

November 2, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, November 2, 2015, in the Village Board Room. Village President Pro-Tem Terry Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in President Matt Bernius's absence. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Paul Pearce, and Dave Tiffan. Trustees JD Kuhns and James Aikman were absent.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes of October 19, 2015, were approved as presented.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$32,991.66. There is a problem with the new Police Department door; it is being repaired. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Pro-Tem Terry Clark read a statement from President Bernius regarding the 3-year Collective Bargaining agreement. It took one year to negotiate and cost \$15,000.
- He commented on the Pumpkin House and asked that there be more police presence on Vine Street for downtown Trick or Treat in the future for the families crossing streets.

Trustees' Reports

- D. Tiffan stated the health insurance information has been received. The increase is 28%. Based on the collective bargaining agreement, there will be a health care committee (Village President, one Trustee, one Public Works employee, and one police officer) to review options; he'd like to have a meeting next week with the representative making a presentation.
- He stated some residents are still burning leaves.
- He stated he took some recycles to the bin; the bin was full of trash, and there was some trash around the bin. The public needs education and signage is needed at the recycling dumpster and the limb drop-off. This will be discussed at a future work session.
- P. Pearce has received a lot of inquiries regarding the sale of the water and sewer facilities. He reviewed the process completed so far by the Board; data is still being accumulated and analyzed. Information will be shared with residents and all questions will be answered before a final decision is made.
- He reported on the CIMOA meeting that he and President Bernius attended.
- K. Good reported on some curbing that is missing in front of the Methodist Church and asked Supervisor Grant Corum to look at that.
- T. Clark reviewed the weekend's events and how well they were attended.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman read a thank you note from ALAH Student Council for the Police Department's help with the homecoming parade.
- The monthly report for October was distributed.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- G. Corum reviewed activities completed on the recent rainy days.
- He stated by the next meeting electrical and gas should be activated at the new Public Works building.

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Kenny Crossman stated the Douglas County Assessor's Office contacted the Village regarding the Penn Central parcel. The drainage taxes for the years 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, & 2014 had not been paid; the amount due is about \$196. The Village should pay those taxes even though they were acquired while the IDNR held the property because the Village was given a Quit Claim Deed and acquired the property subject to any outstanding debts.

Visitors' Comments

One visitor was present, Robb Layman.

Old Business - None

New Business

- Robb Layman made a request regarding signage for the Five Days of Country event. He wants to put a sign at the corner of Route 133 and Vine Street and a sign attached to the gazebo to advertise the event that will be held at the Gazebo Annex on November 10 through November 14. T. Clark reviewed some of the signs that are at that intersection for a season or specific event; he mentioned one sign that seems to have been left there permanently. Alternatives to hanging a sign on the gazebo were discussed. Attorney Bob Crossman reviewed the enforcement of the signs at the intersection. He suggested to not enforce the sign regulation at the intersection until a work session so that this sign is allowed with the other signs that are there at this time, but this doesn't change the policy of the downtown or to allow the sign pending a future work session to regulate signs and set policy. A permitting process was submitted for temporary signs was discussed. K. Good made a motion to set up a future work session to establish a policy, in the meantime allow the temporary sign on Columbia Dr. but not on the gazebo. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark presented information regarding the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Insurance quote of \$68,190, an increase of 7%. There was discussion regarding the payment options and timing. P. Pearce made a motion to move forward with payment option #2, pay in two installments for the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- G. Corum presented information to advertise for bids for approximately 8,500 sq. ft. of flat concrete for 320 W. Progress. P. Pearce made a motion to advertise for bids as requested. K. Good seconded. This is for the outside concrete – the approach, porch, handicap area, etc. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Pro-Tem Terry Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.

APPROVED

Terry L. Clark Pro-Tem
Village President Pro-Tem

ATTEST

Jennifer M. Perrine
Village Clerk

DATE

November 16, 2015