

February 19, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, February 19, 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, Mike Hilgenberg, Jenni Marner, and Paul Pearce. Trustees Tyrel Ledbetter and Dave Tiffan were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Randall asked Kenny Crossman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Visitors present were Stephanie Alexander, Benny Durbin, and Christy Miller.

Consent Agenda

- P. Pearce made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2018, and the Police Committee Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2018. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- P. Pearce made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$47,612.76, with one change. Check 46936 should be changed from Consolidated Communication to Consolidated Services. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall congratulated Kenny and Emily Crossman on the birth of their daughter, Ruby Jane Crossman.

Trustees' Reports

- Jenni Marner reported that a meeting will be held February 21, 2018 to discuss the Welcome Center plans.
- Paul Pearce reported that a Finance Committee will be held soon to discuss goals and planning for the community.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman provided a monthly report. Chief Goodman is preparing a press release regarding a search warrant issued on February 16, 2018 for an Arthur residence that resulted in three felony arrests.
- Discussion took place on the appearance of local properties and yards, especially as spring approaches. Discussion also took place on grass ordinances, city beautification, and what the city does when there is a violation.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided a monthly activity log for the Public Works Department. There was a recent need for spreading salt and repairing a water main break.

Comptroller's Report

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter was unable to attend the meeting, but provided a treasurer's report. Paul Pearce reported that we are slightly above average on sales tax revenue, which is a good economic indicator for the Arthur area.

Village Attorney's Report

- Village Attorney Kenny Crossman reported the he has sent out ordinance violation letters to people with unpaid tickets. He will meet with the Police Committee to decide how to proceed with violations that continue to go unpaid.

Tourism Director's Report

- Tourism Director Christy Miller reported that approximately 230,000 visitors came through the Welcome Center last year, not including buses. An estimated total of over 500,000 visitors came to Arthur last year, which is up 9%. This number includes 51 countries and 45 states. Christy continues to talk with investors. She is going to

the Governor's Conference on Travel and Tourism in Chicago the week of February 26, 2018. Christy reported on a partnership with Champaign County that promotes Arthur in their bus tours. An increase in bus tourism is expected in the future.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- Stephanie Alexander reported on a request for a special event liquor license for the Moultrie Douglas County Fair beer tent. The fair will be held July 8-14, 2018. The request for hours of operation for the beer tent are July 11-13 from 4:00pm to 1:00am and July 14 from 12:00pm to 1:00am. There will be no alcohol sales after 12:30am, with patrons clearing by 1:00am. Permission was also requested for alcohol sales at the Main Grandstand on July 14 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm. M. Bernius made a motion to accept the fair board's request for a special event liquor license for these dates. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the recommended street closure for the Moultrie Douglas County Fair. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Kenny Crossman explained that before the Meadowview Subdivision Lots 14-21; 41 and 42 can be sold, the property needs to be appraised. The county does not meet the requirements in the statute listed in Resolution #2018-1 due to unemployment rates in Moultrie and Douglas Counties being lower than the national average. Discussion took place on the lots and how to proceed. M. Bernius made a motion to postpone action on Resolution # 2018-1, A Resolution Sale of Surplus Real Property (Meadowview Subdivision Lots 14-21; 41 and 42) pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11/-76-4.2. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Randall reported that buildings in Jurgens Park do not have a physical address and cannot be found using GPS. Discussion took place on the history of this street. M. Bernius made a motion to approve naming the Village-owned street (from County Road 000 East to South Spruce Street within the Jurgens Park) to "Jurgens Parkway." J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- M. Bernius made a motion to approve re-publishing the Request for Proposal for the sale and redevelopment of 223 North Walnut Street, Village of Arthur, County of Moultrie and extending the bid deadline until June 18, 2018, advertising in the Arthur Graphic for one week. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Kenny Crossman reported on Resolution 2018-2, allowing anyone with military service to apply up to four years of credit to their IMRF benefits. This buyback would be at the employee's expense. P. Pearce noted how this honors those with military service. P. Pearce made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-2, a resolution to allow credit for military service to be credited to IMRF. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- G. Corum reported on the Capital Improvement Plan 2018-2023. He provided handouts and highlighted changes that have been made since last year. Discussion took place on the changes and the projects in the Capital Improvement Plan. P. Pearce noted the CIP is on plan and doing well on budget and time frame. M. Bernius noted the need to continue improving the quality of water for Arthur citizens. G. Corum mentioned the current projects could improve water and give more direction for the future. P. Pearce made a motion to approve the revised Capital Improvement Plan 2018-2023. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

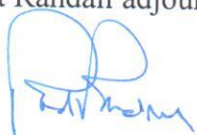
General Discussion

- President Randall noted that budget planning should be started as soon as possible. P. Pearce noted the future benefits of technology in the Village Board Room, which could be considered for the budget.

Adjourn

M. Hilgenberg made a motion to adjourn. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:11pm.

APPROVED _____



Village President

ATTEST Rhonda Rhodes
Village Clerk

DATE 3/5/18