

September 10, 2013

A Work Session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, in the Village Community 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, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman.

Village Attorney Bob Crossman, Bob Doan, and Christy Frederick were also present.

- President Bernius reviewed the schedule for Deputy Clerk Erica Carter to be off starting in November. He thought hiring someone on a part-time sub basis was the best idea. Christy Frederick introduced herself and briefly answered questions. President Bernius stated C. Frederick wanted to be off while her children were home for Christmas break. He has talked with Kara Miller, who has worked for the Village previously to fill in during that break.
- President Bernius stated he wanted to work with adjoining landowners to the Douglas County side railroad property to sell them the property but retain a 60' easement. A price of \$1-2 per square foot depending on the location was mentioned. The Gunny Sack Revue / Cowboy Church want to perhaps build a facility on the property to the north of the community building. They want the facility as close to downtown as possible, and it would be an approximately 300-seat air-conditioned facility. They would be willing to pay for any drainage work that needs to be done. There was discussion about putting all of the property to use and if the new facility would be considered tax-exempt (church) or not. A meeting will be scheduled at some point with the adjoining landowners.
- Also, a business has inquired about the property on the north edge of town. President Bernius asked the Trustees to consider having it appraised. K. Good or J. Aikman will check with Gordon's in Mattoon about a price to appraise this property.
- President Bernius announced and passed around a flyer about an open house at Advanced Disposal in Charleston.
- J. Mercer reviewed that the cost of our building permits is based on cost; other communities base the cost on the square footage of the building. The average is 10 cents per square foot with a minimum of \$25. He distributed a draft of an updated application. He had questions about pools, fences, and signs. Enforcement consistency and adding the new form to the website was discussed.
- At the last meeting, the Board approved a new health insurance premium. Since then, an email was received with updated prices and additional options. After brief discussion, there was agreement to stay with what had been chosen. There was discussion about choosing liability insurance. The Committee will investigate those options.
- K. Good made a motion to enter Executive Session. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session is regarding pending litigation on Cedar Street in the Village of Arthur (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and a part-time employee during maternity leave of Deputy Clerk, the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).
- President Bernius reopened the meeting. All Trustees were present.

Adjourn

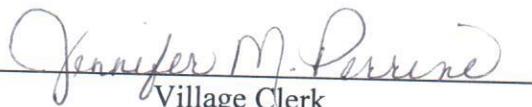
President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

APPROVED



Village President *Pro-Tem*

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

October 7, 2013