hearing. Also, the alternate revenue bond needs to be abated at the next meeting.
- D. Tiffan made a motion to enter Executive Session. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session is regarding Christmas bonuses. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or for legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, P. Pearce, J. Kuhns, D. Tiffan, and J. Aikman.
- J. Kuhns made a motion to approve \$250 Christmas bonuses to all full-time employees including Reed Coleman and Christy Frederick and \$50 to part-time employees, the crossing guards. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Kuhns made a motion to enter Executive Session. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session is regarding health insurance renewal. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or for legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
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- President Bernius reviewed the increase to health insurance effective January 1, 2016. D. Tiffan made a motion to accept the renewal through Health Alliance with a 26.3% increase, \$9,976. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

### **Approve Expenditures**

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$165,740.31. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

President Bernius asked Trustees to review the Village's financial position with the building almost completed with regards to borrowing money to complete it. T. Clark stated he would prefer not to borrow if it's not necessary.

### **Adjourn**

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST Jennifer M. DeLuca  
Village Clerk

DATE December 7, 2015

