

March 16, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, March 16, 2020, in the Village Board Room. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Justin Ray, Christy Miller, Dave Tiffan, and Jenni Marner. Trustee Mike Hilgenberg was absent.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

President Randall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Public Comment**

- Visitors present were JJ Carter, Todd Dukeman, Christy Frederick, John Stewart, and Bruce Weiman.
- JJ Carter reported that the Arthur Park Board is planning to host a slow-pitch softball tournament August 7-8, 2020. They are planning a sixteen team tournament.
- John Stewart thanked the Board for the support and certificates for the recent Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Ryan Krutsinger, Benjamin Matheny, and Aiden Stewart were honored as Eagle Scouts.
- Bruce Weiman reported that community meals will continue as take-out meals at the Arthur United Methodist Church.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- C. Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the February 27, 2020 Special Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, the February 27, 2020 Board of Trustees Executive Session minutes, and the March 2, 2020 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$49,379.29. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

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

- President Randall reported about the possibility of electronic meetings being held over the next weeks due to coronavirus precautions. President Randall is confident that essential services will be maintained in the community. President Randall reached out to IGA and reported that they are receiving normal deliveries. They do not foresee any problems with receiving food.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- J. Ray expressed appreciation to the local schools and restaurants who are offering meals to students.
- D. Tiffan encouraged everyone to support our local merchants in this tough economic time.

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

- Police Chief Goodman reported that Officer Soria was at his half-way point at the Police Academy when they had to cancel training due to coronavirus precautions. The academy is working to provide online classes. Officer Soria will begin some field training when possible.

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

- Grant Corum had no report.

#### **Comptroller's Report**

- There was no Treasurer's Report.

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

- Attorney Kenny Crossman had no report.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- none

### **New Business**

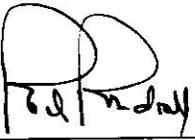
1. M. Bernius made a motion to approve Change Order #3 for the sanitary sewer lining project in the amount of \$16,237.98. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. M. Bernius made a motion to approve Loan Disbursement #6 from the IEPA for the sanitary sewer lining project in the amount of \$312,510.54. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. John Stewart and Bruce Weiman expressed appreciation to the Board for their past support and help with the annual Freedom Celebration event. They reported that Press Day for the fireworks is June 5, 2020. D. Tiffan made a motion to approve the Economic Development Assistance Grant request of the Arthur Rotary Club for the Freedom Celebration Annual Fireworks display in the amount of \$3,000.00. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. M. Bernius made a motion to postpone action on the Economic Development Assistance Grant request of the Arthur Area Association of Commerce for a Route 36 sign. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
5. George Fritz presented details of a TIF request to improve the Taylor-Fritz property at 122 S. Walnut. Improvements include a new public entry on the north side of the building, a double-wall installed to create a sound barrier, and removal of interior walls. Mr. Fritz stated the objective is to make the location more attractive to a new restaurant or other retail tenant. Discussion took place on TIF criteria. J. Ray made a motion to approve the TIF request of Taylor-Fritz Properties for improvements and renovation to property at 122 South Walnut Street in the amount of \$14,573.00. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
6. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the bid of Demolition Plus for the removal of the 36' X 60' pole barn at the WWTP in the amount of \$2,500.00 contingent upon the Arthur Park District not wanting the building. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
7. Erica Carter provided information and costs from TimeClock Plus, LLC. She reported that physical time clocks are more expensive than clocking in through an app or computer. Kenny Crossman voiced his approval of using a time-tracking system and noted that this program does not track employees. J. Ray made a motion to approve the proposal by TimeClock Plus, LLC for an employee time-tracking system with a \$600.00 annual fee and \$774.00 for activation and support fees. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
8. President Randall led a discussion on precautionary procedures concerning the spread of COVID-19 within the Arthur community. President Randall noted that the Municipal Office is currently available through phone calls rather than foot traffic. Water bills and any payment to the Village or Police Department can be made through the drop-off box. The governor's executive order was discussed. No penalties will be charged for late payments on water bills. Grant Corum voiced concern about contractors coming to public works buildings and the Welcome Center. The Board instructed Grant to use his discretion regarding postponing contractor work. Discussion took place on the Open Meetings Act, Village Board meetings taking place remotely, and calling emergency meetings. Chief Goodman noted that his officers have protocols in place. Each officer has personal protective equipment. Chief Goodman is working with the local EMS, and he has been in contact with the county sheriff's office, dispatch, and local emergency management. He noted that residents should call their health provider for instructions if they have symptoms they are concerned about. Christy Miller noted that community events are being cancelled or postponed. M. Bernius voiced the importance of residents knowing that all city employees and officials are still accessible to them. The goal is to limit face-to-face contact. C. Miller made a motion to close all public buildings to the public until the next Board meeting on April 6, 2020 and to close the Community Room effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

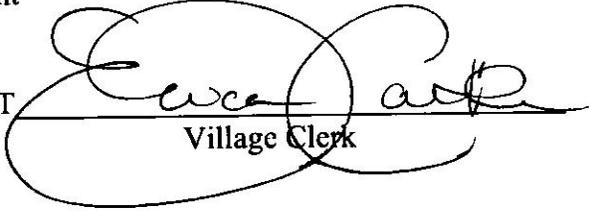
### **General Discussion**

none

**Adjourn**

C. Miller made a motion to adjourn. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.  
President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

APPROVED   
Village President

ATTEST   
Village Clerk

DATE 4/6/20