

May 19, 2025

- A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois was held on Monday, May 19, 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, Kurt Hall, Lamar Miller, and Christy Bernius. Also present were Comptroller Erica Carter, Grant Corum, Police Chief Elliott Tinmon, Attorney Kenneth Crossman, Ariana Cherry and Marsha Bowyer.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

- President Randall asked Lamar Miller to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Public Comment**

- None

#### **Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Appropriation Ordinance.**

- M Bernius made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Appropriation Ordinance. I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Randall announced that there was proper notification of the hearing and provided time for public comments. No comments were made. C Miller made a motion to close the Public Hearing. I Guterriez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- C Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including:
  1. Approval of May 5, 2025 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes.
  2. Approval of May 13, 2025 Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes.
  3. Approval of May 15, 2025 Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes.
- I Guterriez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$86,049.28. I Guterriez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Reports**

- President Rod Randall – Douglas County Board approved a \$250,000 appropriation this past week for the road going south out of Arthur. Rod reported that it should happen within the next 60 days. A 6-million-dollar project to repair the Springfield Road will also begin this summer. And for 2026-2027, they will be redoing the first mile of the road going south out of Arthur which will include adding buggy lanes.
- Rod Randall – Electrical aggregation letters went out and many are confused. Ameren's new rates will not come out until June 1 however the card from Homefield states that they would like a response for opting out on or before May 30, 2025. Rod states that it is possible to opt out of the Homefield aggregation and then once Ameren's rates come out, one can opt back in for the Homefield aggregation if so desired.
- Rod Randall – Water bills – Many are thinking that they are required to get online for their billing. That is not a requirement, but it will be available with our new system.
- Rod Randall – Met Antonio Castillo who is the new operator of the Rest In Pizza. He has some really good plans for the restaurant.
- Trustees - Christy Bernius – Noted that the Strawberry jam festival was this last weekend and thanked our workers for helping make it successful.
- Matt Bernius – Congratulated the JR high boys track team placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state.
- Kurt Hall – Has been approached by individuals regarding the possibility of flushing some hydrants. Grant replied that it would probably be the beginning of June.
- Police – Chief Elliott Tinmon – Starting to prep for the fireworks. Old truck needs a new water pump, which was unexpected. They were also able to wrap up a few of the burglary

cases. Chief Tinnon inquired about the Village building door replacement. Rod replied that there was an issue in the measurement of the doors, and they are delayed.

- Public Works - Grant Corum – Green Wave scarified and sowed the lawn across from the Public Works facility. Downtown Alley should start with the concrete replacement this week depending on the weather. He contacted Ne-Co and they hope to be here by the end of next week to complete the work on the roads in town.
- Comptroller - Erica Carter – Reported the fiscal year end bank balances as of April 2025. Reported on the total budget usage for the 2024-2025 fiscal year by department.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- None

#### **New Business**

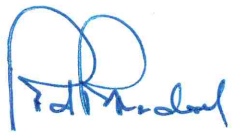
- Discussion and action on 2024-2025 Appropriation Ordinance 05-19A-2025. M Bernius made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance 05-19A-2025. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a street closing request for a 40th Anniversary event at Oye's Hardware on Saturday, June 28, 2025. M Bernius made a motion to approve the closure from Progress to Illinois Street for the day. C Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a TIF Construction Grant request for the property at 210 South Vine Street, Arthur, IL. Marsha Bowyer presented photographs of issues involved with the building brick and roof issues noted in the grant request. The TIF Evaluation Criteria was reviewed for the grant request. The number of criteria met does equal the grant meeting 50% of the grant request. M Hilgenburg made a motion to approve the TIF Grant request in the amount of \$11,187.00. I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on an Economic Development Grant request by Simply Arthur. Kenny Crossman summarized request. C Miller made a motion to approve the action. I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on Ordinance 05-19B-2025: An Ordinance Authorizing an Easement on Certain Village owned Real Property known as the Wireless Tower Site for a term in excess of Twenty (20) years pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-2. Attorney K Crossman summarized and explained the proposed ordinance. Kenny recommends publishing the intent to enter into the agreement between 15-30 days before a vote occurs. M Hilgenburg made a motion to set the action for publication with the vote to occur in the second meeting in June. C Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on Ordinance 05-19C-2025 an ordinance amending Section 20-2 of the Village Code to increase the fine for grass and weed nuisances. Grant Corum explained what the new fine would be and what it would cover. K Crossman recommended letting those who have been repeat offenders know that the new fine would be going into effect. C Miller made a motion to approve the ordinance as proposed. K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on Resolution R-05-19A-2025: A resolution concerning the minutes of closed meetings and the opening of minutes no longer considered confidential. C Miller made a motion to approve the ordinance as proposed. I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on Resolution R-05-19B-2025: A resolution concerning tapes of closed meetings and the destroying of tapes at least eighteen months old for meeting minutes which have been opened. M Bernius made a motion to approve the ordinance as proposed. M Hilgenburg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **General Discussion**

- None

**Adjourn**

- I Guterriez made a motion to adjourn. K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

APPROVED  \_\_\_\_\_  
Village President

ATTEST  \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

DATE July 7, 2025