

October 7, 2019

A Work Session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, October 7, 2019, in the Village Board Room. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Justin Ray, Christy Miller, and Jenni Marner. Trustees Mike Hilgenberg and Paul Pearce joined the meeting in progress. Village Attorney Kenny Crossman and Grant Corum were also present.

**Public Comment**

none

**New Business**

1. President Randall reported that Matt Bernius and Kenny Crossman went with him to a meeting with Mike Niehaus, who is a developer. They discussed potential places to develop senior housing using the Tax-Credit system. M. Bernius previously toured some of Mike Niehaus' developments in Jacksonville. M. Bernius presented slides and reported that he saw various phases of construction and the building materials used. Niehaus is interested in a parcel of land extending east of Rhema Drive that includes 4.76 acres, where 20-24 units would be built. Residents in the housing units would have to be at least 62 years old and not make over \$43,000.00 a year. The main cost to the Village would be the roadways. Discussion took place on the water, sewer, roadway, and property lines. The properties would be tax-deferred for fifteen years. It was decided to gather more information on the cost of roadways.
2. Discussion also took place on the potential use of Village-owned Walnut Street property for Senior Housing Development. Mike Niehaus is interested in this property for a four-residence duplex. Discussion took place on the price and use of this property.
3. President Randall provided an update on the impact of the sale of cannabis in Illinois municipalities. President Randall, Kenny Crossman, and Christy Miller attended workshops at the IML conference regarding cannabis sales. President Randall went over information regarding dispensaries, what will be prohibited, extent of the local authority, what will be taxed, and employer liability. President Randall noted there are conflicting statements and unanswered questions from the General Assembly regarding this law. More information will continue to be gathered.

**General Discussion**

none

**Adjourn**

M. Bernius made a motion to adjourn. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 6:48pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE 10-21-19