

July 17, 2017

A Work Session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, July 17, 2017, in the Village Board Room. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees J.D. Kuhns, Jenni Marner, Paul Pearce, and Dave Tiffan. Trustee Matt Bernius was absent. Grant Corum and Bob Doan were also present.

New Business

- Greg Crowe and Stephanie Brown from MSA Professional Services of Champaign, IL gave a presentation concerning Arthur Downtown Development Plans. They began with an introduction of themselves and their company, where Greg Crowe serves in the business development and client relations. Stephanie Brown is an urban planner and has done historic preservation in both large and small communities, including Decatur, Arcola, Greenup, Tuscola, Neoga, Casey, Monticello, and many others. Handouts were presented to show examples of work done in other towns and the phases involved in creating a downtown plan. Tyrel Ledbetter joined the meeting.
- This process would begin with the forming of a steering committee, who would form goals and objectives. There would be sight visits, information gatherings, meetings, conceptual designs, review and adjustments to designs, then a final design with estimates. Six to eight people would sit on the steering committee. President Randall suggested the possibility of forming a sesquicentennial committee and making this a historical site for Arthur. The initial phase would include a plaza and community sign design. D. Tiffan noted some of the area close to the plaza needs to be cleaned up.
- Other possible phases include a Downtown Streetscape Concept Design to look at physical characteristics of streets, a Downtown Design Guidelines to enhance the character and feel of downtown, a Wayfinding and Gateway Signage Design to communicate and ease the navigation of visitors, a Municipal Parking Lot phase, and a Downtown TIF Analysis Funding Plan to make projections for financing these projects.
- The cost of the initial phase, Plaza and Community Signage, would be \$5,200.00. Discussion took place concerning the railroad, room available, and price.

General Discussion

None

Adjourn

J.D. Kuhns made a motion to adjourn. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 6:47pm.

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Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

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