

January 15, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, January 15, 2018, in the Village Board Room. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Tyrel Ledbetter, Dave Tiffan, Jenni Marner, and Paul Pearce. Trustee Mike Hilgenberg was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comment

Visitors present were Benny Durbin, Bob Doan, Shaun Meredith, Amanda Meredith, Kristen Meredith, and Daniel Meredith.

Consent Agenda

- P. Pearce made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Board of Trustee Work Session Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2017, the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2017, the Community Relations and Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2017, the Police Committee Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2018, and the Community Relations and Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2018. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- P. Pearce made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$47,464.89. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall offered condolences to the Kuhns and Hilgenberg families. The community is saddened by the loss of Kara Kuhns.
- With the recent snowfall, the Public Works department has done a great job with snow removal.

Trustees' Reports

- Matt Bernius also commended Public Works for the snow removal, especially around the Methodist Church in preparation for funeral services.
- Ty Ledbetter added his condolences to the family of Kara Kuhns and appreciation to Public Works.
- Jenni Marner provided pictures and ideas for revitalizing the Welcome Center area. The Community Relations & Tourism Committee has been meeting with MSA Professional Services and local community members to organize ideas and develop a preliminary plan. The committee would like feedback from the Village Board on the ideas presented. Currently, the tour buses that come to town do not have the needed facilities at the Welcome Center. Discussion took place about restrooms, picnic tables, information center, bike rental, and welcome sign. President Randall noted that this is a staged project, not to happen all at once. D. Tiffan commended MSA for their work.
- Dave Tiffan thanked the Public Works for clearing snow and noted positive comments he received from a citizen regarding efficiency of snow removal.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman provided monthly reports, an annual report, and a comparison report from 1998-2017.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Public Works Supervisor Grant Corum was absent. He provided a written report of recent activities.

Village Attorney's Report

No report

Comptroller's Report

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter provided a treasurer's report and balance sheet.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- M. Bernius made a motion to re-publish the Request for Proposal for the sale and redevelopment of 223 North Walnut Street, Village of Arthur, County of Moultrie and renewing the bid deadline until April 16, 2018. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Chief Goodman reported that after an interview process and a Police Committee meeting, he recommends hiring Shaun Meredith as a full-time police officer. Meredith worked as a police officer in Bloomington, IL for ten years. He currently works as private security in Champaign, IL. D. Tiffan also gave his recommendation and made a motion to hire Shaun Meredith as a full-time police officer with a starting salary of \$18.00 an hour and a \$0.50 per hour retroactive raise for moving to Arthur. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall welcomed Shaun, who expressed his appreciation for this opportunity.
- President Randall received a call from the Postmaster regarding businesses in the Progress area who need addresses that help people better locate them. North Spruce Street was recommended. This is private property, so K. Crossman drafted an agreement for business owners to sign. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the agreement with the businesses using North Spruce Street addresses. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Crossman gave the history of the control cable and water main that goes across Lot #42 of the Meadowview Subdivision. M. Bernius made a motion to vacate and abandon the control cable and raw water main easement which are no longer active and run across Lot #42 of the Meadowview Subdivision. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

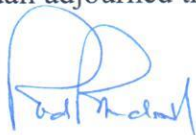
General Discussion

T. Ledbetter asked about the Class C liquor license and when those are renewed, which is in May. Village Clerk Rhonda Rhodes swore in Shaun Meredith as full-time police officer.

Adjourn

M. Bernius made a motion to adjourn. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:31pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

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