

May 4, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, May 4, 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 Marner.

Public Comment

- There were no visitors present.

Consent Agenda

- C. Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including:
 1. The April 20, 2020 Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes.
 2. The April 22, 2020 Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes.
 3. The appointment of Matt Bernius, Trustee, as Mayor Pro-Tem.
 4. The appointment of Michael Goodman, Chief of Police, and Erica Carter, Deputy Clerk, as Freedom of Information Act officers on behalf of the Village.
 5. The appointment of Michael Goodman, Chief of Police, as ESDA liaison.
 6. The appointment of Erica Carter, Deputy Clerk, as Comptroller.
 7. The appointment of Crossman Law Office as Village Attorney.
 8. The appointment of State Bank of Arthur and First Neighbor Bank as designated depositories for the Village of Arthur.
 9. The meeting schedule for FY2020-21: Village Board of Trustee meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 120 East Progress Street.
- M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$342,568.75. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall had no report.

Trustees' Reports

- There were no reports from Trustees.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department. Five notices have been served for ordinance violations regarding lawns. Officer Soria is finishing up his 40 hour firearms training and will soon continue with field training.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided reports from Public Works. Routine work and maintenance continues to be done. The recent rains have delayed mowing. Manhole preparation also continues. Yard waste grinding will happen in early June.

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Kenny Crossman reported that those who received ordinance violations will also receive a Notice to Correct, which allows 10-14 days for the violation to be corrected. Attorney Crossman also reported that he received an email regarding grant money the Village could potentially apply for from the State. The monies are for downstate small businesses. C. Miller has read about this program and will send information out to others.

Unfinished Business

- none

New Business

1. J. Marner reported that the Hotel/Motel Tax Committee met to discuss dispersing the funds available. There were two applicants, Simply Arthur and AAAOC. The Committee recommended that the Board give \$4,205.00 to Simply Arthur and \$1,795.00 to AAAOC. J. Marner made a motion to approve the Hotel/Motel Tax Committee grant recommendations. M. Bernius seconded. Trustees Bernius, Hilgenberg, Ray, Tiffan, and Marner voted YEA. Trustee Miller abstained. Motion passed.
2. G. Corum reported that due to the unknowns of the summer schedule regarding COVID-19, only one seasonal part-time employee would be needed. J. Ray made a motion to hire Craig Moffet for a seasonal summer help position in the Public Works Department at a rate of \$10.86 per hour. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. J. Marner reported that several residents have requested that the Board look at the current ordinances regarding chickens/hens. J. Marner provided information, codes, and ordinances from surrounding communities. Discussion took place on the ordinances from other communities; who would enforce compliance and inspect cages; and the effect this would have on neighborhoods and property values. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to allow chickens/hens within Arthur's village limit. J. Marner seconded. Trustees Bernius, Hilgenberg, Ray, Miller, and Tiffan voted NO. Trustee Marner voted YEA. Motion did not carry.
4. President Randall led a discussion on next-step procedures concerning the curtailment of COVID-19 within the Arthur community and for Village operations. Chief Goodman noted that we are following the Governor's order, which will evolve as we move forward. The Municipal Office workers continue to work and serve the community from home. The Community Building is not open for reservations in May. J. Ray noted we need to look at the future and what to do as we open the offices and Community Building. C. Miller reported that people are asking about what is open in Arthur. Discussion took place about the concerns for public restrooms. M. Bernius attended a Zoom meeting with downstate representatives who are in contact with the Governor and are suggesting plans as things open up. C. Miller was in a Zoom meeting with Douglas County officials who also are currently developing plans and being proactive.

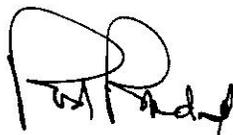
General Discussion

- Kenny Crossman reported on a future Variance Meeting for the Zoning Board to discuss rezoning to allow for a multi-family living residence.

Adjourn

- M. Bernius made a motion to adjourn. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:56pm.

APPROVED _____



Village President

ATTEST _____



Village Clerk

DATE _____

5/18/20