

December 5, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, December 5, 2016, 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, Jenni Marner, Paul Pearce, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and Andy Monts.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **Approval of previous meeting minutes**

The regular meeting minutes of November 7, 2016, and November 21, 2016, and the Executive Session minutes of November 7, 2016, were approved as presented.

#### **Approve Expenditures**

- T. Clark stated expenditures totaled \$73,255.80; however, he recommends holding out the invoice for the Farnsworth Group as the final Capital Improvement Plan has not been received. T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$57,055.80. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

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

- President Bernius had no comments.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- A. Monts noticed the potholes by the Grade School were fixed; it was appreciated.

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

- Police Chief Mike Goodman reported on November's activities.

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

- Supervisor Grant Corum was absent.
- President Bernius stated the wreath decoration on Vine Street is still not working correctly. Merv's Electric has been called as they think there is a problem with the receptacle on the pole.

#### **Village Attorney's Report**

- Attorney Ken Crossman stated there is a variance request meeting next Thursday regarding a sign at the First Baptist Church.

#### **Visitors' Comments**

- No visitors were present.

#### **Old Business**

- K. Crossman described the area covered in the Douglas County Enterprise Zone. There are some areas included in the Village's TIF district; the TIF district would take precedent in that area. The Ordinance number is 12-05A-16. P. Pearce made a motion to accept the Enterprise Zone Ordinance, 12-05A-16. A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- P. Pearce made a motion to approve the Douglas County Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement; J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **New Business**

- K. Crossman presented the 2016-17 tax levy. The increase is 4.95%. T. Clark made a motion to approve the 2016-17 tax levy as presented. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 12-05B-16.
- President Bernius stated there needs to be some electrical work done at the old Progress properties. He would like to allocate \$41,896 to the Progress properties with \$17,000 of that work electrical work with Ameren. The money paid to Ameren will be made back in about 3-4 years. T. Clark made a motion to earmark \$41,896 to be allocated for use for the Progress building complex. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- J. Kuhns made a motion to approve \$17,000 to Ameren for expanded power to GDS Enterprises building. A. Monts seconded. President Bernius will verify GDS is going to move forward with the electrical project. All Trustees voted YEA.
- M. Goodman stated a resident living on Progress Street has three hearing impaired children; she would like deaf child awareness signs in that area. All Trustees agreed that M. Goodman would use judgment for matters with these types of signs. J. Kuhns made a motion to approve the deaf child signage on Progress Street; P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Kuhns made a motion to enter Executive Session; A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session was to discuss Police Personnel. (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, J. Marner, P. Pearce, J. Kuhns, D. Tiffan, and A. Monts.
- P. Pearce made a motion to approve Police Chief Mike Goodman advertising for a new police officer; J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- E. Carter presented information regarding the risk management insurance proposals for 2017. The proposal from IML RMA is \$69,581; the proposal from Singer Insurance is \$62,096 with the potential of additional billings. There was discussion about the differences in coverage and premium amounts. D. Tiffan made a motion to renew insurance with IML RMA with an annual premium of \$69,581. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Kuhns made a motion to enter Executive Session; P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session was to discuss health insurance proposals for 2017. (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, J. Marner, P. Pearce, J. Kuhns, D. Tiffan, and A. Monts.
- President Bernius reviewed the majority of employees want to stay with their current health insurance plans. P. Pearce made a motion to renew health insurance with Health Alliance; J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- E. Carter reviewed Delta Dental insurance for dental and vision insurance; no one else could meet that proposal. J. Kuhns made a motion to approve the Delta Dental proposal for dental and vision insurance. A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- A. Monts made a motion to enter Executive Session. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session was to discuss Christmas bonuses. (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, J. Marner, P. Pearce, J. Kuhns, D. Tiffan, and A. Monts.
- P. Pearce made a motion to provide full-time employees \$250 as a Christmas bonus and part-time employees \$50, including crossing guards. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

**Adjourn**

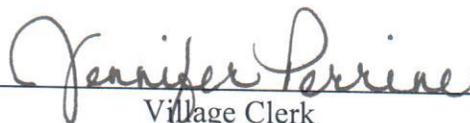
J. Kuhns made a motion to adjourn. A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:39pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

December 19, 2016