

April 6, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Arthur, Illinois was held on Monday, April 6, 2026, 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, Jim Fleming, Isai Guterriez, Kurt Hall, Lamar Miller and Christy Bernius. Also present were Police Chief Elliot Tinnon, Public Works Grant Corum, Village Attorney Kenneth Crossman, Faezeh Parsa of the Arthur Park District, Larry Schlabach and Ariana Cherry.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

- President Randall asked Chief Tinnon 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 March 2026 Leak Adjustment Report
  2. Approval of March 16, 2026 Water & Sewer/Streets & Alleys Committee Minutes
  3. Approval of March 16, 2026 Village Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes.
- I Guterriez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

- J Fleming reviewed the monthly expenditures. Jim reviewed a few larger items on the listing of expenditures and noted the cancellation of a payment resulting in a different total of expenditures reported. J Fleming made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$36,786.17. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Reports**

- Police – Chief Elliott Tinnon – Reviewed the March 2026 report, noting that the numbers show increased activity due to the warmer weather.
- Chief Tinnon discussed that he has been working with GTSI in Effingham. They have quoted a revamp of all of the communications systems including the in-car systems. These systems are compatible with Douglas and Moultrie Counties. For about the same cost as the Motorola system which was not compatible. He has noted that the customer service side of this proposal has been a little disappointing, but for the savings it seems worth it.
- Public Works – Grant Corum – Reviewed the Public Works Activity Log for the last couple of weeks. He noted the repair of the 2” line to the pool that broke over the winter. There is one house with low pressure, and he thinks they may possibly have a leak. Rod asked about possible copper testing in the future. Grant says he will do a full report on that testing soon.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- None.

#### **New Business**

- Discussion and action on setting Town-Wide Cleanup Days for Saturday June 20, 2026, and Saturday, September 19, 2026. Rod noted that the container cost is approximately \$3,500 each time. If we don't fill a container, they won't charge us for it. Attorney Crossman suggested sending a letter to those residences who are possibly an issue to let them know that the opportunity is coming to help clean things up. C Bernius made a motion to approve the dates as presented. I Guterriez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on Economic Development Assistance Grant recommendations by the Economic Development Committee. C Bernius presented the request from the Arthur Rotary Club for \$8,000. C Bernius made a motion to approve the grant requests as presented. J Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a TIF Façade Grant request for the property at 123 South Vine Street, Arthur in the amount of \$8,400.00. Larry Schlabach described the items being replaced to display some of the fireworks. L Miller made a motion to approve the TIF Façade Grant request as presented. I Guterriez seconded. M Bernius noted that he was concerned about putting money into a storefront that is not open yet. Larry noted that he would not want his equipment in there if the building was not going to open and it was empty. Lamar amended his motion with the contingency that the storefront should be active. I Guterriez again seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a TIF Construction Grant request by the Arthur Park District. Faezeh Parsa presented the request after having a full season to review the needs.

- First item, they would like to replace the pool slide staircase and landing on which the metal has rusted to the place where it cannot be repaired anymore. Tri County Welding has recommended replacement at a cost of around \$5,000.
- Second, they would like to epoxy the floors of the concession stand and bathroom areas which will help them last several years.
- Third, the entry doors to the pool building are rotted through as well and replacement doors were quoted by Tri County Welding and will utilize the door frames that are currently there.
- Lastly, the lighting inside the pool house is very old and most do not work. They would like to move to a plastic casing with LED lighting which would increase the lighting in the pool house. It has been quoted by Apex Electric at \$4,700, which also includes 3 fans as well. She noted that they did receive a quote from Harris Electric as well that was twice as much as Apex.
- The Board went through the Evaluation Criteria list. After review, it does meet the criteria for up to 50%. M Bernius made a motion to approve the TIF Construction Grant request as presented. K Hall seconded. I Gutierrez questioned if there were any grant options with Ameren possibly. Faezeh noted that she has inquired but has yet to receive a response. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a proposal from Weir-Wolf automated cleaning system to install brushes on the clarifier arm at the wastewater treatment plant in the amount of \$27,420.00. Grant described the need for the brushes. He noted that the brushes would need to be replaced after about 2 seasons but those can be replaced by Public Works and will be around \$300. M Bernius made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. J Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a proposal from Farnsworth Group for the design engineering of water main loops for Carriage Court, Chaise Lane and Redbird Lane in the amount of \$26,800.00. Grant described the need for the engineering to be performed. M Bernius made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on employee hiring, wages, salaries and bonuses. Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.
  - C Bernius made a motion to enter into an Executive Session. M Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
  - C Bernius made a motion to return from Executive Session. J Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
  - Grant Corum and Elliott Tinnon returned to the room.
  - C Bernius made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 payroll schedule as presented. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted Yea.

### **General Discussion**

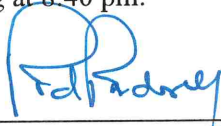
- Review of the Administration, Public Works and Police Department Preliminary Budget Proposals.
  - R Randall reviewed the Administration budget and noted the possibility of adding a generator to the Community Building. He also noted Economic Development budget bumped up a little bit which includes operation of the Welcome Center. He anticipates \$20,000 in revenue from the grocery tax and would like to put that back into the community. He noted that the Village used only 40% of the Administration budget anyway.
  - Chief Tinnon reviewed the Police Department proposed budget of which he adjusted by 5-6% which included a 4% cost of living adjustment as far as payroll on the budget. He noted that he did increase the vehicle service and repair budget line item after going over this current year. And he also increased the Equipment line item to account for the vehicle upfit, new radios, new tasers, Flock cameras and other upgrades that are upcoming. He reviewed a few other line item increases and their need.
  - Grant Corum reviewed the Street and Alley proposed budget. The salaries account increase (compared to 25-26 actual) was due to not filling a position for the 25-26 fiscal year but the planned filling of the position in the 26-27 year. Other increases were due to equipment repairs and replacement, replacement of sidewalks/alleys, repairs of the building across from the shop, road patch equipment possible purchase, intersection repairs, firewalls and internet security upgrades.
  - Grant Corum reviewed the Water & Sewer proposed budget. He noted a possible restroom repair, repairs to buildings, repairs to fences, items included in the Capital Improvement Plan, engineering costs, postage costs and refuse collection service increases and decreases that he has planned for 26-27.
  - R Randall noted that the proposed budgets will be tentatively voted on at the next meeting
- CIMOA meeting is in Mahomet on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. If any Trustees are interested in attending, please contact Rod by April 16<sup>th</sup>.

- Rod also sent a letter to each of the Trustees from the Association of Commerce if they were interested in an individual membership. And at 5:30 on April 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting at the Community Building.

**Adjourn**

- J Fleming made a motion to adjourn. K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_



Village President

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_



Village Clerk

DATE

Apr. 20, 2026