

March 2, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, March 2, 2020, in the Village Board Room. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Justin Ray, Christy Miller, Dave Tiffan, and Jenni Marner. Trustees Matt Bernius and Mike Hilgenberg were absent.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

President Randall asked Chief Goodman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Public Comment**

none

#### **Consent Agenda**

- C. Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the February 17, 2020 TIF Joint Review Board Meeting minutes and the February 17, 2020 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

- D. Tiffan made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$21,280.03. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

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

- President Randall heard approval from many residents regarding the plans being developed to control the stray cat and geese problems in town. Another concern from residents has been the amount of gumballs that have fallen from trees.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- C. Miller reported that the renovations to the Welcome Center are looking great. The projected time for completing the project is being pushed back to the end of March due to a contractor running behind.
- D. Tiffan noted that some residents have asked when the speed trailers will be used again. Chief Goodman answered that they will be out again soon.

#### **Chief of Police Report**

- Police Chief Goodman continues to develop the trap-and-release program for the stray cats in town. Chief Goodman is looking into pricing for having the trapped cats spayed or neutered. The cats will be ear-tipped for identification purposes. The Department of Natural Resources recommends this program for thinning a stray cat population.

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

- Grant Corum provided reports from the Public Works department. Grant gave an update on the manhole lining project. The main lining is complete. The remaining work includes installing 5-6 new manholes and repairing two lines.

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

- No report

#### **Unfinished Business**

- President Randall reported that Erica Carter contacted Farnsworth Group and discovered that the current IEPA loan does not require maintaining a particular billing rate or having scheduled rate increases. President Randall also noted that last year the rate increase was abated. J. Ray made a motion to approve a 3% Water & Sewer rate increase for fiscal year 2020-2021. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **New Business**

1. Grant Corum informed the Board of problems with the current south warning siren. The pole that the siren is attached to leans, and the ground around it is often wet. The pole is also not in a good location for future construction plans. There will be problems with electricity to the siren when construction takes place.

Grant provided a proposal from Bodine Electric. Discussion took place on the current problems, different options, and pricing. Discussion took place on height requirements for the warning siren. D. Tiffan made a motion to approve the bid from Bodine Electric to relocate the south warning siren from the wastewater plant to the lagoon property in the amount of \$15,000.00, with the stipulation that the required height of the pole be checked. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

2. Grant Corum consulted with engineer Mike Sullivan for estimated street maintenance costs for the Village. J. Ray made a motion to accept Resolution R03-02-2020: A resolution for Estimated Maintenance costs for Motor Fuel Tax for 2020 in the amount of \$106,500.00. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. J. Ray made a motion to approve President Randall's appointment of Todd Dukeman to the TIF Review Board as a Community Representative. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

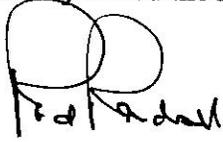
**General Discussion**

- D. Tiffan inquired about a past purchase of a tar and chip machine for roads. Grant responded that the machine does not work well on pot holes. He has inquired about selling it.
- President Randall reported that Erica is working on a Census kick-off.
- President Randall congratulated Eagle Scouts Ryan Krutsinger, Benjamin Matheny, and Aiden Stewart who are having their Court of Honor on March 15, 2020.

**Adjourn**

C. Miller made a motion to adjourn. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:31pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

3/16/20