

December 19, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, December 19, 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, Karen Good, Larry Miller, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and Iris Dicks.

#### **Approval of Previous meeting minutes**

The regular meeting minutes of December 5, 2011, were approved as presented.

#### **Village President Comments and Announcements**

- President Bernius wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked everyone for their service this year.
- By consensus, the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2012, due to the New Year's Day holiday being on Sunday.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Comptroller Sue Perrine commented on the financial documents.
- President Bernius announced that the Timm Trust has approved a request for new carpeting for the Community Room.
- Some of the materials are here for the lighting work; all of the work should be done by the end of February.
- There were no discrepancies in the Motor Fuel Tax audit.
- The shipping date for the new sewer plant pump is January 11, 2012; it ships from Europe.
- The Illinois EPA contacted the Village regarding an old Brownfield grant for the Village's property on North Vine Street (the old Mast property); a barrier needs to be constructed over where the tanks used to be. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- I. Dicks reviewed information from the AARP magazine regarding the value of volunteer hours in each state. She thought the gas station on North Vine Street was closed for good.
- D. Tiffan commented on the nice looking Christmas decorations and thanked the employees for the limb pick-up service.
- L. Miller stated residents are responsible for picking up the leaves when they've put them at the edge of the road; R. Crossman stated that is the same as littering. L. Miller doesn't want an accident with the snow plow. He commented on the nice program at the CIMOA meeting.
- President Bernius stated he will talk with Police Chief Goodman regarding a lot of vehicles sitting around the Village.

#### **Police Chief's Report – Absent**

#### **Village Attorney's Report**

- R. Crossman stated he had a couple of things to talk with S. Perrine about, and there are a couple of tickets that could be prosecuted soon.

#### **Visitors' Comments – None**

#### **Old Business – None**

#### **New Business**

- L. Miller made a motion to approve Jeff Mercer and Gary Jent to attend the Illinois Rural Water Association 2012 Technical Conference in Effingham on February 21-23 with a registration fee of \$150 each. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding Christmas bonuses (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)), the appointment, employment compensation, discipline,

performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- The regular session resumed. All Trustees were present. President Bernius reopened the meeting.
- K. Good made a motion for this year only to provide Christmas bonuses to the nine full-time Village employees of \$250 per person and the six part-time employees of \$50. The part-time employees are Bradley, Grossman, Whitford, Peck, Stutzman, and Jent. S. Perrine stated she would run an extra payroll for these bonuses. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

**Approve Expenditures**

- T. Clark made a motion to approve November expenditures not yet approved in the amount of \$97,655.97. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$29,439.91. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

I. Dicks asked President Bernius to write a letter of appreciation to the employees to go with their bonus checks. President Bernius suggested each committee deliver the letters and checks to their respective employees.

**Adjourn**

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 7:57pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*  
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer M. Perrine*  
Village Clerk

DATE *January 3, 2012*