

October 20, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Arthur, Illinois was held on Monday, October 20, 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 was Public Works Supervisor Grant Corum, Village Attorney Kenneth Crossman, Kevin Buckley of McGuire, Yuhas, Huffman & Buckley, PC, Owen Gingerich, David McGrath and Ariana Cherry.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comment

- None.

Consent Agenda

- C Bernius made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including:
 1. Approval of October 6, 2025 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes.
 2. Approval of October 8, 2025 Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes.
 3. Approval of October 15, 2025 Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes.
- L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- K Hall reviewed the monthly expenditures. K Hall made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$105,451.42. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Reports

- Auditor – Kevin Buckley of McGuire, Yuhas, Huffman & Buckley CPA's – Reviewed the recently performed audit. He noted how some funds were up and how to read the report to the trustees and how to find the details if they were looking to see what the changes were as noted in the audit report. He explained what some of the differences were from the year and how purchases of equipment affected the different funds. There was nothing of note that was alarming or unusual to report from the audit. There are a few recommendations for things to be looked at but for an entity our size, there were not many.
- Trustee – K Hall – Wondered if the new sidewalk concrete on Union has been sealed. Grant noted that they have not been, and he will see about it.
- Police – President Rod Randall – Reported that Chief Tinnon is currently out of the office after he woke up in pain over the weekend. After an ER visit, he was told he has 4 bulging discs in his lower back. He will be out for 7-10 days.
- Public Works – Grant Corum reviewed the Public Works Activity Log. Nothing out of the ordinary to note. Street sweeping will be happening a little more often now that the leaves are falling to keep the drains clean. The grant request was submitted. The Surrey Lane project will be completed hopefully one lane at a time.
- Village Attorney – Kenneth Crossman – noted that the zoning board meeting minutes need to be included in the next meeting consent agenda.

Unfinished Business

- Discussion and action on Resolution R-10-06A-2025: A Resolution Regarding Revisions to the Arthur Community Center Fee Schedule. President R Randall made a motion to postpone the action on this Resolution. M Bernius made a motion to postpone the Community Center Fee Schedule. I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

- Discussion and action on approval of the Annual Auditor's Report. M Bernius made a motion to approve the Annual Auditor's Report. C Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a bid by Buds of Hope for holiday greenery and bows to decorate the Welcome Center and Gazebo in the amount of \$684.50. They are going to try to do the red and white ribbons to go along with the other planned colors for the holiday season. C Bernius made a motion to approve bid as proposed. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on Ordinance R-10-20A-2025: An Ordinance Authorizing Variance at 419 Crestwood Drive, Arthur, Illinois 61911 to allow an accessory building exceeding fifteen (15) feet and within the side yard setback area. Attorney Crossman explained the need for the variance and that the Zoning Board had recently met and discussed it. They approved the variance at their

meeting. M Bernius made a motion to approve the Ordinance as proposed and approved at the Zoning Board meeting. K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- Discussion and action on Ordinance R-10-20B-2025: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Lot #15 of Meadowview Subdivision pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4. President Randall explained what the offer was on the lot. The home that will be put up will be a spec home. C Bernius made a motion to approve the Ordinance as proposed. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on Resolution R-10-20A-2025: A Resolution approving a building permit application for a Livestock Management Facility located at CR 120 E 300 N within the Village's Douglas County Zoning jurisdiction. Owen Gingerich was available to answer questions from the Trustees. Trustee M Bernius questioned what the purpose of the facility was and whether there will be any additional odors from the facility. Owen explained that it would be for egg laying hens and the odor created is very low. L Miller made a motion to approve the Resolution as proposed. I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on the removal of part-time officer John (JP) Lulek from the Arthur Police Department roster. President R Randall mentioned that there are no issues with his performance, merely that he was not available to work for the Village very often. M Bernius made a motion to approve the removal as proposed. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a request to post openings for two (2) part-time police officer positions for the Arthur Police Department roster. I Gutierrez made a motion to approve posting of the openings as proposed. C Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on providing a 50/50 economic development grant to the Arthur Area Association of Commerce for a WCIA/WCIX TV advertising package of 60 30-second commercials to encourage holiday shopping in Arthur in the amount of \$1,500.00. Of the \$60,000 budgeted for FY2025-2026 Economic Development, \$51,405 has been either spent or earmarked for future disbursement, leaving \$8,595. C Bernius made a motion to approve grant as proposed. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on an employee short-term temporary disability extension request. Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).) the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.
 - M 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.
 - C Bernius made a motion to return to regular session. K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
 - M Bernius made a motion to approve an additional 12 weeks of extended medical leave for Officer Mullins. I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

General Discussion

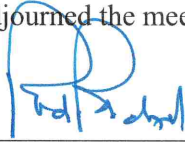
- President R Randall - Health Insurance renewal. Up 12.97% which C Bernius noted that was a very good increase compared to others. Our policy was that the Village would only do up to a 10% increase on the employees, but in the past, it has had to go above that. There is information coming on one more plan that we will wait on to decide.
- R Randall noted that Brad Cole has sent a letter stating that we need to send a letter to Chris Miller that we do not want HB3266 which requires those who get TIF Grants to have to pay prevailing wage for projects under TIF Grants. A similar letter should also be sent to Chapin Rose.
- Sarah Kitchen has interest in lots 16 & 17 in Meadowview. If those sell, the Village will have one lot left.
- R Randall asked if the Board might be interested in further development of the Meadowview subdivision. The consensus was that the Village should proceed with getting things started on Phases 3 and 4.
- C Bernius – With the Christmas season coming up there are plans for a “Candy Cane Wonderland” Event on December 6 from 8am – 8pm.
 - She would like to have the light poles wrapped in decoration for the holidays.
 - She was also wondering about having a smores event and would like to have the Village sponsor the event and possibly have the Village Trustees available to help with this part of the event. She would also like the Village Trustees participate in the parade as well.
 - She mentioned that she would possibly like to have no parking on the two blocks around the downtown for December 6th.
 - At 9am, the Cross Country Team is having a Candy Cane Run which would necessitate the closure of those two blocks as well.

- C Bernius – The Candy Cane Wonderland – They are asking several individuals and businesses who will commit to place a candy cane inflatable at each of their locations and call it “The Great Christmas Inflatable Trail”. They are reaching out to several close villages/communities to see if they would like to participate as well with the Village of Arthur. Oye’s Hardware has partnered with the event and will carry the inflatables. This would be during the Christmas season. The advertising approved previously in this meeting will involve advertising for this as well.
- R Randall – Kudos to our Police department. They were able to stop an issue with counterfeiting happening in town.

Adjourn

- I Guterriez made a motion to adjourn. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

APPROVED _____



Village President

ATTEST _____



Village Clerk

DATE Nov. 3, 2025