

August 1, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, August 1, 2016, in the Village Board Room. In Village President Matt Bernius's absence, Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Paul Pearce, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman. Trustee Karen Good arrived after roll call. Trustee JD Kuhns was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

The following meeting minutes were approved as presented.

- 6/27 Work Session
- 7/5 Regular meeting, Executive session
- 7/11 Special meeting, Executive session
- 7/18 Regular meeting
- 7/25 Special meeting

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$50,022.67. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- T. Clark stated he had communication from President Bernius regarding some issues about trash not being picked up during Clean Up Days. Police Chief Goodman will coordinate with Deputy Clerk Erica Carter, who is working with the trash company, about ordinance violations.
- Appreciation was voiced for the Police Department and others for their work on the Fair.

Trustees' Reports

- J. Aikman is working on proposal for Welcome Center and the lack of volunteers; he will have it at the next meeting.
- D. Tiffan thanked everyone for utilizing Clean Up days. There are still a lot of properties that need attention.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman distributed monthly reports. There have been more drug and paraphernalia arrests as well as suspended drivers and uninsured motorists.
- D. Tiffan asked about uninsured motorist violations.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Grant Corum distributed reports.
- At the next meeting, he will have bids for the oiling and chipping of streets. There was discussion about the timing of this; G. Corum stated it needs to be above 70 degrees.
- The Vine Street resurfacing is still with Mike Sullivan; it may not be completed until spring. No decision was made about complete closure, one lane closure, or night time closure. It will go just beyond the crosswalks on side streets.
- The curbing around the Methodist Church will be fixed this year.
- Sidewalks along Columbia are currently being torn up and re-done.
- The sludge won't be removed for a few weeks. The testing is in process.

Village Attorney's Report

- There will be a couple of issues discussed at a Zoning Board meeting soon.
- There are a couple of unpaid ordinance violations. The next step will probably need to be taken soon; a letter has been sent.
- G. Corum has notified Kenny Crossman of a couple of building permit requests that are in the flood plain. G. Corum is coordinating with the state contact person.
- The houses to be moved at the east end of the Surrey Lane addition are in the process of being moved. They are waiting on the state permits.

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Richard and Sharon Buckler, Bob Doan, Scott Marner, Marty Schroeder, John Stewart, and Stephanie Wierman.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- J. Stewart requested to close Hickory Street from Park Street to the alley on August 14 from 5-9pm. Mackville will be performing on the lawn of the First Baptist Church, and there will be some free food. He's talked to almost all of the neighbors with no objections. P. Pearce made a motion to close South Hickory Street as requested on August 14. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Buckler explained a problem with handicapped parking and getting elderly people into the Vine Street Christian Church. They are considering installing handicap parking in the northwest corner of the church off the alley. They wanted to make the Village aware of what they are thinking. No action was taken.
- M. Schroeder stated Wine on Vine has been opened just over a year. He requested outdoor bistro seating on the sidewalk. There was discussion about other businesses and things on the sidewalks. It was suggested that M. Schroeder make a sketch of what he is thinking and to talk with President Bernius. No action was taken.
- S. Wierman presented street closure requests from the AAAOC for the Cheese Festival as follows - Hickory from Progress through Park; Illinois from the east side of the church to west side of Walnut; Vine from the 2nd entrance to the Welcome Center to Park Street; Park from Vine through Ash; Progress from the east side of Hickory to alley until noon on Saturday then to the west side of Walnut; gazebo parking lot; and the north side of the parking lot behind IGA. Streets will be closed from 6pm Friday, September 2, to 5pm Monday, September 5. J. Aikman made a motion to approve the street closures as presented. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Wierman requested the streets be closed for the BBQ Festival the same as last year. P. Pearce made a motion to close the streets as requested. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark presented information about an enterprise zone proposal in Douglas County. Some of the benefits were described. The application costs are \$60-65,000. Tuscola is paying approximately \$40,000 of those costs; Arcola is also contributing a large amount. They are requesting \$5,000 commitment from the Village to help cover costs. An Ordinance would need to be passed. K. Crossman will talk to Brian Moody to understand what type of ordinance is needed. All Trustees voiced their support to the idea. Action was tabled.
- T. Clark explained Deputy Clerk Erica Carter will be the administrator for the TIF district. Craig Hullinger has agreed to be a consultant when assistance is needed and questions need to be answered. His charge is \$150 per hour. T. Clark made a motion to approve hiring Craig Hullinger as a TIF consultant for \$150 per hour. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Aikman made a motion to hire Mike Sullivan to prepare a bid package for Phases 2, 3, and 4 of Meadowview Subdivision. K. Good seconded. There was discussion regarding the cost of M. Sullivan's work. J. Aikman amended his motion to include approving an amount not to exceed \$2,500. P. Pearce seconded the amendment. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Aikman made a motion to enter Executive Session; P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session was regarding personnel. Executive Session (5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) The appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.
- T. Clark re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, K. Good, P. Pearce, D. Tiffan, and J. Aikman.
- There was general discussion on potential employment for Public Works during Executive Session. No action was taken.

Adjourn

J. Aikman made a motion to adjourn; K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
T. Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:44pm.

APPROVED *Terry L. Clark Pro-Tem*
Village President Pro-Tem

ATTEST *Jennifer M. Perrine*
Village Clerk

DATE *August 15, 2016*

