

June 15, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, June 15, 2020, in the Arthur Community Building. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Justin Ray, Christy Miller, and Jenni Marner. Trustees Mike Hilgenberg and Dave Tiffan were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

- President Randall asked C. Miller to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- Visitors present were Merle Plank, Tim Singer, and Stephanie Wierman. Stephanie Wierman spoke to the Board about the upcoming Cheese Festival. She has heard many comments in support of not cancelling the Cheese Festival due to COVID-19. Stephanie asked for input from the Board. She mentioned there would be no inflatables, and the cheese would be prepackaged. Discussion took place on food vendors, what other counties are doing, and the different phases. Discussion will continue as more information is gathered.

Approval of Minutes

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve the June 1, 2020 Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$68,017.05. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall expressed condolences to Grant Corum, as his mother recently passed away.
- President Randall spoke with Chapin Rose, who reported that The State of Illinois is borrowing five-billion dollars from the Federal Government. Chapin expects all payments from the State to be delayed.
- Jeff Birch and Jim Crane would like the Village Board to host another meeting regarding improvements to the County Line Road going south from Arthur.

Trustees' Reports

- M. Bernius mentioned that the Board had approved \$2,500.00 to tear down the old Water Treatment building. Since then, the building was moved by the Arthur Park District. Matt asked if there would be interest in helping the Park Board with their expense, using a part of these approved funds. Discussion will take place at a future meeting.
- C. Miller reported that local recycling companies have been contacted regarding a recycling program for Arthur. Only one company offered any recycling options. Further information will continue to be gathered.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department. Officer Soria has taken the State exam and is now a certified law enforcement officer. Officer Soria should have his field training completed by the end of June.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided reports from the Public Works Department. Mi-Ox startup will take place this week. When that is complete, the entire system will be flushed. The manhole lining crew is progressing. The conduit was delivered for the new building at the Water Treatment Plant. All staff is back to work full-time.

Comptroller's Report

- Erica Carter was absent but provided a treasurer's report and year-end summary.

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Kenny Crossman had no report.

Unfinished Business

- none

New Business

1. J. Marner made a motion to approve Change Order #6 for the sanitary sewer lining project in the amount of \$4,483.50. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. M. Bernius made a motion to approve request Loan Disbursement #9 from the IEPA for the sanitary sewer lining project in the amount of \$12,592.65. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. Grant Corum provided a letter from Farnsworth Group regarding sludge press engineering. C. Miller made a motion to enter into an agreement with Farnsworth Group for sludge press engineering in the amount of \$35,000. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. Kenny Crossman reported that the Zoning Board recently met to discuss a variance request application. 321 South Elm Street is currently R-1. The Zoning Board discussed and recommended transition zoning to the entire 300 block of Elm Street from R-1 to R-3. Merle Plank gathered signatures from residents on that block stating the transition would be acceptable. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the application from Timothy D. Singer and Clarice M. Singer, for variance at 321 South Elm Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911. Variance requests to change the zoning district of the lots from R-1 Limited One-Family Residential District to R-3(A) Multiple-Family Restricted Residential District. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
5. Kenny Crossman reported on the variance request application for 412 South Walnut Street, which would allow building over the lot coverage limits. M. Bernius asked about the impact on drainage. Discussion took place on the requested plan, and it was determined that there were no storm-water drainage issues involved. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the application from David L. Phelps and Lora Phelps, for variance at 412 South Walnut Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911. Variance requests to allow building over the lot coverage limits. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
6. J. Ray made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-04: A Resolution Concerning the Release of Minutes of Closed Meetings. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
7. C. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-05: A Resolution Concerning the Destroying of Closed Meeting Recordings at least (18) months old. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
8. M. Bernius reported that several municipalities in the State have sent letters to the Governor requesting 14 days between phases of reopening instead of 28 days. M. Bernius made a motion to approve a resolution requesting the Governor of the State of Illinois to consider moving into Restore Illinois Phases within fourteen (14) days rather than twenty-eight (28) days of acceptable COVID-19 area statistics. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
9. President Randall led a discussion on procedures and operations regarding COVID-19 precautions within the Village of Arthur, its residents, businesses, staff, and employees. C. Miller, M. Bernius, and President Randall worked to plan and provide outdoor tables and tents for outdoor dining at the gazebo area. However, no businesses requested to use them so they were not brought in. President Randall contacted IML Risk Management to check on the Village insurance and liability. After many calls and contacts it was determined that there is no concern for the Village regarding liability.
10. M. Bernius made a motion to enter into Executive Session for Village employee performance: Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).) The appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

At 8:01pm C. Miller made a motion to return to Open Session. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Justin Ray, Christy Miller, and Jenni Marner.

J. Ray made a motion to pay Mike Elsberry \$500.00 as a performance bonus for his work during the COVID-19 phases. J. Marnier seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

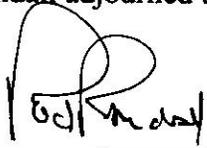
General Discussion

- President Randall noted that he put a notice in the paper stating that two liquor licenses are available. So far no applications have been received. The deadline is August 3, 2020.
- J. Ray thanked C. Miller, M. Bernius, and President Randall for their efforts on behalf of the Village to provide outdoor tables. The Fair Board and Park Board were very receptive and willing to help. M. Bernius noted that the Board really stepped up during this time to help the community, even though the plan was not used.
- M. Bernius also thanked Public Works for the recent painting that was done.

Adjourn

- C. Miller made a motion to adjourn. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.

APPROVED _____



Village President

ATTEST _____



Village Clerk

DATE _____

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