

March 19, 2018

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

Pledge of Allegiance

President Randall asked P. Pearce to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Visitors present were Stephanie Wierman, Dale Bissonett, and Kedrick Houser. Stephanie Wierman and Dale Bissonett presented ideas about starting "Downtown Arthur Market." This would be a farmers' market held the first Saturday of the month running from April to October selling produce, baked goods, and flea market items. Five vendors have expressed interest, and Dale noted this would bring more people downtown. Discussion took place on the location of the event, including using the area west of Vine Street. Also discussed were parking areas and the schedule of events at Penn Station. Discussion took place on creating tax information for vendors at festivals and markets.

Consent Agenda

- P. Pearce made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2018, the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2018, and the Police Committee Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2018. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- P. Pearce made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$88,985.08. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall expressed his sympathy for the recent losses in the community of Walter Gingerich and Felty Miller.

Trustees' Reports

- J. Marner reported that MSA sent their final Welcome Center Plan. The plan will be reviewed and information presented at the next Board meeting.
- P. Pearce noted that work is being done on next year's budget.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman provided a monthly report. Chief Goodman read a letter of resignation from Brody Bickel. His last day will be March 21, 2018.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided a monthly activity log for the Public Works Department. Village-wide hydrant flushing will be April 3-6. President Randall commended Public Works for the new street signs.

Village Attorney's Report

- Village Attorney Kenny Crossman provided appraisal numbers for the lots in Phase 2 of Meadowview Subdivision. The appraisal came in at \$2.55 per square foot. This will give a baseline number for moving forward. K. Crossman will provide resolutions to sell lots to interested buyers and to sell through real-estate agents. K. Crossman reported that Lot 43 is officially closed.

Comptroller's Report

Village Comptroller Erica Carter provided the treasurer's report.

Unfinished Business

- P. Pearce 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. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. P. Pearce mentioned this could save approximately \$68,000.00

- G. Corum gave information on the blower motors, which have energy reduction equipment and will turn itself down to 20%. Grant presented the options to purchase one or two blower motors. The Water and Sewer Committee recommends two, which will provide an estimated electrical savings of around \$1,500.00 per month. The Village will get an Ameren grant of \$18,000.00. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve 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. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

- Chief Goodman introduced and recommended hiring Kedrick Houser as a full-time police officer. Houser graduated from Lakeland College and Eastern Illinois University. He is a sworn police officer in the state of Illinois, having graduated from the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois. The Police Committee also recommends hiring Mr. Houser. D. Tiffan made a motion to hire Kedrick Houser as a full-time police officer with a starting salary of \$17.25 an hour with a \$0.50 hour raise for residency and a one year probationary period. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Police Chief Goodman reported that a state mandate has changed in regards to investigating sexual assault and abuse. The mandate requires police departments to have a written standardized policy, which is set forth by the Illinois Attorney General's Office. P. Pearce made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-4, adding Standard 21: Sexual Assault and Sexual Abuse Response Policy to the Arthur Police Department Standard Operating Procedures Manual. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- G. Corum gave information on a 2005 vacuum truck. The Water and Sewer Committee met to discuss this purchase. Grant provided pictures of the truck and explained the safety features and advantages of the purchase. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to purchase a rebuilt 2005 Vactor 2110-J6 vacuum truck from Coe Equipment, Inc. of Rochester, IL for \$108,000.00. D. Tiffan seconded. Discussion took place on the features this truck has that the current one does not. All Trustees voted YEA.
- P. Pearce made a motion to approve a contract with Advantage Computer for 15 hours of support on Jayhawk Water-Billing Software at annual cost of \$750.00. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

General Discussion

- P. Pearce reported on a call from Kevin and Carolyn Herschberger who are interested in occasionally using the property north of Wine on Vine for their business, selling snow cones and homemade pretzels. Further discussion will take place on creating a policy for these types of requests.
- K. Crossman reported on several phone calls he received regarding the railroad property. Crossman recommended letters to interested parties and a meeting with surrounding land owners. M. Hilgenberg asked about the history of the railroad property, which K. Crossman provided.

Adjourn

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

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Village President

ATTEST _____

Village Clerk

DATE _____

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