

March 20, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, March 20, 2017, 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, Dave Tiffan, and Andy Monts. Trustee Paul Pearce was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes of March 6, 2017, were approved as presented.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$58,211.73.
- A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius thanked Public Works for the storm clean up, prep for the snow that never occurred, and the clean-up of the 3rd Street property.
- The next CIMOA meeting will be April 20 at the Savoy Rec Center.

Trustees' Reports

- A. Monts also thanked the Public Works for the storm clean up. He had a comment from a resident about the gumballs on Forest Lane.
- J. Marner stated she attended the Champaign County Regional Planning meeting regarding capital improvement plans.
- T. Clark commented on the need of painting the crosswalks, parking spaces, etc.
- G. Corum will look into pricing for something similar to what Mt. Zion has.

Treasurer's Report

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter stated filming begins this week for "This is Our Story." There will be about 35-40 storytellers.
- She commented on the financial documents.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman reported on a meeting with Guardian Tracker, an HR tracking system. Supervisor G. Corum, President Bernius, and P. Pearce also attended.
- He will have a bid for a new squad car by the next meeting.
- He is working on employee evaluations.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- G. Corum distributed his activity report.
- He wants to meet with the Street and Alley and Water and Sewer Committees about budgets.

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Ken Crossman received a call about a water and sewer main without an easement at FinishWorks (used to GR Mast Concrete). Engineer Mike Sullivan suggests having it probed. K. Crossman will have further information regarding an easement for that.

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Ty Ledbetter, Nicola Pearce, and Rod Randall.

Old Business

- E. Carter stated the updated TIF and Façade applications are at each Trustee's place.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve the Tax Increment Funding guidelines and application materials as presented. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- A. Monts made a motion to approve the TIF façade program guidelines and application materials as submitted, striking the downtown wording. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius opened two bids for the 321 S. Elm Street property. One bid was from David Schrock for \$4,250; the other bid was from Tim Singer for \$7,500. The cost of the project was about \$11,000. T. Clark made a motion to accept Tim Singer's bid for \$7,500 for the 321 S. Elm St. property. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Chief M. Goodman stated he talked with P. Pearce about the peddler and solicitor license. He has not heard back from P. Pearce. To allow food trailers in the railroad right-of-way property adjacent to Vine Street, some language in the current ordinance needs to be adjusted. No action was taken.
- K. Crossman updated the Board on the status of the property exchange of railroad property for road adjacent to Mill Street. No action was taken.

New Business

- E. Carter stated Leanne Tully requested a memorial bench for her parents, Max and Lou Fabert. President Bernius asked about the bench being at the fairgrounds as Max was on the fair board for years. There was discussion about the Park Board adopting the same program.
- K. Crossman stated Craig and Pam Swinford purchased 116 W. 4th Street and want a variance for setback and for residential use with a professional business (real estate) inside. The Zoning Board approved the requests. T. Clark made a motion to accept the variance at 116 W. 4th Street to convert the business to residential use as approved by the Zoning Board. A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- G. Corum presented information about the budget and the need for a pickup truck. He presented a bid for a 4-door truck without a snow plow package. He thinks the after-market things needed from JACE Enterprises and AJ's Auto Body wouldn't be more than \$1,000. T. Clark made a motion to accept the bid for \$28,952 as submitted for a 2017 Ford F-150 SuperCrew 4x4. J. Kuhns seconded. Trustees Clark, Marner, Kuhns, and Monts voted YEA. Trustee Tiffan voted NAY.
- E. Carter stated the woman cleaning the Welcome Center was out for a medical reason recently. The Welcome Center employee, Logan Kauffman, was paid \$125.81 by the AATC as she worked outside her AATC working hours. T. Clark made a motion to approve reimbursing the AATC for \$125.81. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius stated that TIF funds must be earmarked for a state report. There was discussion about where the money should be allocated. T. Clark made a motion to allocate \$45,509.48 of TIF funds for downtown projects and \$10,000 for infrastructure. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- G. Corum reviewed a list of items he'd like to declare as excess equipment. Some will be sold by bid at a later time; those to be sold now will be taken to Tri-County Auctions. J. Kuhns made a motion to declare items on G. Corum's list as excess equipment and to give G. Corum the authority to dispose of them. A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Kuhns made a motion to enter Executive Session; D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session was to discuss public works probationary period. (5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, J. Marner, J. Kuhns, D. Tiffan, and A. Monts.
- President Bernius reviewed that Mike Elsberry was on a 12-month probationary period as Operator of the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants. J. Kuhns made a motion to approve Michael Elsberry for the newly created position of Superintendent of Water Treatment Services pending approval of the Collective Bargaining Unit. A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Kuhns made a motion to enter Executive Session; D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session was to discuss public works job titles. (5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, J. Marner, J. Kuhns, D. Tiffan, and A. Monts.
- President Bernius reviewed some of the staff changes since the Collective Bargaining Unit began, and job titles that need to be updated. A. Monts made a motion to start the Public Works Technician title within the Public Works Department and give this title to all three current employees. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

J. Kuhns made a motion to adjourn. A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

APPROVED 
Village President

ATTEST 
Village Clerk

DATE April 3, 2017