

April 17, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, April 17, 2017, 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 Marnier, Paul Pearce, JD Kuhns, and Dave Tiffan. Trustee Andy Monts was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes and Executive Session meeting minutes of April 3, 2017, were approved as presented.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$49,080.75. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius congratulated those who won the election since the last meeting.

Trustees' Reports

- P. Pearce complimented North Vine Mennonite Church's landscaping.
- D. Tiffan complimented The Great Pumpkin Patch on how nice the flowers look. He received negative comments about trash receptacles at the Public Works building which allow trash to blow.

Treasurer's Report

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter commented on the financial documents.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman reported on the Douglas County meeting about county-wide radios. This will be a test program in this area. Motorola is offering a discount for the equipment. Douglas County Deputy Ty Ledbetter commented on the radios.
- DARE graduation is May 9 at 6pm at the Arthur Grade School. The winning posters will be displayed soon.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Grant Corum distributed his activity report prior to the meeting.
- He had a company review the landscape waste pile. The company estimated \$10,000 to grind the material.
- Earl Walker Co. will come back early June to finish the milling project from last summer.
- Hydrants will be flushed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week.

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Ken Crossman left a message at IDNR regarding the Mill Street property.
- He commented about the trailer at the south of the Walnut Street property. An axle has been removed; the owner has offered to give the title to the Village.

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were June Bisscnett, Ty Ledbetter, Rod Randall, and Stephanie Wierman.

- R. Randall distributed some "homework" he wanted completed. He invited everyone to the AAEDC annual meeting next Monday night.
- J. Bissonett, a member of Penn Station Church, stated the address of Penn Station is Progress Street; people are having trouble finding the building due to the address. They would like to have a sign. They would like to put a sign (they would purchase and maintain) in the flower garden along Vine Street north of the Welcome Center. President Bernius asked her to put up small flags to estimate where the sign would go. There was discussion regarding putting signage on Village-owned property.

- S. Wierman, on behalf of AAAOC, requested closing the gazebo parking lot for the Freedom Celebration (July 1) and potentially Strawberry Jam. She stated more electricity is needed on the Douglas County side for festivals, especially Cheese Festival. She reviewed options for the Methodist Church area and the area at the alley between Illinois and Park Streets. This will be a future agenda item.

Old Business

- President Bernius stated the title hasn't yet been received from IDNR for the railroad property for the road adjacent to Mill Street. No action was taken.
- E. Carter stated Leanne Tully prefers to put a bench in memory of her parents downtown. Linda Perrine would also like to have a bench in memory of her parents. Half of the bench is paid for by the Village. T. Clark made a motion to approve the request for sharing the cost of the memorial benches made by Leanne Tully and Linda Perrine. The Tully's and Perrine's will pay half of the cost of the bench and all of the engraving. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed some of the work being done by the Gingerich's for Amish Country Heirlooms. T. Clark made a motion to approve the TIF request from Amish Country Heirlooms. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius stated the Fire Department wouldn't be available for training in the Walnut Street properties until June. This item was tabled.
- J. Kuhns reviewed Scenario B from the Capital Improvement Plan – lining of sewer line mains and manholes, the Water and Sewer Committee's recommendation. K. Crossman stated expertise consulting did not fall under the \$20,000 bid process. J. Kuhns made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Water and Sewer Committee except for #4 as presented. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Police Chief Mike Goodman reviewed leasing as an option for a police vehicle. The cost for leasing is higher than buying. P. Pearce made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2017 all-wheel drive utility vehicle per the state bid for \$27,490 with a \$285 option as requested. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

- T. Clark made a motion to approve the AAAOC's request for closing the gazebo parking lot for Strawberry Jam and the 4th of July. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- No information had been received from AATC for their TIF application. This item was tabled.
- President Bernius reviewed previous discussions regarding the Walnut Street properties. There was further discussion about tearing down part or all of the property at the corner of Walnut and 3rd Streets. T. Clark made a motion to demolish and clean up the Walnut Street property as intended. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Old Business

- J. Kuhns made a motion to allow the Arthur Fire Department to train on the Walnut Street property so long as they sign a waiver and hold harmless agreement, have the appropriate liability insurance, and do not hold up the demolition process. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

- President Bernius stated the start time for selling package liquor on Sunday is noon. Other communities have serving and selling package liquor on Sundays earlier. J. Kuhns made a motion to revise Village of Arthur Code Chapter 4 Section 4-23(A)(1) to allow Class B license to sell alcoholic liquor, beer, and wine in original package not for consumption on the premises from Sunday through Monday from 5am to 1am. The Ordinance number will be 04-17A-17. T. Clark seconded. Trustees T. Clark, P. Pearce, J. Kuhns, and D. Tiffan seconded. Trustee J. Marner voted NAY.
- President Bernius stated Engineer Mike Sullivan needs to stake the new subdivision. P. Pearce had to leave the meeting. J. Marner made a motion to approve the Consolidated Services proposal for staking the North Vine Street Subdivision for an amount not to exceed \$17,706.36. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- J. Kuhns made a motion to approve the Motor Fuel Tax 2017 expenditures for \$38,869.64. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

K. Crossman reminded the Board about a Zoning Board meeting.

Adjourn

T. Clark made a motion to adjourn. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer Perrine*
Village Clerk

DATE May 1, 2017