

April 7, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, April 7, 2025, in the Village Board Room. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Mike Hilgenberg, Isai Gutierrez, Jim Fleming, and Christy Bernius. Trustee Dave Tiffan was absent.

Pledge of Allegiances

- President Randall asked Chief Tinnon to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- Visitors present were Duane Gingerich and Lyle Otto.

Consent Agenda

- C. Bernius made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the March 17, 2025 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes; the March 27, 2025 Police Committee Meeting Minutes; and the March 27, 2025 Police Committee Executive Session Minutes. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$52,724.05. C. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall noted the Raise the Roof benefit to be held on April 11 at the Otto Center. Legacy of Love is holding this fundraiser for their next house in the Meadowview subdivision.
- President Randall reminded Board members to complete the statement of economic interest.

Trustees' Reports

- No reports were given.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Elliott Tinnon provided reports from the Police Department. Chief Tinnon has been training all week at a lead homicide investigator class. He also noted that the new process for public fingerprinting has been running smoothly.
- Chief Tinnon emphasized the importance of locking car doors and not keeping valuables inside vehicles.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided monthly reports for the Public Works department. There has been a lot of storm cleanup lately. Grant highlighted current projects including asphalt work on Vine Street and grading/tilling on Rhema Drive.
- Michael Elsberry attended a ceremony where Arthur's water treatment plant won Plant of the Year. The trophy was displayed at the Board meeting.

Village Attorney Report

- Village Attorney Kenny Crossman had no report.

Unfinished Business

- none

New Business

1. J. Fleming, representing the Lions Club, provided the Board with information and a request to use the lagoon area for the August 1 tractor pull. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the request by the Arthur Lions Club to use the lagoon area for a tractor pull event on Friday, August 1, 2025, subject to proof of insurance. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. Duane Gingerich was present to provide information on the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair. To secure a carnival, the dates have been changed to July 25-August 2. A livestock show will be held the weekend before the fair, and more events have been added throughout the week.

A beer vending trailer will be used this year. A liquor license was requested for August 1-2 from 5:00 pm – 1:00 am. Alcohol will not be served until after the tractor pull on Friday. J. Fleming made a motion to approve the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Association liquor license request (subject to proof of insurance), the closure of Jurgens Parkway during the fair, and the use of the lagoon area for parking in case of rain. C. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

3. M. Bernius made a motion to approve an additional water bill adjustment within a 12-month period for the residence at 224 South Spruce Street. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. Chief Tinnon provided details about computers for the police vehicles. Two computers have been replaced and are working well. He provided a quote for two more computers, making it a uniform system. He noted the computers being replaced are ten years old. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Panasonic Toughbook 55 laptop computers for police vehicles in the amount of \$6,828.80 for both. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
5. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford F150 Crew Cab Pickup Truck from the Public Works Department to the Arthur Police Department in the amount of \$20,528.00. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
6. Grant Corum provided details regarding alley pavement replacement on the 100 block from E. Illinois Street to E. Park Street. This work will take 5-6 concrete pours. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve a proposal from Herschberger Concrete for the alley pavement replacement (100 block from E. Illinois St. to E. Park St.) in the amount of \$32,300.00, with the Village paying for the cost of the concrete. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
7. C. Bernius made a motion to approve setting the date of Saturday, September 13, 2025 for Town-Wide Cleanup Day. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
8. President Randall provided handouts and information regarding the American Tower Site. American Tower offered to continue the lease or to purchase the property the tower is on. President Randall noted that in his research cell towers could become obsolete in the 2030's. M. Bernius made a motion to authorize the mayor to negotiate with American Tower to make a one-time payment for real estate, subject to contractual language. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
9. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve Ordinance 04-07A-2025: An ordinance approving an intergovernmental agreement between Lowe #2 Drainage District, Bourbon #3 Drainage District, and the Village of Arthur for the removal of noxious weeds along the drainage ditch running through the corporate limits of the Village of Arthur in the amount of \$19,500.00 to be divided approximately equally between the three parties. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
10. C. 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. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
M. Bernius made a motion to return to Open Session. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
11. C. Bernius made a motion to postpone action on approving revised pay matrices and FY 2025-2026 Employee Payroll Schedule. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

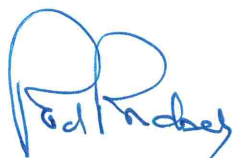
General Discussion

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Adjourn

- C. Bernius made a motion to adjourn. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

APPROVED _____



Village President

ATTEST _____



Village Clerk

DATE 4-21-25