

November 17, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Arthur, Illinois was held on Monday, November 17, 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 Guterriez, Kurt Hall, Lamar Miller and Christy Bernius. Also present were Deputy Clerk Erica Carter, Grant Corum, Chief Elliott Tinnon, Village Attorney Kenneth Crossman, Sherri Stewart of American Central Insurance, Larry Schlabach, and Ariana Cherry.

Pledge of Allegiance

- President Randall asked I Guterriez 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 20, 2025 Board of Trustees Executive Session Minutes.
 2. Approval of November 3, 2025 Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
 3. Approval of November 3, 2025 Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes.
 4. Approval of October 2025 Leak Adjustment Report.
- M Bernius 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 \$86,422.32. I Guterriez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Reports

- Village President – Rod Randall – AAOC meeting is rescheduled for 7am on 11/18 at Yoder's Kitchen.
- Trustee – M Bernius – Congratulated the Knights football team.
- C Bernius – Congratulated the Knights Football team. She also noted appreciation for Police Chief Tinnon helping get the team back into town with an escort.
- C Bernius – Noted that there are over 21 communities participating in the Christmas plans now and Oye's Hardware has sold over 60 candy canes.
- C Bernius – Noted that the Park Board did not approve for the Christmas Tree to be at the Dicks lot. She noted that they will need to provide a Certificate of Insurance since placement will be on Village property. R Randall noted that the tree will be put up on the 19th. Rod asked Grant Corum to see if the tables could be moved.
- K Hall – Noted that some of the storefronts are starting to decorate and make things look nice uptown.
- L Miller – Congratulated the Knights football team as well.
- Police – Chief Elliott Tinnon – Elliott noted that they expect a large crowd for the football game this coming Saturday. He will be reaching out to the county for their assistance.
- Public Works – Grant Corum – Reviewed the Public Works Activity Log and noted the first snow of the season occurred during this last period. Noted that the parts for well #9 were expected to come in and get on the schedule here soon. Noted that the sidewalk on Surrey Lane should be poured this coming week.
- Comptroller – Erica Carter – Reviewed the Treasurer's Report for October 2025.

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business

- Discussion and action on 2026 Village employee health insurance program. Sherri Stewart of American Central Insurance Services reviewed the options. R Randall asked Sherri to give a better description of the level-funded option. She stated that it gives small groups a better way to save money. From an employee standpoint, it will operate exactly the same as their previous type of insurance. Employees would have access to essentially the same provider network. From the employer standpoint, it would operate the same as well. The difference is on the backend. The premium is actually being split into different parts and depending on the census information, they will say the coverage will cost \$X. \$X will go in an admin bucket, \$X goes in a claim bucket and the rest goes into a stop-loss bucket. The stop-loss will help protect from the catastrophic claims. At the end of the year, if there is money not used in one bucket, then the money could potentially

