

July 1, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, July 1, 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 C. Miller to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Public Comment**

- Angie Parsons was the only visitor present.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the June 17, 2024 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes and the June 17, 2024 Executive Session Minutes. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to exclude one bill from the list of expenditures submitted and approve the rest in the amount of \$28,698.28. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

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

- President Randall reported about an informational meeting that was held with the Arthur Association of Commerce, community leaders, and business owners. The purpose of the meeting was to understand more clearly the focus and goals of AAoC and to better communicate with the public, local businesses, and other organizations involved with the economic development of the Arthur area.
- President Randall also updated the Board about his communications with Grant Corum, Dan Miller (Arthur Park District), Kurt Robson (Moultrie County Drainage District Commissioner), and Andy Miller (Douglas County Drainage District Commissioner) regarding public concern over the poison hemlock growing along the drainage ditch that passes through the corporate limits of Arthur. He noted the area had been sprayed this spring, but a multi-year plan involving a professional service familiar with the problem is in order. The Illinois Department of Agriculture will be contacted for advice on licensed contractors and methods to safely remove the existing hemlock. The public will be notified if any spraying takes place.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- M. Bernius noted the success of the fireworks and parade. He thanked the Public Works and Police Departments for their extra work to make this day such a success.
- C. Miller also thanked all those involved in the Freedom Celebration. She noted it was a great weekend and commended Angie Parsons for her work at the Welcome Center.

#### **Chief of Police Report**

- Police Chief Goodman will provide monthly reports at the next meeting. He reported that the parade and fireworks went smoothly, with his officers doing an outstanding job. Only one incident took place which was handled quickly and professionally. He reported that he received an email from an off-duty officer commending the work of the Police Department.

#### **Public Works Supervisor's Report**

- Grant Corum provided reports from the Public Works Department. He noted that yard waste grinding will start on July 2.

#### **Village Attorney Report**

- Village Attorney Kenny Crossman had no report.

#### **Simply Arthur**

- Angie Parsons presented a report from Simply Arthur. In February she attended an RV and Camping Show in Chicago, where she handed out 2,500 pieces of Arthur literature. She also

attended a Governor's Conference in Peoria to promote tourism. She noted that 26,000 people have been through the Welcome Center from January to present. Marketing is another way Simply Arthur promotes the area. Ads have been placed in many publications including Enjoy Illinois, Daytrips, Lake Shelbyville Guide, Veteran View, Best of the Midwest, Good Housekeeping, and Women's Day. Angie thanked volunteers for giving of their time at the Welcome Center. These included Ann Huffman, Marlon Miller, Marty Yeakel, Dennis Miller, Bruce Wood, Patrice Fleming, Kim Miller, and Josephine Marner.

#### Unfinished Business

- None

#### New Business

1. Grant Corum reviewed the changes in the Personnel Manual for Public Works certifications. Licenses obtained for Water and Wastewater Operations will be compensated at a rate of \$0.50 per hour. An Illinois Department of Agriculture license will be compensated at a rate of \$0.25 per hour, with a limit of two employees receiving this rate increase. If any of these licenses are not maintained, the pay increase would no longer be in effect. M. Bernius made a motion to approve Resolution 07-01A-2024: A Resolution amending the Village of Arthur's Personnel Policy Manual by adding Section 2.13 Regarding Compensation for Public Works Certifications. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. Grant Corum reviewed the changes in the Personnel Manual regarding personal days for new employees only. One personal day is earned every 90 days through the twelve-month probationary period. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 07-01B-2024: A Resolution amending the Village of Arthur's Personnel Policy Manual by amending Section 3.2 with regard to Personal Days. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. Grant Corum recommended hiring Kody Kornewald and Caleb Corum for full-time employment. They have both been working in Public Works part-time for thirteen months. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to change the status of two part-time Public Works employees to full-time. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

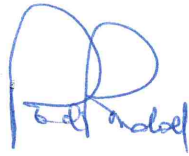
#### General Discussion

- none

#### Adjourn

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to adjourn. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

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Village President

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Village Clerk

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