

December 15, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Arthur, Illinois was held on Monday, December 15, 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 Comptroller Erica Carter, Chief Elliott Tinnon, Village Attorney Kenneth Crossman and Arianna Cherry.

Pledge of Allegiance

- President Randall asked C Bernius 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 November 2025 Leak Adjustment Report.
 2. Approval of December 1, 2025 Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
 3. Approval of December 1, 2025 Village Board of Trustees 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 \$41,611.38. I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Reports

- Village President – Rod Randall – Thanked Christy Bernius for all of her work on the Christmas event. Also extended appreciation to Public Works on their work with the recent snow fall.
- Trustee – C Bernius – thanked Public Works for their work with the recent snow fall also. Noted that the recent Christmas event was a great success.
- Trustee – M Bernius – Echoed the thanks to Public Works as well. Noted how many entries there were for the parade and the number of people in attendance for the parade.
- Trustee – I Gutierrez, K Hall and L Miller – Also thanked Public Works for their efficiency and hard work recently as well.
- Police – Chief Elliott Tinnon – Noted that the 2017 pickup truck water pump went out again. It was under warranty so was replaced. Woody did the replacement but fears there may be more issues to keep an eye on. Hope to keep the truck running at least until it can be replaced next year.
- Chief Tinnon attended a 911 board meeting and they are in the preliminary stages of updating the radio system. It is in the very early stages of planning. Chief Tinnon noted that it may lead to some future expenditures for the Village Police department in the future.
- Chief Tinnon noted that Leo Meyer did pass his Power test and will start riding with Arthur officers this coming Thursday and then will report to Belleville on January 4th for 16 weeks.
- Public Works – Rod Randall – Read aloud a letter from the Village of Atwood President, Bill Fleming regarding assistance given to their Village when their salt truck broke down and the Village of Arthur Public Works department was able to fill in and help take care of their roads as well.
- Public Works – Grant Corum –
 - Noted the events that had occurred when the salt truck broke down in Atwood.
 - M Bernius asked if we had an updated intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Atwood. Attorney Crossman noted that we do not.
 - Noted that we have some rather large piles of snow now and that it would be nice if some of the larger ones could be hauled out of the downtown area. He would like to have the option to haul some of the larger piles of snow out to the lagoons. He would likely need to hire out the trucking to move the snow more efficiently.
 - Noted that the shoe/clothing donation box seems to have moved and that it seems to be in an inconvenient place. Grant will ask the IGA about it.
 - Noted that the pile of snow next to the telephone company building seems to be coming from the bank and the pile of snow was large enough that cars coming out from the alley behind the post office could not see west without pulling out into the street first. He will stop by and discuss with the State Bank of Arthur.
 - Noted that the generator is installed and running at the wells, which was not on his report.
 - Work on well #9 will begin tomorrow.
- Comptroller – Erica Carter –
 - Noted that there was some fraud discovered during reconciliation which is causing the accounts to be off balance by \$7,690. It has been recommended by multiple people (municipalities, auditors, etc) to start using Positive Pay for future transaction approval to clear the bank. Attorney Crossman raised the concern that using Positive Pay would then leave the Village liable if a transaction clears that is fraud. He recommended checking into that and not pursuing the Positive Pay option if that is

the case. If we choose not to use Positive Pay approval process, the only other option is to close the bank account and open a new account. Erica noted that she will check into it and pass along the information.

- Reviewed the balances in the accounts.
- Noted that there is a new additional charge from Intuit for processing payroll.
- Village Attorney – Kenneth Crossman –
 - Closed on lot #16 & 17 this morning. There is one lot left in phase 2.
 - Rod asked Grant if he had reached out to Mike Sutherland regarding Phase 3 and 4. Grant will now that the snow clean up seems to be dwindling down.

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business

- Discussion and action on a TIF Façade Grant request by Progress Rentals for the property at 179 N Spruce Street, Arthur, IL in the amount of \$10,000.00. L Miller made a motion to postpone action on the grant request since there was no representative present to discuss the request. I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a proposal from Leaf It To Us Total Tree Care Plus, LLC for the removal of ten (10) trees and three (3) stumps on the Village right-of-way at residents' requests in the amount of \$10,975.00. M Bernius made a motion to approve moving forward with the proposal from Leaf It To Us Total Tree Care Plus, LLC as proposed. K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on the water treatment disinfection process in regard to Mi-Ox versus traditional bulk chlorine. Grant explained the difficulties with the Mi-Ox generator. He believes that the Mi-Ox unit has done what it was supposed to do. However, the cell that converts the salt water to chlorine went bad costing around \$27,000. With the company changing hands, the warranty process seems to have changed, and the cell was possibly not under warranty. They offered to refurbish the cell for \$12,000. Grant noted that the unit is currently running fine, however if we are going to continue with this unit, we are going to need to get another brine pump to have on the shelf in the event of a breakdown, which will cost around \$2,000. Attorney Crossman noted that it would be good to push them on the warranty issue and Grant stated that he would be happy to share his email correspondence with him to assist. The backup option currently is to go back to a chlorine pump which requires keeping chlorine on hand which does lose its potency over time and is very pricy. No motion was made.

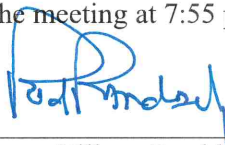
General Discussion

- Chief of Police Tinnon has been approached by Flock, the license plate reading company. The Police Office has used the cameras to help solve several cases. Douglas County has asked if the Village would be interested in additional cameras. It appears that the cameras would cost around \$3,000 per camera per year. He has found a grant through the Attorney General's office that is only open for a month for these cameras. Chief Tinnon is considering purchasing 2 cameras. The cameras read license plates only and do take pictures of the rear of the vehicle. Douglas County is planning on placing a camera near the Arthur Fire Station. We would have access to this camera but would need to contact Douglas County in order to access. The cameras give a 10-second notification if the user is logged into the system. Chief Tinnon does not feel that there is any "big brother" issue with these cameras after his research into these cameras.
- Matt Bernius – Noted that there is an inoperable truck that has been parked by the grade school. Chief Tinnon noted that they were granted an extension, however it is due to be towed.
- K Hall – asked about the "do not enter" sign for the alley behind Oye's Hardware. Grant noted that there was no ordinance in the books.

Adjourn

- L Miller made a motion to adjourn. M Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

1/19/2026