

September 6th, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, September 6th, 2016, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Paul Pearce JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

None

Approval of Expenditures

Terry made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$51,497.10. Karen Good seconded. All Trustees and President Bernius voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

President Bernius gave compliments to the Cheese Festival. Looks like it was one of the best on record attendance wise. Great weather and great crowds. Great participation at the firehouse for breakfast. There was some concern with the size of detour signs, maybe they need to be bigger?

Trustees' Reports

- Trustee James Aikman announced that this will be his final meeting. He has submitted his letter of resignation effective the end of September, but due to a commitment, will not be at the last meeting of the month. James stated that he appreciates everything, it's been an honor to serve with you all. He hates to go, but it's what's best for his family. James thanked President Bernius for his levelheadedness and he enjoyed his humor.
- Trustee Dave Tiffan thanked James for his time. He saw some change, but always did it with a smile. He enjoyed working with James. Dave had some concerns about parking for the Cheese Festival.
- Trustee J.D. Kuhns thanked James for his time and dedication, it was a pleasure to serve with you.
- Trustee Paul Pearce thanked James, telling him it was an honor to work with him. Paul noted that the Cheese Festival was the best in years. There were many contributors including police, employees, and everyone else who made an effort and helped. He was very impressed with the Police Department and was pleased with the interactions that he saw. Power was an issue at the festival – it needs addressed. Paul has been made aware of an issue of alcohol on park grounds. He has hopes that if there are tournaments, that we are making it known to the ball teams that alcohol is not allowed. Encouraging business owners throughout downtown to park further away from their place of business so that customers don't have to walk as far to do their business downtown.

- Trustee Karen Good brought up concerns of dirty sidewalks and stench downtown during the festival. Karen thanked James, she knew he'd be good. You were always very thorough. It's a shame, but we understand.
- Trustee Terry Clark had similar concerns as Karen with the food area at the Cheese Festival. We may need to consider hiring the cleaning of the food vendor area after the event. Village employees all did a great job with the festival and got everything done. Terry acknowledged James and told him that he didn't read the fine print, being a trustee is for a lifetime. He thanked him and stated that his incite and contributions are much appreciated.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Goodman reported that they have been pretty active. There is a new section on the reports in regards to new drug paraphernalia and cannabis laws. These offenses can now be charged as a civil penalty on possession under 10 grams. He is working with Kenny to pin down ordinances to help relieve the pressure off of counties. Civil citations are a nightmare for them, so we're happy to do our part. On another note, we have received 2 letters from local churches asking for our attendance as they are recognizing local emergency service providers. We will be sending a few officers to both the Southern Baptist Church and Vine Street Christian Church on Sunday, September 11th. He also acknowledged that Nancy Plank from Dynamic Fitness is considering having an event October 15th in the empty lot, but may be interested in having Park Street closed. He will update when he receives more information.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

You have the activity log in front of you. The tilling project for south west quadrant has started. We did not have time to get it in the paper, so we gave notices door to door. Grant met with Farnsworth a few Friday's ago and they are plugging away.

Village Attorney's Report

Kenny is working with Grant on building permits in the flood plain. He spoke with Paul Osman from the State and there are several things that must happen in order for the state to issue a permit.

Visitors' Comments

None

Old Business

1. There is a variance request for 205 South Boise for Steve and Marsha Wagner. Paul shared concern that we're changing ordinances. Kenny acknowledged that some municipalities do a triangle for setbacks instead of two twenty foot setbacks. All neighbors have signed off on allowing the fence. Terry moves to approve the variance request as presented at 205 West Boise. James seconded. Trustees Clark, Pearce, Kuhns, Tiffan, and Aikman voted YEA. Trustee Good voted NAY.
2. Brian Moody spoke on behalf of the Enterprise Zone and the process that has taken place is order to achieve the status of an Enterprise Zone. Terry stated that it's a no

brainer and we should be a team player. Paul made a motion to contribute \$5,000. Karen seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

3. Previous discussion in regards to the engineering fees had taken place. The previous approval was for \$2500, simple associated with packets and minor items. Consolidated Services has given a verbal quote of \$28,000-\$32,000 to engineer the next steps in the Meadowview Subdivision. There was some discussion on whether or not it had to be bid. Overall consensus was that this needed to occur in order to move forward. Paul made a motion to increase the allocation of engineering fees for Meadowview Subdivision to \$32,000. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

1. Kevin Buckley was present to present his findings for the Village's annual audit. Terry moved to accept the audit as presented by McGuire, Yuhas, Huffman, and Buckley. James seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. A citizen has requested signed heading west at the corner of Surrey Lane and Chaise Lane stating "Dead End" or "No Outlet". Karen made a motion to allow the requested signage on the corner of Chaise Lane and Surrey Lane. Dave seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. Trick or Treat hours each year are based on when the holiday falls. Karen made a motion to designate Trick or Treat hours on October 31st from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for businesses and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in town. Terry seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. There is a need for a new computer in the office to support the water billing. We received a bid from APT computers. Terry made a motion to accept the proposal from APT for \$2,931.98. Paul seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
5. The Jayhawk Computer Software was tabled.
6. Chief Goodman presented information regarding the camera in the 2013 Ford Explorer. The camera was purchased in 2008. We have started experiencing some issues. The newest SUV has a used camera that we purchased previously. It works great and burns everything in car to a DVD. WatchGuard has presented us with a quote for a similar system, remanufactured, but functions the same as the one we currently own. Chief Goodman would like to see us purchase an additional one to replace the one that is not functioning properly. Terry made a motion to accept the bid from WatchGuard for \$2,520. James seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
7. Grant presented information in regards to the cleaning and inspection of the water tower. It is supposed to be done every three years. The cost for this is \$3,155 with additional fees for an overabundance of sediment. Paul made a motion to approve \$3,155 for cleaning and inspection of our water tower. James seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

James made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the purchase or lease of real estate. Paul seconded. All Trustees took roll call.

JD made a motion to go out of executive session to discuss the purchase or lease of real estate. Karen seconded. All Trustees took roll call.

8. Paul made a motion to sign a letter of intent with Joyce Diener to purchase 321 South Elm Street for \$9,000. Karen seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

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9. Paul made a motion to allow President Bernius to negotiate with Elmer and Voletta Schrock to purchase the property located at 223 North Walnut. JD seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

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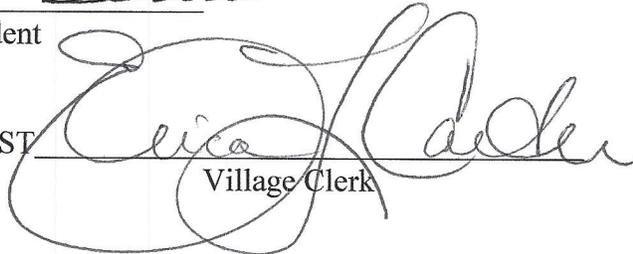
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10. Paul made a motion to offer employment to Benny Durbin at the rate of \$15.22 per hour full time in the Public Works Department. Karen seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED 
Village President

ATTEST 
Village Clerk

DATE 9/19/16