come back to the Village. Claims would be reviewed at renewal time and rates would be determined on how the previous year went as far as claims. If the renewal rate is high, the option for the next year would be to go back to a non-level funded plan. Sherri noted that even though renewal of the current plans are not terrible at 13%, the level funded plan would save 4.64%. Level funded plans do require a couple of extra filings during the year and that she can help with that. C Bernius asked if the surplus funds at the end of the plan year would be held if the plan was renewed. Sherri noted that they would not be held other than to make sure all claims are covered during the period. Christy asked if the stop loss has any exclusions. Sherri stated that in general things will be covered unless it is not covered by the plan. Enrollment is during the month of December, so a decision does not have to be made tonight. Christy noted that she was ok with the level funded plan with no fees on the surplus fund return at the end of the policy period. I Gutierrez made a motion to approve proceeding with a level funded option. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- Discussion and action on serving alcohol at an event on Saturday, November 29, 2025 in the Community Room. Erica Carter noted that they decided not to do alcohol at this event.
- Discussion and action on Ordinance 11-17A-2025: An Ordinance authorizing sale of Lots #16 & #17 of Meadowview Subdivision pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4. Attorney Crossman noted that we have received offers on the two lots. The offer is only \$1 short of being acceptable for what the Village has in the property. The offer was conditional that no other lots will be zoned for multi families on Beech Street within the bounds of Meadowview. There are already multi-family residences in the subdivision. Attorney Crossman suggested accepting the offer barring the condition regarding the zoning for multi-family residences. M Bernius made a motion to approve the sale of Lots #16 & #17 with the change to increase the price \$1 and without the condition barring multi-family residences which are already existing. K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a TIF Construction Grant request by Rural Patriot LLC for the property at 119 S Vine Street, Arthur, IL in the amount of \$7,768.00. Larry Schlabach described the need for the Grant including repair of the stucco with the completion of the mural to be painted during the 2026 Strawberry Festival. Rod Randall noted that the other half of the funds may be raised by donations. Rod reviewed the Evaluation Criteria with the Trustees. The Evaluation Criteria score resulted in coverage of only up to 20% of the project. Larry would like to reapply for the project as a Façade Grant which would result in coverage of up to 50%. K Hall noted that there are 2 trees next to the wall. Rod noted that neither Larry nor the Village would like to get rid of those trees. L Miller made a motion to approve a Façade Grant for this project pending completion of the paperwork and submission by Larry Schlabach and that he will bring a letter from the building owner stating that they understand that it will be an improvement to their building (that they understand that this will limit future grant amounts for façade work on that building). I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on approving TIF Temporary Capital Improvement Grants as recommended by the Economic Development and Tourism Committee. C Bernius noted the Economic Development meeting preceding this meeting and that there were 3 applications totaling \$7,500 that were reviewed during that meeting and approved to forward to the Board meeting. C Bernius made a motion to approve the TIF Temporary Capital Improvement Grants as proposed. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action a proposal from CorrPro for an inspection of the water tower's cathodic protection system in 2026 for the amount of \$1,705.00. Grant Corum noted that when the tower was repainted that a new cathodic protection was installed. It was recommended that after a year of operation the system be inspected. M Bernius made a motion to approve the proposal from CorrPro as proposed. I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a direct purchase from KAGE Innovation of a new Snow Storm 14' wide plow/pusher combination for the Case wheel loader in the amount of \$21,500.00. Grant Corum noted that this has been discussed in the past. The current pusher was purchased quite some time ago. The current pusher is stationary and does not clean as good as it could. The new one is not stationary and could improve the quality and timeliness of removing snow. The height of the new plow would give more plow ability as well. The new one would allow for directing the snow. M Bernius made a motion to approve the purchase as proposed. K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on Ordinance 11-17B-2025: An Ordinance Approving of the 2025-2026 Tax Levy with an increase under the 5% required for a Truth In Taxation Hearing. Attorney Crossman

noted that the Village is doing a 3.5% increase. C Bernius made a motion to approve Ordinance 11-17B-2025: An Ordinance Approving of the 2025-2-26 Tax Levy as proposed. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

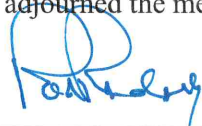
General Discussion

- Grant Corum – ERTC – He had contacted them in the past about perspective employees. They currently have a candidate looking for a 10-week internship next summer. He will graduate in May and will need 10 weeks in order to obtain his 2 licenses. Grant does not have all of the information as far as pay for the intern. Also, he is unsure if this intern would be interested in staying when the internship is complete. Matt Bernius noted that he would support having the intern next summer. Grant will get more details and bring the information to the Board at a later date.
- K Hall – Inquired about a one-way sign in Oye’s alley. Grant was not sure if that alley was in the ordinance book to see if it should be a one-way alley or not and he would check into the ordinance book.

Adjourn

- M Bernius made a motion to adjourn. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

Dec. 1, 2025