

August 4, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Arthur, Illinois was held on Monday, August 4, 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, Isai Gutierrez, Kurt Hall, Lamar Miller and Christy Bernius. Also present were Grant Corum, Village Attorney Kenneth Crossman and George Fritz.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Public Comment**

- None

**Consent Agenda**

- C Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including:
  1. Approval of July 21, 2025 Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes.
  2. Approval of July 21, 2025 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes.
- I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

**Approval of Expenditures**

- K Hall reviewed the monthly expenditures. President Rod Randall noted that we were able to get 4.5% on the new CD. K Hall made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$289,800.11. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

**Reports**

- Village President – Rod Randall – Congratulated the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair and Fair President Duane Gingerich for a great fair.
- Trustee – Matt Bernius – Thanked the Police department for their work during the Fair including their extra work to make sure that events were safe. Trustees C Bernius, I Gutierrez, K Hall and L Miller echoed the same sentiments.
- Trustee – Christy Miller – Noted that Ty Myers, who was the live music act from the Fair, also went around and experienced the town some before the concert (including a buggy ride) while sharing the same on his social media.
- Public Works – Grant Corum – Recently returned from vacation. Noted that some boring has been occurring in town. Also noted that the horse rut project has been completed and that invoice has been paid.

**Unfinished Business**

- None

**New Business**

- Discussion and action on a request to use the Village's lagoon area for parking during the Heart of Amish Country Pro Rodeo event on August 15-16, 2025. M Bernius made a motion to allow parking as requested. K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on Resolution R-08-04A-2025: A Resolution of the Village of Arthur in Support of the America 250 Commemoration. C Bernius made a motion to adopt Resolution R-08-04A-2025 as proposed. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA
- Discussion and action on Resolution R-08-04B-2025: A Resolution of the Village of Arthur Adopting the 2024 Douglas County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan. L Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution R-08-04B-2025 as proposed. I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA
- Discussion and action on Resolution R-08-04C-2025: A Resolution of the Village of Arthur authorizing the Village President to execute and enter into the Illinois Community Solar Subscription Agreement. The Village was able to get into the 20% savings program which renews every 5 years and will allow a 180 day opt out option. The Village will be utilizing the Atlanta, IL solar farm which will not be in operation until 2026 so we will not receive

any discounts until June of 2026. Attorney Kenneth Crossman has reviewed the Agreement, however he does have a question regarding the capacity calculation and the Village being able to request the calculation if the Village makes changes to its usage in the future. M Bernius made a motion to adopt Resolution R-08-04C-2025 as proposed subject to Attorney Crossman getting an agreeable answer to the question he has. K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- Discussion and action on a Local Tourism Grant request for cooperative group advertising in the Webster-Kirkwood Times Fall Travel Guide in the amount of \$2,250.00. George Fritz gave a brief history of use of the ad in the past. He also gave a description of the plan for the new ad in the Webster-Kirkwood Times Fall Travel Guide and the plan for small local businesses to participate as well. C Bernius made a motion to approve the Local Tourism Grant as requested. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on authorizing the Economic Development and Tourism Committee to approve funding for economic development purposes from Hotel-Motel Tax revenues and the annual economic development budget in a not-to-exceed amount as determined by the Village Board. K Hall made a motion to authorize the Economic Development and Tourism Committee funding for economic development purposes from the Hotel-Motel Tax revenues and the annual economic development budget in an amount not exceeding \$2,500.00. I Guterriez seconded. I Guterriez, K Hall, L Miller and C Bernius voted YEA. M Bernius abstained.
- Discussion and action on the installation of two (2) Peace Poles at the Welcome Center in cooperation with the Arthur Rotary Club which is participating in the International May Peace Prevail on Earth Project. President Rod Randall described the Peace Poles and possible locations near the Visitors Center for their placement. Rotary is willing to pay for the Peace Poles. Rotary is requesting Public Works to install them. M Bernius made a motion to allow the installation as requested. I Guterriez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### General Discussion

- K Hall – Was asking Grant Corum about timeline on Ash/Logan intersection with Willard. The intention was originally to get the project done before school if possible. This most likely will not happen before school starts.

#### Adjourn

- C Bernius made a motion to adjourn. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:23 pm.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

Village President

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

Village Clerk

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 18, 2025