

June 17, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, June 17, 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 Police Chief Goodman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- Visitors present were Aimee Apke, Robert Apke, David Hale, Shirley Hale, Jane Miller, Merle Miller, Jim Platzbecker, Judy Sentel, Jack Stites, Jody Stites, Steve Wagoner, and Stephanie Wierman.
- David Hale addressed the Board and provided informational handouts regarding poison hemlock, its toxicity, and thoughts on controlling this plant. President Randall agreed that this plant is a problem and noted that the drainage districts of both Moultrie and Douglas counties need to be involved in its eradication. Grant Corum reported the areas where he has seen it growing, and the Public Works Department does not have authority to spray in a ditch. This plant cannot be burned. David Hale noted he would like to see the Village, Park District, and Drainage Boards all work out a plan to eradicate this plant. M. Bernius noted that the Village Board is willing to work with other Boards to find a solution.

Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Appropriation Ordinance

- C. Miller made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Appropriation Ordinance. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Randall provided time for public comments. No comments were made. J. Fleming made a motion to close the Public Hearing. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Consent Agenda

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the June 3, 2024 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes and the June 13, 2024 Zoning Board Meeting Minutes. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$21,353.26. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall reviewed a letter from Homefield Energy regarding aggregation. He noted that Ameren's new rate is \$0.03 lower than Homefield's rate. Residents are able to opt-out and be excluded from the aggregation program.
- President Randall reported that this year's IMLA conference is in Chicago on September 19-21, 2024. With our membership in IMLA, the Board can send one person free of charge.
- President Randall gave details about a meeting to be held Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Community Building. The Arthur Association of Commerce is hosting the meeting to discuss future plans for our community.

Trustees' Reports

- M. Bernius noted the need to apply for Safe Route to School grants when they come up next year.
- J. Fleming noted that he has seen scooters on public sidewalks traveling at high speeds.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department. Officer Jones will graduate from the Police Academy on August 22, 2024.
- Chief Goodman gave his intent to retire date as September 30, 2024. Chief Goodman has served as Police Chief for almost 27 years.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided reports from the Public Works Department. Grant gave updates on the clarifier project and Metro's work on the railroad bores. He will receive bids for chip and oil beginning in July.

Comptroller's Report

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter provided the Treasurer's Report.

Village Attorney Report

- Village Attorney Kenny Crossman was absent.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

1. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Appropriation Ordinance 06-17A-2024. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. Stephanie Wierman presented the parade route for the Freedom Celebration. The parade will begin at Progress Industries, go west to Vine Street, south to Logan Street, and east to Progress Street. C. Miller made a motion to approve the route for the June 29, 2024 Freedom Celebration Parade. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. J. Fleming made a motion to approve a request by Kristi Alexander to use the Community Building and serve alcoholic beverages at an event on July 27, 2024. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. C. Miller made a motion to approve extending through August 2024 a request to use the gazebo parking lot on Monday evenings for an event to help raise funds for non-profit organizations. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
5. Robert and Aimee Apke were present to give details about a variance request for their property. The Zoning Board met to discuss this request and neighbors gave their approval. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve Ordinance 06-17B-2024: An Ordinance authorizing a variance at 416 East Illinois Street, Arthur, Douglas County, Illinois 61911 to authorize the placement of a fence with a height of six (6) feet within the area between the lot line and front yard building setback line on the petitioner's property. And to authorize the building of an enclosed porch within the front yard setback area requirement. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
6. Merle and Jane Miller were present to give details about a variance request for their property. The Zoning Board met to discuss this request, and neighbors gave their approval. J. Fleming made a motion to approve Ordinance 06-17C-2024: An Ordinance authorizing a variance at 215 East Illinois Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911 to authorize an accessory building on their lot with a height exceeding the maximum height of fifteen (15) feet and placement of said accessory building within the side yard setback area. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
7. Chief Goodman provided details about the age and performance of the four laptops used by the Police Department. One has stopped working, while the others are older models. Replacing two of these laptops is included in the current budget. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Panasonic Toughbook 55 laptop computers for the Police Department from APTechnologies in the amount of \$6,828.80. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
8. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve a proposal from R & R Services of Illinois, Inc. to grind the yard waste pile in the amount of \$14,150.00. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
9. M. Bernius 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. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. C. Miller made a motion to return to Open Session. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

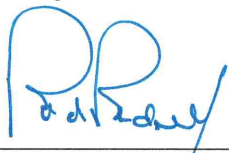
General Discussion

- President Randall gave details about the insurance claims from recent hail damage. Discussion took place on the current gutters and the need for estimates.
- M. Hilgenberg asked about the licensing of mopeds and electric bicycles.

Adjourn


- M. Bernius made a motion to adjourn. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

7/1/24