

August 5, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, August 5, 2013, 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, Karen Good, Larry Miller, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman. Trustee JD Kuhns arrived after Roll Call.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes and the Executive Session meeting minutes of July 15, 2013, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius stated 75 EIU students will be here to volunteer for their Jump Start program on August 17. There was discussion about having them walk and clean up Glasgow Street, Route 133, and Industrial Drive; cleaning trash around the schools and downtown for the Cheese Festival; if needed, pulling weeds at the Dorothy Jurgens Park; or picking up sticks around the gazebo parking lot.
- He distributed a TIF district timeline.
- The Great Pumpkin Patch will be having an open house for the Center School on August 12, 2013, from 6pm to 7pm.
- He commented on A Touch of Arthur event this past Saturday.
- If anyone has any questions about building permits, please contact Jeff Mercer.

Treasurer's Report

- Deputy Clerk Erica Carter stated Roger Kauffman power washed the front of the building.
- A report had not been submitted to the IEPA that was due January 31; she has 14 days to submit it. She is working on it.
- She distributed packets with insurance early enrollment information. The numbers are valid until September 15. The increase for the current plan is 20%. D. Tiffan wants the Committee to meet with the representative before the next Board meeting.
- She reviewed the financial documents and gave an update on the transition to the new accounting system.

Trustees' Reports

- J. Aikman had a resident ask if fluoride was added in the water system, and if so, could it be stopped. Someone asked about the building permit person also reviewing the project during construction; J. Mercer is checking, but he is not an inspector. J. Kuhns will check with J. Mercer about the fluoride in the water. J. Aikman commented on A Touch of Arthur.
- D. Tiffan has had several residents ask about businesses setting things out on the sidewalk; it's not appealing. President Bernius stated it will be added to a work session agenda.
- L. Miller stated sidewalk work would begin soon in front of the State Bank and the Post Office. E. Carter has received complaints about low hanging trees; L. Miller will check with the Street and Alley employees.
- K. Good asked about the sidewalk in front of Citgo / Jordie Clark's house being cleaned up. The trash cans around Citgo station also need to be cleaned up. She commented on A Touch of Arthur. She's had a complaint on West 3rd Street about an owner not caring for the property.
- T. Clark commented on A Touch of Arthur and the amount of foot and vehicular traffic. The gas station will be closed for about 10 days in September; the public needs to be aware.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman asked if installing sidewalks had been considered further east on Route 133. There is an increasing amount of pedestrian traffic on the sides of highway. President Bernius will contact Mike Sullivan.
- He asked that a Police Committee meeting be scheduled before the next Board meeting regarding software. The meeting was scheduled for next Monday at 9am.
- He distributed a monthly report.

Village Attorney's Report

- President Bernius stated that construction has begun on the gym across from Eberhardt Village. Attorney R. Crossman clarified the zoning of the building.

Visitors' Comments – None

Old Business

- President Bernius reviewed the bids on the police car that was declared excess property. There is a bill at Woody's for the car. L. Miller made a motion to sell the 2008 Impala police car to the Y Yard for \$1,300. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

- J. Aikman presented information on the street closings for the Cheese Festival; it is similar to last year's. T. Clark made a motion to accept the street closure request as presented. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Aikman presented information about the parade route for the Cheese Festival on Saturday starting at 3:41pm. T. Clark made a motion to accept the Cheese Festival parade route as presented. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed previous discussions about paying on the inter-fund loan. The balance is \$68,000. There was discussion about paying \$35,000 from the income from lot sales. K. Good made a motion to use \$35,000 from the Meadowview lot sales fund to do a transfer to the water and sewer loan fund. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- L. Miller reviewed the cost of a trailer that is needed for the Street and Alley Department for \$900. The original price was \$1,500; it costs \$3,000 brand new. It can be used to haul mowers, barricades, and other things. L. Miller made a motion to purchase the trailer for \$900 with clear title. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed two bids to oil and chip the streets. L. Miller made a motion to accept the low bid from Ne-Co for \$34,499.50; J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- L. Miller reviewed prices for a commercial mower from Power Plus, Farm Pride, Kuhns Equipment, and GDS Enterprises. There was discussion about specifications. L. Miller made a motion to purchase a Gravely Pro-Turn 152 with a Kohler fuel injected engine for \$6,574 from GDS Enterprises. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to enter Executive Session; seconded by J. Aikman. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session was to discuss employee appointment, performance, compensation, and benefits. (5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. All Trustees were present.
- President Bernius stated in a work session he would like to discuss a cost per square foot for the railroad property, a price for future phases of Meadowview subdivision, hiring an employee for TIF / events / water billing / etc., updating the zoning book, businesses with items on the sidewalks, consolidating the trash routes, and Bob Doan's job description. A work session was scheduled for August 26 at 6pm.

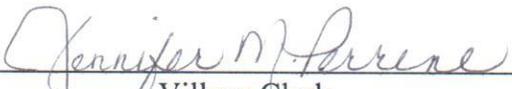
Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$122,220.89. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

APPROVED 
Village President

ATTEST 
Village Clerk

DATE August 19, 2013