

April 20, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, April 20, 2020, for Public Viewing in the Village Board Room. President Randall, Village Trustees, Police Chief Mike Goodman, Kenny Crossman, Grant Corum, and Erica Carter all attended the meeting remotely using the Zoom website. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Mike Hilgenberg, Justin Ray, Christy Miller, Dave Tiffan, and Jenni Marnier.

#### **Setting the Agenda**

- J. Ray made a motion to move Item Two under Unfinished Business to the bottom of New Business. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Public Comment**

- Visitors present were Stephanie Wierman and Joseph Yoder.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

- C. Miller made a motion to approve the April 6, 2020 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$22,726.75. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

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

- President Randall reported that Homefield Energy recently sent out letters with their new rate. Comparisons can be made with Ameren's new rate when it is announced on May 1, 2020. If residents opt-out of Ameren, they will not be able to opt back in for one year.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- C. Miller reported that the Welcome Center renovations are almost finished.
- C. Miller reported that a Hotel/Motel Committee Meeting will take place Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 5:00pm.
- C. Miller has been contacting local businesses about the Covid relief that is available.

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

- Police Chief Goodman reported that DARE lessons are being provided through packets while remote learning is in place. He has been in contact with fifth grade teachers and administrators in Arthur and Atwood-Hammond Grade Schools.
- Officer Soria is still working on his training and will hopefully finish up at the Police Academy in May.

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

- Grant Corum reported that all the routine items are getting accomplished. Grant especially thanked Mike Elsberry for his work in the Water Treatment Plant.

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

- Erica Carter provided the treasurer's report. Erica went over income highlights, including the Village's first installment of its Local Share of Cannabis Use Tax for \$160.78. Erica pointed out even though we do not sell cannabis, the Village will still receive installments.

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

- Attorney Kenny Crossman reported that the initial payment was received for the Penn Station property, which is the property from the Progress entrance to the back of the Penn Station building.

#### **Unfinished Business**

1. Stephanie Wierman provided an Economic Development Assistance Application, pictures, and dimensions for a new Arthur sign on Route 36. Stephanie noted that all work on the new sign will be hired locally. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the Economic Development Assistance Grant request of the Arthur Area Association of Commerce for a Route 36 sign in the amount of \$4,500.00. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. Discussion and action on TIF grant request by E-Z Trail Inc. was moved to the end of New Business.

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### **New Business**

1. M. Bernius made a motion to approve Change Order #4 for the sanitary sewer lining project in the amount of \$13,504.47. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the Loan Disbursement #7 from the IEPA for the sanitary sewer lining project in the amount of \$82,961.70. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. The Board reviewed and discussed an Economic Development Assistance Application from Simply Arthur. The request was for \$32,500.00 for fiscal year 2020-2021, with a three-year commitment going up \$2,500.00 each year. Joseph Yoder noted that the three-year commitment helps Simply Arthur to plan, market, and budget. Discussion took place on the current situation of the economy. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the Economic Development Assistance Grant request of Simply Arthur as submitted, with the stipulation of a clause that states by a majority vote the Board can give a six-month notice to terminate the contract. J. Ray seconded. Trustees Bernius, Ray, and Marner voted YEA. Trustees Hilgenberg and Tiffan voted NO. Trustee Miller abstained.
4. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the Landscaping Contract between the Village of Arthur and The Great Pumpkin Patch. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
5. J. Ray made a motion to approve the proposal from R & R Services of Illinois, Inc. to grind the Village's yard waste in the amount of \$10,200.00. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
6. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the FY2020-2021 employee wage and salary schedule. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
7. President Randall reported on the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for \$3,886,503.15. President Randall highlighted several areas where changes had been made, including paying Kenny Crossman monthly in the amount of \$1,625.00, which is an average monthly amount from the last four years. Chief Goodman noted that a car will need to be purchased during this Fiscal Year. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
8. President Randall provided information about Resolution 2020-1, which would become part of the TIF application process, replacing the insurance element of the application. Discussion took place on item four regarding the sale of a property that had received TIF funds. A revision was suggested for item four, which would state that if a property was sold, the new owner would be assigned the same agreement, but it would be pro-rated according to the number of months left in the three-year commitment. M. Bernius made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-1: A Resolution Amending the TIF Application & Requirements as revised. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
9. M. Bernius made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-2: A Resolution Approving the TIF Request from E.Z. Trail, Inc. and Entering into an Agreement for Funds Thereof of in the amount of \$71,000.00 subject to the change in item four of Resolution 2020-1. C. Miller seconded. Trustees Hilgenberg, Ray, Miller, Tiffan, and Marner voted YEA. Trustee Bernius abstained.

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### **General Discussion**

- J. Marner had several residents request that the Board look at the current ordinance regarding hens and chickens.
- President Randall received a call from Ameren. Since 1945 Arthur has had an agreement with Ameren for lower cost on public lighting. In 2012 an addendum

to the agreement was made, resulting in a \$1,200.00 annual payment to help with lighting. Now, a new agreement, based on population, will annually pay the Village \$10,230.00 to help with public lighting.

**Adjourn**

M. Hilgenberg made a motion to adjourn. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

5/4/20