

September 2, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Arthur, Illinois was held on Monday, September 2, 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 was Village Attorney Kenneth Crossman Ariana Cherry and Cindi Reed of Dicks Pharmacy.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

- President Randall asked Matt Bernius to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Public Comment**

- President Rod Randall read aloud a letter from the Arthur Association of Commerce to thank many members of Village including board members and city employees for their assistance with the Arthur Cheese Festival. The AAOC also thanked the many volunteers who helped as well.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

- K Hall made a motion to approve the August 18, 2025, Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. C Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

- M Hilgenberg reviewed the monthly expenditures. M Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$61,054.55. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Reports**

- Village President – Rod Randall – Thanked everyone who helped make the Arthur Cheese Festival the great event that it was. He singled out Stephanie Weirman and her dedication to be there each day of the event even given the family emergency that occurred during the festival. Her dedication did not go unnoticed.
- Trustee – C Bernius – Echoed the thank you to Stephanie Weirman for all of her hard work and dedication to the Cheese Festival event. She also thanked the Trustees who came and helped serve as well.
- Trustee – M Bernius – Thanked the Arthur Police Department and the Village Public Works department for their assistance during the Cheese Festival. He also mentioned that the Fireman's breakfast served a record number this year as well.
- Trustee – I Gutierrez – Thanked all involved with the Cheese Festival.
- Trustee – K Hall – Thanked all and enjoyed seeing all of the kids having fun at the Cheese Festival.
- Trustee – L Miller – Noted that it seemed to be a great turnout for the Cheese Festival.
- Police – Police Chief Elliott Tinnon – Chief Tinnon went over his monthly report and gave some details on reasonings for the quantities of the types of calls. He also noted that the new car has arrived, and it is currently waiting for striping.
- Public Works – Rod Randall noted the Public Works Activity Log and how busy Public Works has been recently.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- None

#### **New Business**

- Discussion and action on a TIF Façade Grant request for the property at 107 South Vine Street, Arthur, IL in the amount of \$2,188.50. M Hilgenberg made a motion to postpone reviewing as Clayton Herschberger was not here to review. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on Dicks Pharmacy SkipTheCard Prescription Program. Cindi Reed noted that as of September 15, the insurance company that represents the Village of Arthur employees will no longer be accepted by Dicks Pharmacy. They attempted to obtain Rural

Rates for the Village of Arthur employees, and they were denied. She proposed an alternative which requires a Monthly Membership fee paid by all individuals in the group. There are two options available to the Village. Option 1, the patient pays 100% of cost at the pharmacy counter. Option 2, the pharmacy split bills the cost between the plan sponsor and the patient. Given the public forum of the Village Board meeting, Cindi was limited on the data she could offer to the Trustees in order for them to make an informed decision. Attorney Crossman suggested that in order for the additional information to be available to the Trustees, we could postpone discussion until an executive session could be set. Decision was made to table the discussion and set a special meeting for Monday September 8, 2025 at 5:30 pm at which an executive session will be held to discuss the options with greater detail since this does affect Village employee compensation.

- Discussion and action on a request to close the first half block of West Illinois Street by People's Bank & Trust for an event on Thursday, October 16, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. M Bernius made a motion to approve the requested road closure as proposed. I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a quote to paint the Community Room and connecting kitchen, hallway and bathrooms by Conlin Painting in the amount of \$2,930.02. C Bernius made a motion to approve proceeding with the Community Room painting as proposed. M Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a short-term temporary disability request by Arthur Police Officer Deborah Mullins. K Hall made a motion to approve the short-term temporary disability request for Arthur Police Officer Deborah Mullins. C Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

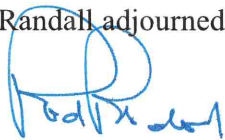
#### General Discussion

- M Bernius – On the Community Building, it seems there are many buildings being used besides the Community Building and it seems that it may possibly be because of the fee charged for the use of the building. He was wondering since it seems that we have the funds that it might be a good idea to revisit the fees charged for the use of the Community Building. Rod would like to bring it up at the next meeting.
- L Miller – Asked if the streetlights have been changed downtown as it appeared as if they might have been. Rod Randall confirmed that they have been, and it seems that the light spreads across the street better than the old lights.
- I Gutierrez wondered if with the updating of the Community Building, if the Village might be interested in updating the cabinet doors. Rod stated that it would be a great idea to see about doing that and asked Isai to check into that and let the Trustees know.

#### Adjourn

- M Bernius made a motion to adjourn. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

Sept. 15, 2025