

July 17, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, July 17, 2017, in the Village Board Room. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees J.D. Kuhns, Tyrel Ledbetter, Jenni Marner, Dave Tiffan, and Paul Pearce. Trustee Matt Bernius was absent.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

#### **Public Comment**

Visitors present were Reg Ankrom, John McGrath, Stephanie Wierman, George Fritz, Jeremy Hale, and Marty Schroeder.

- SIMEC Representative Reg Ankrom spoke to the board regarding electric aggregation for small businesses and residents of Arthur. The current three-year contract ends in October, and a new contract is ready to begin, with Homefield Energy as the supplier. Homefield has agreed to provide a monthly billing credit of \$3.50 over ten months, beginning in October. This will give consumers the same rate as the average Ameren customer. Arthur's rate in October will be 6.258 cents per kilowatt hour. The current rate is around 5.9 cents per kilowatt hour. Residents and small businesses will receive an informational package to let them know about the new supplier, rates, terms, and conditions.

#### **Consent Agenda**

P. Pearce made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, including the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting minutes of July 3, 2017 and the Community Relations and Tourism Committee Meeting minutes of June 16, 2017. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

- P. Pearce made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$92,478.70. J.D. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

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

No report at this time.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- Tyrel Ledbetter received a compliment on the way officers handled traffic after the fireworks.
- Paul Pearce noted the TIF application still outstanding will be completed by next meeting.

#### **Chief of Police Report**

Chief Goodman provided a monthly report. Fireworks and Fair Season were successful, with the fireworks seeing a very large crowd.

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

Grant Corum provided an activity log. Photographs were taken where flooding happened during our last large rainfall.

#### **Comptroller's Report**

Erica Carter noted that the auditors had been in.

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

No report.

#### **Tourism Director's Report**

Erica Carter spoke with Christy Miller regarding Our Town Arthur. Board members may be needed to assist at event booths on July 28.

#### **Unfinished Business**



None

### **New Business**


- Marty Schroeder and Jeremy Hale presented a request for a special event liquor license during the Cheese Festival. K. Crossman gave the history of these event licenses. M. Schroeder also noted in the future he would like 2-3 tables for outside seating. P. Pearce made a motion to provide a special event liquor license for Wine on Vine during Cheese Festival September 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- E. Carter reported on street closings for the Our Town event. T. Ledbetter made a motion to allow street closings on Progress Street from Vine Street to Hickory Street and on Vine Street from the north crosswalk to the first drive of the tourist center for the Our Town event on Friday, July 28, 2017. J.D. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K Crossman reported that the zoning board members met regarding John McGrath's request to move an accessory building within one foot of the lot line on the north side of his property. The neighbors have no issue with this, and the zoning board members approved it. D. Tiffan made a motion to allow the zoning variance request at 102 Rhine Boulevard asking for permission to erect an accessory building within the side yard setback area. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Randall opened a sealed bid, which was an offer from James and Patricia Jurgens in the amount of \$35,500.00 for lot 43, subject to final plat. T. Ledbetter made a motion to accept the sealed bid from James and Patricia Jurgens for lot 43 in Meadowview Subdivision Phase 2. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Randall described the need for improvement on the undeveloped Village-owned area on South Vine Street next to the railroad. The initial phase of improvements from MSA Professional Services, called Plaza & Community Signage Design, would cost \$5,200.00. Discussion took place on what is included in this cost. J. Marner questioned if it's too early, if clean-up needs to take place first, and if we know how much space will be used. Benefits of this phase were discussed, including a professional project manager who can design, see challenges, give vision, and guide conversation. Implementing the initial phase would allow the board to determine if the next phases provided by MSA would be used. T. Ledbetter raised a concern about the cost of the entire project. Discussion took place on TIF funds and what MSA could do for Arthur. J.D. Kuhns made a motion to postpone action on accepting MSA's proposal for improvements to the undeveloped Village-owned area on South Vine Street next to the railroad until section 1-1.5 of the initial phase could have a more detailed scope-of-work and rate of additional work. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Erica Carter described risk management insurance, but it is undecided who the Village will go with next year. P. Pearce made a motion to table action on Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract with Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association until that decision is made. J.D. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Stephanie Wierman described the need for more electricity during festivals. She provided a proposal for wiring upgrades needed behind the General Store, at the Methodist Church parking lot, and at the northeast corner of the Welcome Center. Discussion took place on paying for electric and if it qualifies for TIF funds. D. Tiffan raised a concern about this project qualifying for TIF funds. J.D. Kuhns made a motion to contribute \$9,575.00 to the Arthur Area Association of Commerce for festival electrical system upgrades using TIF funds. P. Pearce seconded. Trustees J.D. Kuhns, T. Ledbetter, J. Marner, and P. Pearce voted YEA. Trustee D. Tiffan voted NAY. Approved by roll call vote.

### **General Discussion**

P. Pearce reviewed the need for MSA to provide a statement of work that is itemized. Stephanie Wiermen commended Chief Goodman for helping with the parade and the department's role in making it a successful day with a great parade and fireworks.

### **Adjourn**

J.D. Kuhns made a motion to adjourn. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:27pm.

APPROVED   
Village President

ATTEST   
Village Clerk

DATE 8/7/17