

May 21, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, May 21, 2018, in the Village Board Room. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Mike Hilgenberg, Justin Ray, Jenni Marner, Dave Tiffan, and Paul Pearce.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Randall asked Jud Wienke to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office

Oath of Office was taken by new Village Trustee Justin Ray.

Public Comment

Visitors present were Stephanie Wierman, Lloyd Ginerich, David Bowers, Jack Oye, Dale Bissonett, Doug Davis, Jud Wienke, Mark Jones, Tim Singer, Bob Doan, and Christy Miller.

Approval of Minutes

Mike made a motion to approve the May 7, 2018 Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes. Matt seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

Paul made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$13,382.42. Mike seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

President Rod Randall invited board members and constituents who know Dr. Shackleford to attend a reception honoring him. The event, is by invite only, and will be June 24th at the Otto Center. Lunch will be provided at 12:30. He encouraged those who know him to attend.

Trustees' Reports

No reports.

Chief of Police Report

Chief Goodman thanked the Board of Trustees for their continued support in the DARE program. This was his 21st year doing DARE and he had 46 5th graders go through DARE graduation which is great. Ordinance abatement is in full force. Most are in compliance now, some have been sent to our attorney. There are two properties that the Public Works Department will be mowing. Speed signs were moved down to Jurgen's Parkway, which seems to be doing well. The police department will be enforcing the area.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

Grant left his normal report at each place setting. Flower baskets will be put up on Friday.

Attorney's Report

No report.

Tourism Director's Report

Christy just returned from a blogger's conference in Iowa. It was a great event and she foresees great response from attending. This is the first event in conjunction with Moultrie County. She found some great bloggers in our area, as well as it being an excellent networking opportunity. Exciting things are coming. For April, the Welcome Center saw 9 countries, 12 states, and not including buses, approximately 1,100 people through the doors. We have some big events coming the first weekend in June with the Strawberry Jam and Back Forty.

Unfinished Business

1. Tim Singer and Mark Jones thanked the Village for their support and their efforts to help make the Fireworks annual event so successful. A big thank you to Chief and the traffic control efforts. Without the support of the Village, this event wouldn't have become the event that it is today. Thank you. P. Pearce made a motion to donate \$2500 to the Arthur Rotary Club. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. M. Bernius made a motion to postpone that pre-bid meeting for the Request for Proposals: 223 N. Walnut Street. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

1. Officer Jud Wienke shared the overwhelming support that he has received for the K-9 Unit. He has raised over \$20,000. We are at approximately \$20,500. Chief Goodman is confident in moving forward. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to give final approval to proceed with the K-9 Unit. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. Dave Allen, Doug Davis, Jack Oye, and Lloyd Gingerich were present to outline an area revival that has been in the works for years. *Hope in Christ* will be an event held June 3-17 on school grounds allowing several communities of faith work together and spread the word of God. There will be a 100x200 tent that will support upwards of 1700 people each night. The tent will be on the school grounds on the northwest corner near the 4 way intersection. Parking will be in the high school parking lot, as well as overflow back behind the football field on the practice football field. If more parking is necessary, there's potential to use church parking lots and shuttle individuals in. Jurgen's Parkway may be changed to a one way to funnel attendees and make the flow easier to follow. There may be some need for extra patrols due to expensive equipment. It gives us the opportunity to bring people to town and showcase Arthur. They are looking for the support of the Village and open lines of communications with the Police Department. P. Pearce made a motion to allow the partial closure of Jurgen's Parkway if necessary. Seconded by M. Bernius. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the memorial sign request in memory of Harold Sapp for 2 years at the expense of the requestor. Seconded by D. Tiffan. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. Stephanie Wierman presented the requested road closures for the Strawberry Jam. Vine Street from Progress to IGA with 1 lane open on west side to IGA. Walnut Street from Progress to North of the IGA Drive. Illinois from Hickory Street to the Sarah Bush Alley. They'd like to close the gazebo parking lot, as well as the parking spaces north of the gazebo on the street for Saturday for the Blood Drive. These road closures will be from Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. to

Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m.. J. Marner made a motion to accept the requested road closures. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

5. Stephanie Wierman presented information that the Lincoln Hearse will be in town for the Freedom Celebration Parade and on display afterwards. There are Arthur connections, with the wheels and undercarriage being made in the Arthur area. The horses that will be pulling the hearse will be from the local Arthur area as well. There are costs associated with having the Hearse in the parade and on display. The Arthur Area Association of Commerce is requesting that the Village of Arthur pay for the tent that will house the Hearse after the parade. This discussion was postponed until the next meeting, presented in a motion to postpone from M. Bernius. Seconded by J. Marner. All Trustees voted YEA.

There was a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. and reconvene after the pre-bid meeting by M. Bernius. Seconded by P. Pearce. All Trustees voted YEA.

President Randall reconvened the meeting at 8:06. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Mike Hilgenberg, Tyrel Ledbetter, Jenni Marner, Dave Tiffan, and Paul Pearce.

New Business

6. Dale Bissonett would like to have an event on June 16th in conjunction with the annual tractor ride. He would like to get something going in the downtown area to get people to stay in town. He's planning on having antique tractors and cars, as well as a flea market. He's requesting the gazebo parking lot, as well as Walnut Street from IGA exit to Angelas parking lot entrance, as well as Illinois from the alley west of the bank to the alley past the garden center. P. Pearce made a motion to allow the requested road closures, per the requested drawing. J. Ray seconded the motion. All Trustees voted YEA.
7. P. Pearce made a motion to table the item. D. Tiffan seconded the motion. All Trustees voted YEA.
8. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to postpone the item. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
9. M. Bernius made a motion to approve an increase of TIF funds from \$1,100 to \$1,250. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
10. There was discussion on the electrical line extension to Progress Rentals which serves 3-4 businesses. If the Village of Arthur funds the project, the cost would be \$10,573.63 instead of almost \$16,000. There could be a refundable portion of up to \$7,220. P. Pearce made a motion to enter into an agreement with Ameren for the electrical line extension for Progress Rentals. Seconded by J. Marner. All Trustees voted YEA.
11. David Bowers and other members of the Arthur Lodge presented their request for TIF funds to assist in the replacement of their roof. There has been recent damage making it more emergent to replace the roof. They are putting on a metal roof. They have the funds for the project, but would like some assistance from the TIF fund for the project. Based on the criteria for TIF funding, they are able to receive 20% of the request. M. Bernius made a motion to award the Arthur Lodge with \$2750 for the replacement of the roof. M. Hilgenberg seconded. P. Pearce abstained leaving a quorum of 5. All voting Trustees voted YEA.

12. Doggie Designs submitted a TIF request for funds. The request was incomplete. M. Bernius made a motion to table the item. Seconded by D. Tiffan. All Trustees voted YEA.
13. M. Bernius made a motion to postpone the item until the next meeting. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
14. P. Pearce made a motion to accept the policy change to reflect a Village contribution of \$25 per month towards employee phone bills, providing that there is no conflict with the collective bargaining agreement. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

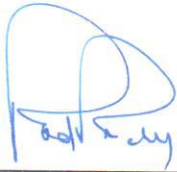
General Discussion

There was discussion on the lack of sign policy for the Village. There is a sign issue throughout town with signs on boulevards, at the four way stop, and downtown, among other places. The state has had no opinion in the past in reference to signs on their property.

Adjourn

D. Tiffan made a motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Seconded by J. Ray. All Trustees voted YEA.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

6-4-18