

December 5, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, December 5, 2011, 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, Larry Miller, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and Iris Dicks. Karen Good arrived after roll call.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes of November 21, 2011, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius reminded everyone to RSVP for the next CIMOA meeting.
- A thank you letter from Paris International Fellowship Board was received for using the Community Room.

Trustees' Reports

- L. Miller stated the new pickup truck is here.
- I. Dicks asked about the Buggy Ride sign left over from the Christmas Kick-Off events and about the status of a property on Progress Street.

Police Chief's Report – Absent

Village Attorney's Report

- R. Crossman stated there are several options to take care of raccoons. R. Crossman will coordinate with Chief Goodman about getting an officer authorized to dispatch the animals.
- He talked with Dave Combes; he might be interested in purchasing additional lots due to the zero lot line policy. Those requests will go straight to the Board.

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Linda Ingles, Jim Jurgens, and Jessica Turnbaugh and Deputy Clerk Sue Perrine.

Old Business – None

New Business

- President Bernius commented about the downtown flowers. He asked the Board to start the search for a part-time person to water the flowers and other projects earlier in the year. He thought the Village should be responsible for five days of watering the flowers, and volunteers should cover the other days. I. Dicks moved hire a part-time person to help watering the flowers in the downtown area for at least five days per week and the other two days per week will be up for discussion. D. Tiffan seconded. Trustees Clark, Kuhns, Tiffan, and Dicks voted YEA. Trustees Good and Miller abstained.
- S. Perrine reviewed the salary cost for street sweeping of \$4,109.38; it can be moved from the General Fund to the Motor Fuel Tax fund. K. Good made a motion to re-expense street sweeping salary into the Motor Fuel Tax fund. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Perrine reviewed the tax levy from the last couple of years. The proposed increase for next year is 4.96%. T. Clark made a motion to approve the levy request as presented. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 12-05a-11.
- S. Perrine reviewed the benefits of changing the health insurance from PersonalCare to Health Alliance. She explained the co-pays and deductibles. All local facilities are considered In-Network. Changing to Health Alliance will save the Village \$26,246.52 for 12 months. The change will take effect January 1. K. Good made a motion to change to the Health Alliance no-deductible plan effective January 1, 2012, with the same deductible benefit. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$62,482.53. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 7:38pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer M. Perrine*
Village Clerk

DATE *December 19, 2011*