

April 15, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, April 15, 2024, in the Village Board Room. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Mike Hilgenberg, Isai Gutierrez, Jim Fleming, and Christy Miller. Trustee Dave Tiffan was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

- President Randall asked I. Gutierrez to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- Jeremy Hale was the only visitor present. Jeremy addressed the Board on behalf of the Arthur Park Board regarding the public swimming pool and the rising costs of chemicals, repairs, and labor. Kenny Crossman gave some details about how the Board has helped in the past. The Board will consider this request and make a decision at a later time.

Consent Agenda

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including the April 1, 2024 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes and the April 4, 2024 Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$24,940.36. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall noted that Max's restaurant has opened. He also congratulated the success of the Legacy of Love fundraiser.

Trustees' Reports

- No reports were given.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided reports from the Public Works Department. Grant gave updates on current projects including the air line replacement at the water treatment plant. Billy Wheelock's last day was April 12.

Comptroller's Report

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter went through the Treasurer's Report. Erica also noted that the roof of the Community Building and the Police vehicles are being looked at for hail damage.

Village Attorney Report

- Kenny Crossman had no report.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

1. M. Bernius made a motion to approve a request by the Arthur Lions Club to use the lagoon area for a tractor pull event on Saturday, August 3, 2024. C. Miller seconded. Trustees Bernius, Hilgenberg, Gutierrez, and Miller voted YEA. Trustee Fleming abstained. Motion passed.
2. C. Miller provided details about an Economic Development and Tourism meeting that was held to discuss Local Tourism Grant Requests. The committee recommended granting the three requests as submitted, which were the Arthur Area Association of Commerce (\$3,040.00), Simply Arthur (\$6,066.82), and the Illinois Amish Heritage Center (\$3,500.00).

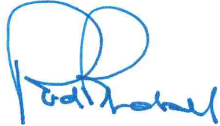
- C. Miller made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Local Tourism Grants as submitted. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. Kenny Crossman provided details about the role of Simply Arthur and how it benefits the Arthur community. He provided details on the work Angie Parsons does, as well as the strong emphasis on tourism through the Welcome Center. A request was made by the Board to ask Angie to attend two Board meetings per year to give updates. M. Bernius made a motion to approve a request by Simply Arthur for an Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$41,000.00. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
 4. President Randall provided a handout detailing a 2% water and sewer rate increase. He noted that there has been no water or sewer rate increase for the past two years. It was discussed that the Capital Improvement Plan has projects including a new water source that funds need to be built up for, and Trustee Bernius noted that money also needs to be set aside for storm sewer. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the FY2024-25 water & sewer 2% rate increase. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
 5. J. Fleming made a motion to approve the advertising for part-time seasonal summer help for the Public Works Department. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
 6. C. Miller made a motion to enter Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
I. Gutierrez made a motion to return to Open Session. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the proposed FY2024-25 employee payroll considerations. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
 7. Erica Carter provided details about the FY2024-2025 administration budget. Police Chief Goodman went through the Police budget and discussed the current Police vehicles. Grant Corum went through the Street and Alley budget and the Water and Sewer budget. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the FY2024-2025 budget. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

General Discussion

- C. Miller reported that she is working on the discussed changes to the TIF and Façade program. She hopes to bring those changes to the next Board meeting.
- M. Bernius thanked the department heads and noted that a lot of projects are getting done in Arthur.
- J. Fleming raised a concern about bicycles on Vine Street sidewalks.

Adjourn

- C. Miller made a motion to adjourn. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm.

APPROVED  _____
Village President

ATTEST  _____
Village Clerk

DATE 5/6/24