

April 20, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Arthur, Illinois was held on Monday, April 20, 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 Gutierrez, Kurt Hall, Lamar Miller and Christy Bernius. Also present were Police Chief Elliot Tinnon, Comptroller Erica Carter, Public Works Grant Corum, Stephanie Wireman, Village Attorney Kenneth Crossman and Jay Martin.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

- President Randall asked M 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 March 16, 2026 Water & Sewer/Streets & Alleys Joint Committee Executive Session Minutes
  2. Approval of April 6, 2026 Village Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes.
- K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

- J Fleming reviewed the monthly expenditures. J Fleming made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$29,779.66. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Reports**

- Police – Chief Elliott Tinnon – Officer Meyer graduates Friday and will be with Elliott Monday. Radios are currently being demoed and are not working as they had hoped. Will most likely not move forward with the Kenwood and will likely go forward with the Motorola. The quote for Motorola may have gone down with a possible rebate.
- Public Works – Grant Corum – Reviewed his regular report and various items within. He noted that a leak was discovered that they had been searching for.
- Comptroller – Erica Carter – She received an email that Mary Miller did not select our grant project. She reviewed the treasurers report and various items and levels reached so far this fiscal year.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- None.

#### **New Business**

- Discussion and action on a proposal from Herschberger Concrete to replace the intersection of South Poplar Street and East Park Street in the amount of \$21,547.42. Grant reviewed the work needed to be completed. L Miller made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a proposal from L & M Construction to replace the siding on the exterior west wall of Village Hall in the amount of \$7,440.00. Grant reviewed the need and that the light fixtures will be taken down and put back up while the siding is being installed. M Bernius made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. C Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a proposal from APTechnologies to install firewalls at the Public Works facility and both treatment plants in the amount of \$7,989.00. Jay Martin explained the items to be installed and the service it would be replacing. The phone and internet bills will decline by changing to Conxxus and a VoIP phone line. He explained the need for a firewall on the public utilities and also noted that automated backups will be completed once everything is set up as well. 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 J&K Kustoms to treat the drainage ditch for poison hemlock in the amount of \$14,500.00. Grant described the service that be provided and how well it worked last year. He noted that IDNR says it is a 3-5 year process to eradicate the problem. Discussion on doing a reduced and less expensive process from last year that has proven effective in subsequent years of treatment and going to the respective Drainage Districts asking them to contribute in the future. K Hall made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on holding an event on July 8, 2026 for the National Day of Reading the Declaration of Independence. Rod suggested that the Village host the event at 5pm at the Village Welcome Center. He would like to have each of the Trustees participate in the reading. M Bernius made a motion to approve the event as presented. C Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- Discussion and action on the purchase of Freedom Celebration shirts. Rod suggested using the apparel line in the budget to pay for shirts for the Trustees to ride and wear their Freedom Celebration shirts. He suggested extending it to all employees of the Village. I Guterriez made a motion to approve the purchase as presented. J Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on water and sewer rates. Rod reviewed the differences in the new rates if using a 1% (\$12,000 revenue increase), 2% (\$24,000 revenue increase), etc. The last increase was 5%, which was July 1, 2025. M Bernius made a motion to approve a rate increase of 1% as presented. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on FY 2026-2027 Budget Proposal. M Bernius made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. J Fleming 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 an Executive Session. J Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
  - C Bernius made a motion to return from Executive Session. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
  - K Hall made a motion to pay Grant for his time worked this past winter for the emergency overtime of \$3,500 with the Village taking care of the payroll taxes. J Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted Yea.

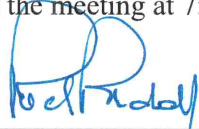
**General Discussion**

- L Miller asked about a “Slow Children Playing” sign at 4<sup>th</sup> and Elm Streets. Attorney Crossman noted that an ordinance is not needed. K Hall asked if the solar powered speed sign could possibly go there for a short time also.
- K Hall – L&M Construction item. He noted that the quote does have Tyvek install in it.
- K Hall - Herschberger Concrete invoice – the invoice does not show that the concrete will be sealed.

**Adjourn**

- I Guterriez made a motion to adjourn. M Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

May 4, 2026