

March 6, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, March 6, 2016, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Jenni Marner, JD Kuhns, and Andy Monts. Trustee Paul Pearce arrived at approximately 7:45, and Trustee Dave Tiffan was absent.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **Approval of previous meeting minutes**

The regular meeting minutes of February 6, 2017; the work session meeting minutes of February 13, 2017; and the regular meeting minutes of February 20, 2017; were approved as presented.

#### **Approve Expenditures**

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$24,582.88. A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Village President Comments and Announcements**

- President Bernius stated the Home and Garden Show is this weekend.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- T. Clark commented on the amount of people in town for the antique shows. He complimented the Police Department on their efforts.
- A. Monts received concerns about drivers having issues pulling out onto Vine Street from downtown intersections.

#### **Police Chief's Report**

- Police Chief Mike Goodman commented on the February activity reports.
- He thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend a training session.
- He would like to coordinate with Public Works Supervisor Grant Corum and Deputy Clerk Erica Carter to review software for employee evaluations.
- He is in the process of beginning employee evaluations and budgeting.

#### **Public Works Supervisor's Report – Absent**

#### **Village Attorney's Report**

- Attorney Ken Crossman stated there is a zoning board meeting next Thursday at 5:05.

#### **Visitors' Comments**

Visitors present were Brody Bickel, Nicola Pearce, and Rod Randall.

#### **Old Business**

- E. Carter showed an example of printing information on the back of water bills for community information. President Bernius stated it could be tried and then feedback gathered.

#### **New Business**

- K. Crossman stated there will be an article in the newspaper about extending the time for bids for the Elm Street property.
- President Bernius tabled action on the property exchange of railroad property for road adjacent to Mill Street. K. Crossman updated the Board on the status of the deed.

#### **Old Business**

- There was discussion regarding the edits to the TIF application. President Bernius tabled action on the TIF application for further edits and changes.

### New Business

- There was discussion regarding the edits to the Historic Downtown Façade Program application. President Bernius tabled action on the Historic Downtown Façade Program application for further edits and changes. Changes will be made to both applications and distributed back to Trustees for review this week.
- Chief Goodman reviewed the application process for a new police officer. He recommends hiring Brody Bickel; he is a current resident of the Village. He is eligible for \$14.50 per hour; he will sign a two-year (post-Academy graduation) agreement. P. Pearce made a motion to hire Brody Bickel at a rate of \$14.50 as a police officer. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Nicola Pearce made a request to rent the gravel area just south of the railroad tracks on Vine Street from Memorial Day to Labor Day for SnoBiz. There will be picnic tables and trash receptacles for patrons. Attorney K. Crossman voiced concerns about a Trustee having ownership in the company wanting to lease the property and recommended further discussion and not taking action at this meeting.
- President Bernius reviewed advertising for summer help. T. Clark made a motion to advertise for summer help; J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

### Adjourn

A. Monts made a motion to adjourn. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:23pm.

APPROVED

R. Matt Bernius  
Village President

ATTEST

Jennifer Perrine  
Village Clerk

DATE

March 20, 2017