

June 22, 2015

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, June 22, 2015, 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, Paul Pearce, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman. Trustee Karen Good was absent.

#### Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Ivan and Susan Mulvaney, Sheryl Perez, and Phil and Tina Sparks. P. Sparks made comments regarding the work being done on the fence at the property with the pit bull dogs. Police Chief Mike Goodman stated Douglas County needs to monitor the compliance since they imposed the punishment, although he is also monitoring the situation. The property owner is not yet in compliance on some things. Chief Goodman has prepared reports for the county with photographs; he is in contact with Douglas County Animal Control and State's Attorney.

#### New Business

- President Bernius asked Police Chief Mike Goodman about bringing the Village codes up-to-date. The state statute defines a vicious dog as one that bites a human or has been deemed dangerous three times. The Village can prohibit dogs that have been determined as vicious or dangerous even one time; the owner can redeem the animal, but it would not be allowed into Village limits. Any ordinances cannot be breed specific. Many other options were also discussed – animal licensing, limiting the number of animals, etc. Attorney Bob Crossman stated whatever direction the Board gives him he will research and then talk with the Illinois Municipal League. A straw poll of Trustees showed all Trustees agreed with a plan of B. Crossman drafting an ordinance banning dangerous, vicious, and fierce dogs in the Village limits and communicating with the Illinois Municipal League. There was discussion about the health status of the property, the odor coming from that property, and mistreatment / cruelty to animals. The research will be done and a decision made at the next regular Board meeting.
- J. Kuhns made a motion to enter Executive Session. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session was to discuss personnel. (5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, P. Pearce, J. Kuhns, D. Tiffan, and J. Aikman.
- T. Clark made a motion to hire Cheryl Harlin as a part-time janitorial employee for \$10 per hour. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- D. Tiffan commented about a phone call stating someone was dumping furniture by the recycle bin. Many country residents do not know the dumpster is for residents only. It was suggested that a sign be made to educate residents; a sign is being made for the landscape waste area.

#### Adjourn

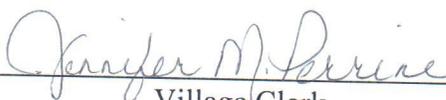
President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

July 6, 2015