

August 20, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, August 20, 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, Justin Ray, Jenni Marnier, Dave Tiffan, and Paul Pearce.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Randall asked Erica Carter to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- Visitors present were Christy Miller, Ezra Helmuth, and Larry Miller.

Consent Agenda

- D. Tiffan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the August 6, 2018 Water & Sewer, Street & Alley Committee Meeting minutes and the August 6, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- P. Pearce made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$32,778.02. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall paid respects to Wally Willoughby who recently passed away. Mr. Willoughby, along with many in his generation, were people with vision and commitment. Mr. Willoughby helped make Arthur what it is today.
- Congratulations to Officer Wienke and his K-9 unit, Kubo, who were featured on the front page of the Tri-County Journal.

Trustees' Reports

- P. Pearce noted the paperwork and closing are complete for the property on Union Street.
- J. Ray thanked Grant Corum and the Public Works department for responding to a recent wreck downtown and taking care of cleanup quickly.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department. Officer Wienke and Kubo were recently in Arcola participating in Heroes' Day.
- The 2013 Ford Explorer, which was scheduled to have final equipment installed for the K-9 Unit, blew a water pump and could not be fixed locally. It is currently in Tuscola at the Ford dealership. The cost estimate is \$1,500.00.
- There have been local complaints about cats roaming around town. Leash laws do apply to cats. If the police department picks up a cat, the law states they must be taken to an animal control facility or shelter. These facilities in our counties are no longer accepting cats.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided monthly reports from the Public Works department. The road tilling project began. President Randall mentioned he received many compliments on the roads.
- The first memorial sign has been ordered and will be installed at the corner of Luke Street and Vine Street.
- IDOT was contacted about the current detour through town and how to change that for the Cheese Festival.

Comptroller's Report

- Erica Carter provided the treasurer's report. The auditors were in the office for two days, and everything went well. Erica highlighted items in the treasurer's report. Discussion took place on the current code book and the needed updates, especially the zoning codes.

Village Attorney's Report

- The closing took place on the Union Street property. Bids will be received to tear down the house on that property.

Unfinished Business

none

New Business

- Discussion took place on Ordinance 08-20A-2018 (An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property Formerly known as the Penn Central Railroad to State Bank of Arthur Trust #514) 35' x 174.14' (6,094.90 square feet) for \$1.25 per square foot (totaling \$7,618.63). Kenny Crossman provided details about the property and its location. D. Tiffan noted a price difference from a previous property sold. M. Bernius made a motion to pass Ordinance 08-20A-2018. P. Pearce seconded. Trustees Bernius, Hilgenberg, Ray, Marner, and Pearce voted YEA. Trustee Tiffan voted No. Ordinance passed by a majority vote.
- P. Pearce made a motion to authorize the purchase of a replacement refrigerator from Randall Electric for sanitary samples at WWTP in the amount of \$499.00. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Randall noted the need to update zoning on the description of signs and what constitutes as a sign. Grant Corum agreed the zoning is difficult to find and needs to be addressed. Due to this ambiguity, President Randall recommended waiving the doubling of the fee on two recent incidents where building permits for signs were not obtained in advance. Discussion took place on types of signage. P. Pearce made a motion to waive the doubled fee for two previous incidents where no proper building permits were attained, and a refund given on one incident where the doubled fee was already paid. Motion died for lack of a second.
- Ezra Helmuth described a plan for the construction of a new building on East Progress Street. The building would be approximately 42' x 103'. It would be handicap accessible and include eleven parking spots on the west side of the building. M. Bernius noted the request meets TIF criteria. P. Pearce added this would be great for Arthur. Discussion took place on the TIF funds available now and in the future. P. Pearce made a motion to approve the TIF request by Ezra and Lise Helmuth in the amount of \$75,000.00, with \$37,500.00 from 2018 TIF funds and \$37,500.00 from 2019 TIF funds. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion took place on authorizing heavy equipment trades and purchases from Birkey's Construction Equipment of Mattoon, IL. M. Bernius made a motion to enter into an agreement with Birkey's Equipment to purchase a backhoe in the amount of \$36,500.00 and an end loader in the amount of \$46,000.00 with a payment of \$12,500.00 made from the Water and Sewer fund, and the balance being paid on a lease purchase. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion took place on risk management insurance and health insurance considerations for 2019. Kenny Crossman explained we take bids for this every year. Discussion took place on the bidding process. No action was necessary.
- Discussion took place on the Annual IML Conference in Chicago on September 20-22, 2018 and associated costs and fees. M. Bernius recommended these meetings which have a variety of topics. President Randall explained no action was necessary, and the funds are allocated in the budget.

General Discussion

- President Randall received a verbal commitment to fund 50% of an LED sign for the Welcome Center. More information will be gathered and presented at a future date.
- Discussion took place on the Union Street demolition bids.
- M. Bernius led a discussion on the Safe Route to School program.

Adjourn

P. Pearce made a motion to adjourn. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:24pm.

APPROVED _____

Village President

ATTEST Rhonda Rhodes
Village Clerk

DATE 9 / 4 / 18