

December 2, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, December 2, 2013, 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, Larry Miller, and Dave Tiffan. Trustee JD Kuhns arrived right after roll call.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes and two Executive Session meeting minutes of November 18, 2013, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius stated the next Board meeting is the same night as the TIF meeting, which could last about an hour. The TIF public hearing will be from 7pm to about 8pm, and the Village meeting will start after the TIF meeting.

Trustees' Reports

- D. Tiffan commented on the Lighted Christmas parade.
- J. Kuhns is working with Michael Elsberry about getting the sewer lagoons cleaned out. He hopes it will be finished by the end of the year.
- T. Clark distributed a copy of the portion on the minutes of the meeting regarding the variance granted for the property on Cedar Street. There was discussion about the current situation at the property including the status of the utilities.

Police Chief's Report

- Chief Goodman distributed the November monthly report.

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Robert Crossman addressed a water meter issue.

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Bob Doan, Cody Harley, Haley Harley, and Jim Harley.

New Business

- D. Tiffan made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding hiring a police officer. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. Executive Session (5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) The appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, L. Miller, J. Kuhns, and D. Tiffan.
- D. Tiffan made a motion to hire Cody Harley to the Police Department with a starting wage of \$15 per hour, to be raised as scheduled, effective immediately. L. Miller seconded. The Academy class starts on January 5; graduation is March 27. He will do the power test on December 17. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Village Clerk Jennifer Perrine gave the Oath of Office to Officer Cody Harley.
- President Bernius stated Jeff Mercer has been working with Excel for some of the testing for the water and sewer departments. J. Mercer and M. Elsberry would like to attend a Microsoft Excel workshop in Effingham on December 10-11. T. Clark made a motion to approve their attendance at a cost of \$128 each; J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed the tax levy. He anticipates a higher EAV. L. Miller made a motion to adopt the ordinance, 12-02a-13, for the tax levy. J. Kuhns seconded. There was discussion regarding the formation of the levy. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius and R. Crossman explained due to the bond re-financing, the levy for the 1998 waterworks and sewage systems revenue bonds need to be abated. J. Kuhns made a motion to abate the 2014-2028 levy for the 1998 waterworks and sewage systems revenue bonds. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Kuhns made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding the sale of Village owned property; Executive Session (5ILCS 120/2(c)(6)); the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; and regarding employee Christmas bonuses; Executive Session (5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)); the appointment, employment compensation, discipline,

performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, L. Miller, J. Kuhns, and D. Tiffan.
- T. Clark made a motion to adopt a resolution declaring surplus real estate and authorizing the sale of real estate of approximately 8.88 acres consisting of the former Penn Central railroad property. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA; resolution passed by a 2/3 majority.
- D. Tiffan made a motion to give full-time employees a \$250 Christmas bonus and part-time employees a \$50 Christmas bonus, adding Kara Miller as a part-time employee. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

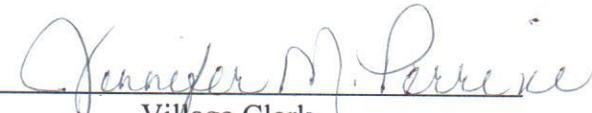
Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$17,352.22. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:49pm.

APPROVED 
Village President

ATTEST 
Village Clerk

DATE December 16, 2013