

November 17, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, November 17, 2014, 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, Karen Good, Larry Miller, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The following meeting minutes were approved as presented

- November 3, 2014 Regular meeting
- November 3, 2014 Executive Session
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Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. He also commended the school on the Veterans Day Assembly and the presentation of the flags on the school property.

Trustees' Reports

- J. Aikman invited everyone to the Open House at the Welcome Center on Saturday from 8:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- D. Tiffan had received some complains about our flags needing some attention or need replaced. Grant acknowledged that they were currently working on replacing some of them.
- L. Miller commented that North Vine Street is looking better. He thinks in time, it would look great. The Striping looks great and more complete.
- T. Clark had questions in regards to the Brewer payment status. K. Crossman reported that it has been completed and paid in full.

Treasurer's Report

E. Carter presented the treasurers report. President Bernius suggested that we pay the loans due to water and sewer so that we no longer have an outstanding balance due.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum reported on his activities – the sewer department is busy with various issues. Institutorm is in town doing their work in Morningside. There were three spots that needed attention before they could proceed. Tri-County has a sewer main that has been backed up for over a week. They are currently working on figuring out the issue, but unsure of the cause at this time. Christmas lights will be up by the end of the week. Water has been quiet.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman stated that Officer Brandy Smith will complete her probationary period tomorrow, November 18th. There is no reason that she should not be promoted to full time status.

Village Attorney's Report – None

Visitors' Comments - None

Old Business – None

New Business

- President Bernius presented what Dick Hein had delivered. There was a concern with the spacing and potentially interfering with a breezeway that may eventually be put in between the community building and the Gunny Sack building. President Bernius suggested that if there was a concern with weddings that a matte could be made to put over the front if necessary, although he didn't see that being needed. Overall, the display looks nice, but needs to be shrunk down in size in order to better accommodate

the room and wall. Larry made a motion to approve the display, however speaking with Dick Hein and requesting it to be shrunk down in size. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- R. Crossman reviewed the tax levy information and presented approximate numbers. It looks to be approximately \$369,595 with adjustments of 4.95% to stay under the cap. The levy will be finalized and presented at a later date.
- President Bernius presented the tractor suggestion to be purchased for the snow plowing needs of the village. It has an enclosure, as well as heat and air, for use in the summer for moving. It's small enough to get down the sidewalks and will help us be able to plow snow from the sidewalks from the junior high to the high school to create a walking path for the kids. Timm Trust has approved donating approximately 1/3 of the cost at \$11,000. J. Kuhns made a motion to accept the bid from Niemeyer for \$34,600.00. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- D. Tiffan presented information in regards to the liability insurance for the village and the presentation that he received from Susan Jaynes of the Illinois Municipal League. We received another quote from Gallagher & Co., but after review of the quotes, D. Tiffan suggested that we move forward with Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. If we pay by November 21st, we receive a 1.5% discount for a total of \$63,111.90. Dave made a motion to accept IMLRMA's quote and to pay option 1, for a total of \$63,111.90. Karen seconded. All Trustees voted YEA,
- President Bernius presented information in regards to Phase 2 and 3 of Meadowview subdivision. President Bernius came up with a number of what we had in the project currently with Phase 1 and what it would cost the village to break even. That total is \$435,908. They would have to pass an ordinance if everyone agreed to sell the property. We would need to come up with the stipulations on selling, as well as what stipulations would be placed on the property. The village would advertise and put out a Request for Proposal to those interested in the property and take bids for 30 days. The discussion was tabled until a later date.
- K. Good made a motion to enter Executive Session. This Executive Session was to discuss personnel. (5ILCS 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. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were J. Kuhns, D. Tiffan, J. Aikman, T. Clark, K. Good, and L. Miller.
- T. Clark made a motion to extend for 2014, to all full-time non-collective employees a \$250 Christmas bonus, and all part-time, non-collective employees \$50. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Kuhns made a motion to accept the health insurance proposal at a 5.4% increase. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to accept the attorney's draft to add the personnel manual to reflect no additional accrual of compensatory time and all current comp hours must be used by December 31st, 2015. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$57,317.94. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*
Village President

ATTEST *Erica J. Carter*, Deputy
Village Clerk *Clerk*

DATE *December 15, 2014*