

July 18, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, July 18, 2011 in the Village Board Room. Village President Pro-Tem Terry Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Larry Miller, JD Kuhns, and Iris Dicks. Trustee Dave Tiffan arrived at 7:02pm.

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

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

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

- President Pro-Tem Clark stated President Bernius didn't relay any announcements to him.
- S. Perrine announced the next CIMOA meeting will be next month in Savoy.

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

- ~~Deputy Clerk~~ <sup>Comptroller of</sup> Sue Perrine commented on the financial documents.
- The audit is in process.
- Rick Koester with the USDA met with her and Brandon Potthast last Tuesday. They toured the sewer plant and lagoons, then S. Perrine showed him the economic development in the Village.
- She announced that Abdul Sheikh, who owns the CITGO, was issued the new Class B liquor license today. The business should be opening in the next couple of weeks. He is moving his family to town; Sheila Crowe is the manager.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- T. Clark mentioned two topics for later discussion – signs to better identify the Community Building and restroom use for the Cheese Festival. Andy Peck was hired to service the porta-potties and Welcome Center last year.
- D. Tiffan stated he heard good reports from the Fair, and he commended the Police Department.
- I. Dicks thanked Stormy Smith for watering the flowers. Some flowers in the pots have been replaced. Plants and flowers were checked and sprayed for bagworms. She thanked S. Perrine for a note in the Trustees' packets.
- D. Tiffan is noticing some citizens are taking advantage of the yard waste pick up service. S. Perrine reviewed the policy.

#### **Police Chief's Report**

- Chief Goodman asked the Police Committee to schedule a meeting before the next Board meeting.
- He stated the Department has been addressing ordinance violations – junk / unregistered vehicles, hedge issues, grass issues, etc.
- The Fair was uneventful.
- L. Miller stated there's a problem in some alleys.

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

- There is about one and a half lots of space that a resident wants as a street vacation. He explained that if the Village vacates that part of the street, it will be split pro-rata with the landowners. This was assigned to the Zoning Board.
- There has been a request to review zero lot lines in Meadowview. This was assigned to the Zoning Board.
- No feedback has been received regarding cell towers.
- He will wait for further information regarding the livestock question from the last meeting.

#### **Visitors' Comments**

Visitors present were James Aikman, Steve and Susan Custer, and Harold and Esther Helmuth. The Custer's and Helmuth's stated their opinion on the sidewalk issue on South Ash Street. They would rather give up the sidewalk on their side of the street and plant grass than lose their trees.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business**

- J. Aikman presented a request to amend the street closing during the Cheese Festival to close the east half of the 100 block of West Progress Street to allow room for more vendors and activities. Traffic to the alley and the First National Bank wouldn't be blocked from the west. I. Dicks moved to close the first half of the first block of West Progress Street. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Aikman stated that he and others are brainstorming on the signage for the Community Building. I. Dicks commented on how well the Freedom Celebration parade went.
- L. Miller stated there are three estimates for sidewalk repairs and replacements. He reviewed the estimates for making the west side of South Pine Street wheelchair accessible, taking down trees and working on the sidewalk on the east side of Ash Street south of Lincoln Street, and working on the sidewalk on the south side of Lincoln Street just east of Ash Street. There was discussion about taking down the trees and the health of the trees. L. Miller made a motion to approve the bid for \$5,760 to do 360 feet on Pine Street and 153 feet 6 inches on Lincoln Street in front of Peggy Harmon's property for approximately 45% of the total cost. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Any action on the Ash Street sidewalks was tabled.
- L. Miller reported the light pole at First and Elm Streets is not secure. It is the Village's pole and will cost close to \$2,200 to replace and have Ameren install the pole and light. It's used as a security light for the Street Department shed. L. Miller made a motion to have Ameren put up a pole at First and Elm Streets for approximately \$2,200. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Perrine reviewed the problem of landowners planting on boulevards and other Village property. Sometimes the plants aren't planted properly then the roots or plants might buckle sidewalk, then the Village has to pay to remove them. The Village has the authority to regulate this but hasn't to date. There is also a problem with shrubs blocking motorists' view. R. Crossman reviewed what property the Village owns along streets. This was forwarded to the Street and Alley Committee.
- J. Kuhns reviewed the need to repair the north blower at Sewer Plant. The project has been approved in budget and appropriations. J. Kuhns moved to approve to repair the north blower for \$3,484.40. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve Pay Estimate #6 on the Palmer Street Bridge project in the amount of \$47,151. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve paying the engineering services to date for the Palmer Street Bridge project in the amount of \$7,919 to CSI. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

**Approve Expenditures**

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$34,263.15. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve June expenditures not yet approved in the amount of \$49,381.58. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

**Adjourn**

President Pro-Tem Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.

APPROVED *Terry L. Clark*  
Village President Pro-Tem

ATTEST *Jennifer M. Perrine*  
Village Clerk

DATE *August 1, 2011*