

August 18, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Arthur, Illinois was held on Monday, August 18, 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 Grant Corum, Village Attorney Kenneth Crossman, Comptroller Erica Carter and Ariana Cherry.

Pledge of Allegiance

- President Randall asked I Guterriez to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- Village President Rod Randall read aloud a thank you note from Robert Young regarding a tree that had fallen and those who had helped clean it up.

Consent Agenda

- I Guterriez made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including:
 1. Approval of August 4, 2025 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes.
 2. Approval of the July Leak Adjustment Report
- M Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M Hilgenberg reviewed the monthly expenditures. Mike made note of the purchase of the new truck and the Library replacement tax disbursements in this month's expenditures. M Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$93,359.79. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Reports

- Village President – Rod Randall – He brought to the Board's attention the First Annual Evening at the Barn at the Amish Heritage Center which will be held on September 26th.
- R Randall made note of the passing of past Village Trustee David Tiffan. Matt Bernius read aloud the Village statement which was published publicly via Facebook on August 18, 2025.
- Trustee – K Hall – Had someone asking if we could put a little patch in the alley near the Vine Street Christian Church.
- Police – Police Chief Elliott Tinnon – Chief Tinnon reviewed the July report. He did note that they opened 31 cases for the month of July which is very high. There have been some significant issues around town. There are 3 cases that they have not been able to wrap up as of this meeting. Chief Tinnon also noted that there were 12 felony arrests of individuals who were not residents of Arthur.
- Chief Tinnon would like to thank Pauly's for feeding them during the fireworks and Beachy's Bulk Foods provided water and Gatorade. He also thanked Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Moultrie County Sheriff's Office, the Illinois State Police, Douglas County EMA, ILEAS, the Arthur Ambulance and the Arthur Street Department for all their assistance during the fireworks event.
- Chief Tinnon also noted that Bubba's Burgers and Dogs fed the uniformed officers during the fair for free. He also thanked Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Moultrie County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County EMA and the Arthur Ambulance Service for all their help and hard work for the fair.
- Chief Tinnon commended Officer Farris for his heroic efforts in attempting to assist an individual with a medical emergency at Penn Station on July 23rd. While he was ultimately unsuccessful, his efforts did not go unnoticed.
- Public Works – Grant Corum – Grant reviewed the Public Works Activity Log and stated that most things are routine and pointed out a few items that were of note. He also noted the repair at Logan and Ash street is coming along and should be completed soon.
- Comptroller – Erica Carter – Erica reviewed the Treasurers' Report for July 2025 and the balances contained therein. She also noted that the auditors were only in for a day and a half and that things went well.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

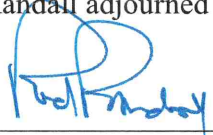
- Discussion and action on Resolution R-08-18A-2025: A Resolution Regarding Temporary Closing of the State Right-of-Way during Annual Community Events. Attorney Crossman explained the purpose of the Resolution for those who are new. C Bernius made note that the last page needs a name change from B Bernius to C Bernius. M Hilgenberg made a motion to adopt Resolution R-08-18A-2025 as proposed with the name change on the last page. C Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA
- Discussion and action temporary suspension of Sign Ordinance allowing signage on boulevards during September 4-6 Town-Wide Garage Sales Event. M Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the temporary suspension of the Sign Ordinance as proposed. K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on setting Halloween 2025 Trick-or-Treat hours. M Bernius made a motion to allow set the date and time of Friday, October 31, 2025, from 4-9pm for the Halloween 2025 Trick-or-Treat hours. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

General Discussion

- Village President Rod Randall – Liability Insurance – Rod mentioned that the Village’s insurance could be put out for bid. The downside to putting it out for bid is the amount of work that is required to put the packages together for those willing to bid. The consensus was to wait one more year before considering putting it out for bid.
- Village President Rod Randall - Safe Route Grants are available – Grant has been working with our engineer to get things completed so that the Village can apply for those grants particularly around the Arthur Grade School. He is currently waiting to hear back from the City Engineer.
- C Miller – The Cheese Festival – The Association of Commerce would like for the Trustees to be able to assist with serving cheese. Dates and times for serving are: Saturday at 9:52 and again at 4pm. Sunday at 10:30 and 2pm. Monday 9:30 and 1pm.
- Village President Rod Randall – Rod and Erica have been working on pricing flooring and paint for the Community Room. Pricing will be forthcoming to the Trustees at a future meeting.
- Village President Rod Randall – The water tower area is a work in process.
- Trustee K Hall – Inquired about our City Engineer and that it seems difficult to get things completed timely, if it might be possible to get things done sooner with someone else.
- Village President Rod Randall – Has had a large water user ask for a reduced rate for their water usage. Erica has researched and has found that a couple of local municipalities have a discount whereas another has an increased corporate rate. Rod is asking if the Trustees would want more research into the subject or if they would rather keep the rate for this large water user to stay the same. Consensus was to not pursue any research and leave the rate the same.

Adjourn

- I Guterriez made a motion to adjourn. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

APPROVED 

 Village President

ATTEST 

 Village Clerk

DATE Sept. 2, 2025