

March 5, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, March 5, 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, and Jenni Marner. Trustee Paul Pearce attended the meeting remotely due to work-related travel. Trustees Mike Hilgenberg and Dave Tiffan were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Randall asked J. Marner to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Visitors present were Mindy Jansen, Andy Hanfland, Christy Miller, Bob Doan, and Tom Munro.

Consent Agenda

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including allowing Trustee Paul Pearce to attend remotely, the Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2018, the Community Relations and Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2018, and the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2018. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$25,820.03. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

No report

Trustees' Reports

- M. Bernius thanked ALAH pageant director Britney Kirby for all her hard work in putting together a successful pageant held on March 3, 2018. M. Bernius also mentioned he will be going with Grant Corum to look at a new truck for the Village.
- T. Ledbetter offered appreciation to Chief Goodman and Officer Shaun Meredith for their response to a recent medical situation. He noted how well the situation was handled.
- J. Marner reported that the Community Relations and Tourism Committee met to talk about the Welcome Center plan. She has also been in contact with MSA and will have more information soon. Marner also mentioned she represents the Village Board on the Arthur Community Foundation, which meets quarterly. They recently met to discuss the impact the Foundation has on the community and how it can best serve the community.
- P. Pearce noted the Finance Committee met on Monday, February 26, 2018. There was successful discussion on the financial goals and objectives for the Village. Also discussed was how to communicate the goals and objectives to the organizations who look to the Village Board for grants.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman provided a monthly report. Chief Goodman reported on a conference he attended and thanked the Board for the opportunity. Chief Goodman has several items to discuss at the next Police Committee Meeting, such as budget, personnel issues, and a Douglas County Sheriff's proposal. The Police Department is also working to address properties that do not comply with city ordinances.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided a monthly activity log for the Public Works Department.

Village Attorney's Report

- Village Attorney Kenny Crossman reported that he was recently in court working on an unpaid ordinance violation.

- K. Crossman met with Mark Whitsitt to go over plans for the Phase 2 Meadowview appraisals. These should be complete by the next Board meeting.

Community Development Coordinator's Report

- Bob Doan handed out a monthly report and two brochures from the Arthur Area Economic Development Corporation. B. Doan has been meeting with Lakeland College officials to discuss programs and initiatives to bring to residents and businesses in the Arthur Area.

Farnsworth Group

- Mindy Jansen and Andy Hanfland provided an update on the sewer lining project from the Farnsworth Group. They provided maps created to show the manholes and sewer lines in town. The IEPA funding and loan documentation is moving forward. An environmental review will be done, then the bidding process will begin.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- K. Crossman explained that Public Work's projects exceeding \$25,000 require a bidding process, but this can be superseded by a two-thirds vote. G. Corum explained there are preferred lines and diffusers for the Capital Improvement Program Projects WWTP.02 (air lines) and WWTP.07 (blower motors). G. Corum reported on a package deal that includes engineering that will save money and bundle the work. M. Bernius made a motion to forgo the bidding process, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-9-1, for Capital Improvement Projects WWTP.02 (air lines) and WWTP.07 (blower motors) for an expense exceeding the \$25,000.00 statutory limit. T. Ledbetter seconded. P. Pearce raised a concern about not bidding such a costly project. Trustees J. Marner, M. Bernius, and T. Ledbetter voted YEA. Trustee P. Pearce voted NO. Motion did not carry for lack of two-thirds vote.
- M. Bernius made a motion to table action on the design-build of Capital Improvement Projects WWTP.02 (air lines) and WWTP.07 (blower motors) with Energenecs, Inc. in the amount of \$219,003.00. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Tom Munro with Mid-State Tank presented a TIF grant request by J & A Assets, LLC. He noted more room is needed at their Progress Street location, and work is currently being turned away due to lack of space. The current buildings are in bad shape, and at least \$150,000 will be needed for electric, heating, and getting one of the old buildings up to code. Mid-State will also invest approximately \$300,000 for gas lines and other improvements. Tom Munro noted 15-25 new jobs will be created with this space. M. Bernius commended Tom on the thorough application and the utilization of local contractors. M. Bernius reviewed the point system process of the TIF application. J. Marner also complimented the package of information provided. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the TIF grant request by J & A Assets, LLC concerning buildings and property at 510 Progress Street, Arthur, Illinois in the amount of \$75,000. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Marner made a motion to set Saturday, May 5 as Town-wide Cleanup Day for 2018. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Ledbetter made a motion to approve the Arthur Tourism Committee appointees. Appointees are Jenni Marner, Stephanie Wierman, Karen Morgan, George Fritz, and Daren Herschberger. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Randall explained that members of the Finance Committee and Community Relations Committee met to look at hotel-motel tax money. Their goal was to put together an application process with guidelines explaining how the money should be used. Also, a process like this may help applicants think of new and innovative ways to use the hotel-motel tax. M. Bernius noted the few requests of the past, but more could see this as an opportunity in the future. P. Pearce made a motion to approve the Tourism Grant guidelines and application (Resolution 2018-3). J. Marner seconded. Trustees M. Bernius, J. Marner, and P. Pearce voted YEA. Trustee T. Ledbetter voted NO. Resolution passed.
- President Randall recommended a Work Session Meeting to discuss the Economic Development Assistance Policy before action is taken. M. Bernius made a motion to

postpone action on the Economic Development Assistance Policy. T. Ledbetter seconded. Trustees M. Bernius, T. Ledbetter, and J. Marner voted YEA. Trustee P. Pearce voted NO. Motion carried.

General Discussion

- President Randall reported a request for Board support from the local Post Prom Committee. M. Bernius noted this is a worthwhile cause, and suggested individuals give on their own if they desire, but not tax-payer dollars.

Adjourn

T. Ledbetter made a motion to adjourn. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

3/19/18