

May 18, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Arthur, Illinois was held on Monday, May 18, 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 Public Works Grant Corum, Village Attorney Kenneth Crossman, Dave Allen, Marsha Bowyer, Jerry Winters, Ariana Cherry, Stephanie Wireman and Sarah Reedy of the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Assn.

Pledge of Allegiance

- President Randall asked Matt Bernius to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- None.

Public Hearing

- Public hearing on the 2026-2027 Appropriation Ordinance.
 - Rod Randall opened the hearing up for comment. There was none.
 - The hearing was closed.

Consent Agenda

- C Bernius made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including:
 - Approval of April 2026 Leak Adjustment Report
 - Approval of May 4, 2026 Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - Approval of May 4, 2026 Executive Session 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 \$16,761.38. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Reports

- Village President – Rod Randall
 - The Peace Poles have been installed. Rotary will come next Thursday for a photo op after their regular meeting.
- Trustee – Christy Bernius – There was a great Baccalaureate last night. Graduation will be next weekend.
- Trustee - Kurt Hall – Asked for consideration of taking all of the corner parking spots downtown and creating more handicapped parking spots. M Bernius stated that at one point there was a study done regarding handicapped parking downtown as well.
- Police – R Randall – Noted that the evening of May 22, Larry Schlabach has requested to test his new fireballs. This will be held toward the end of the graduation ceremony.
- Public Works – Grant Corum –
 - Trying to keep the drains going with the rain that has been coming down lately.
 - Still working on flagging utilities with Fidium install.
 - Reviewed the Public Works Activity Log items.
- Comptroller – R Randall – Reviewed the Treasurers Report for April. He noted the levels reached to date this year.

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business

- Discussion and action 2026-2027 Appropriation Ordinance 05-18A-2026. J Fleming made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. M Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on a Moultrie-Douglas County Fair liquor license request. Sarah Reedy presented information for the request. She noted that the dates for the fair are July 26 through August 2, 2026. The dates needed for the license are July 31 through August 2, 2026. Sarah noted the locations for the planned events which are slightly different this year with the construction going on at the school. Attorney Crossman noted that this is subject to insurance. M Bernius made a motion to approve the request as presented subject to insurance coverage being presented. K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on Arthur Area Association of Commerce parade routes, downtown parking space use, street closures, and other event requests for 2026. Stephanie Wireman presented the dates and times that road closures were needed for each event that the Association presents. C Bernius made a motion to approve the request as presented. J Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- Discussion and action on a “Fly Our Flag for Freedom” Project in cooperation with the Arthur Rotary Club. Dave Allen presented information regarding the Project. It was requested that the Village purchase the flags or yard signs in order to help save on sales tax and collect payments from anyone interested in purchasing. Rotary will either deliver or have available for pick up at the Village office. It was asked if the signs could be displayed on the boulevards from June 25 to July 8. Matt Bernius made a motion to pledge \$1,000 toward the program at \$10 per flag and to approve the project as presented. J Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on an Economic Development Grant request from Simply Arthur. Kenneth Crossman presented the Grant request. This grant is to be used to cover wages paid to Simply Arthur employees which includes Angie Parsons being at the Welcome Center and Millie Otto cleaning the same weekly. C Bernius made a motion to approve the request as presented. I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on hiring Trey Strode for the seasonal open position in the Public Works Department. Grant Corum explained the need for filling the position. J Fleming made a motion to approve the hiring. M Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on Resolution R-05-18A-2026: A resolution concerning the minutes of closed meetings and the opening of minutes no longer considered confidential. K Crossman reviewed the minutes being considered for opening. C Bernius made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. L Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion and action on Resolution R-05-18B-2026: A resolution concerning tapes of closed meetings and the destroying of tapes at least eighteen months old for meeting minutes which have been opened. K Crossman reviewed the list of recordings. C Bernius made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. I Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA except for K Hall who abstained due to not being on the Board for 18 months.
- Discussion and action on possible property acquisitions. Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) & (6): The purchase or lease of real property.
 - C Bernius made a motion to enter an Executive Session. J Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
 - L Miller made a motion to return to regular session. K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
 - No action was taken.

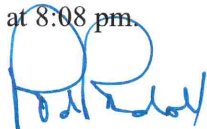
General Discussion

- I Gutierrez noted that he has heard there are several who like the new grocery store. Discussion on how they are marketing their opening. It was also noted that the parking lot seems to be full each Saturday as well.
- K Hall noted that on Taylor Lane where the flooding has been an issue, it is not yet resolved. Discussion on what the issues are with the drainage line which is mostly under the sidewalk.
- M Bernius – the home on Union Street will be torn down next week and they plan to rebuild.
- C Bernius – Noted that the paper is out of the window at the old Frenchie’s building. There is a business hoping to be open in June at the tanning and treats building.

Adjourn

- C Bernius made a motion to adjourn. K Hall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

June 1, 2026