

September 18, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, September 18, 2017, 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, Jenni Marner, Dave Tiffan, and Paul Pearce. Trustee J.D. Kuhns was absent. Trustee Tyrel Ledbetter joined the meeting in progress.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Randall asked Dave Tiffan to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Christy Miller was the only visitor.

No public comments.

Consent Agenda

M. Bernius made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Board of Trustee Work Session Meeting minutes of September 5, 2017 and the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting minutes of September 5, 2017. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

P. Pearce made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$21,792.42. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall expressed thoughts and concern for J.D. and Kara Kuhns and their family as they continue to seek treatment for Kara.
- President Randall provided information about a meeting to be held September 26, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Community Building. This meeting is open to the public and will provide information on three community projects and how to become involved. The projects include a steering committee to consider ways to use the Village-owned property just south of the railroad on the west side of Vine Street, serving on the Mayor's Advisory Committee, and serving on the Sesquicentennial Committee to plan for Arthur's 150th anniversary.

Trustees' Reports

Dave Tiffan reported that several citizens have shared concerns about abandoned vehicles in town. Discussion took place on location of vehicles and how to proceed.

Tyrel Ledbetter joined the meeting.

Auditor's Report

Kevin Buckley provided three handouts for the board members, giving a summary of the audit his firm performed. He presented new guidelines from the current Comptroller, and he recommended corresponding with the Illinois Municipal League and State Representatives regarding the new full accrual format. Mr. Buckley also gave highlights on his firm's report and stated the Village is in good financial condition, up approximately \$200,000.00 in the general fund. The TIF fund is up \$56,000.00 from last year. He highlighted where receipts and revenues are coming from, which were down this year. Overall expenses were controlled and expenditures came down by \$95,000.00. Mr. Buckley also highlighted Water and Sewer which was up \$152,000 this year.

Recommendations included to look at outstanding checks, look at procedures on water sewer adjustments, and look into GASB 54 which allows the board to set up a system of earmarking funds for future projects or plans. This system will communicate to future board members what the money is earmarked for.

Comptroller's Report

- E. Carter reported on the current budget, highlighting revenue and expense items.

- E. Carter reported on a trip to Chicagoland Speedway with Christy Miller, where they set up an event to promote Arthur. Christy Miller shared that there was also an event at Wrigley Field, and a lot of promotional material was handed out.
- Money has been sent in to set up accounts in G Suite. We are now waiting to get those accounts.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman provided an activity report. He thanked the Police Committee for their flexibility in rescheduling the last meeting. Discussion took place about making that meeting a Work Session meeting.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided a Public Works activity log. He highlighted that meters are being replaced, with 23 left.

Village Attorney's Report

No report.

Unfinished Business

- G. Corum provided a memo and picture, showing where a "No Outlet" sign had been on Chaise Lane, but is no longer there. Grant recommended replacing the sign. P. Pearce made a motion to approve replacing the "No Outlet" sign on Chaise Lane. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Crossman provided a request for proposal for use of Village-owned property at 223 N Walnut Street. P. Pearce inquired if enough time was allowed for someone to put together a development concept. It was decided to keep the pre-bid meeting on October 16, 2017 at 6:00pm, and if someone requests more time it could be granted. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the request for proposal. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Crossman reported on an ordinance regulating signs and merchandise on public property in the business district. J. Marner noted the Access Board is now recommending five-foot minimum passages on sidewalks for pedestrians. Discussion took place on signs being put in the downtown. Discussion took place about merchandise, tables, and chairs on the sidewalks in the business district and situations where they cause challenges to pedestrians. Discussion took place about scheduling a meeting to explain the ordinance to business owners and how we can make this a public discussion. G. Corum will check Village trash containers, flower pots, and benches for compliance. M. Bernius made a motion to table the discussion on the ordinance regulating signs and merchandise on public property in the business district. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

- P. Pearce made a motion to accept the auditor's report. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- G. Corum reported on Phase 5 of Vine Street resurfacing, which is the final piece of pavement to be replaced. Grant provided a letter from Mike Sullivan's office and recommended moving forward. M. Bernius made a motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$72,888.00 to Ne-Co Asphalt. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- G. Corum reported that the northbound lane in the 100 block of Rhine Blvd. was completed. They are ready to replace the southbound lane in the 100 block. Cost would be \$14,795.00 from Herschberger Concrete. J. Marner made a motion to approve the replacement of the southbound lane in the 100 block of Rhine Blvd. M. Bernius seconded. Trustees M. Bernius, T. Ledbetter, J. Marner, and P. Pearce voted YEA. D. Tiffan abstained. Motion passed by roll call vote.
- E. Carter reported the current person cleaning the Welcome Center is unavailable due to health issues, and a person is needed to clean when this person cannot. Discussion took place on filling and paying for this position. P. Pearce made a motion to approve cleaning fees at the Welcome Center, paying \$20 per day for up to 90 days. T.

Ledbetter seconded. Trustees T. Ledbetter, J. Marner, D. Tiffan, and P. Pearce voted YEA. M. Bernius abstained. Motion passed by roll call vote.

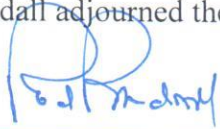
General Discussion

- P. Pearce welcomed the Old Heidelberg to town, as it is a great addition to our downtown. He also heard some comments about the requirements of having a Class C license that requires 50% of its income from food sales. Discussion took place on the best way to address this and how often the 50% is calculated (monthly, quarterly, or yearly?). K. Crossman stated a policy needs to be set by the board to give guidance. He will provide this for discussion and action at a future meeting.
- President Randall reported that a resident is interested in establishing a gaming parlor in the south end of the former Citgo station. M. Bernius suggested talking to constituents to see what is desired. President Randall encouraged Trustees to let him know if there is interest in entering into a discussion with this resident.
- President Randall received correspondence from Bob Doan stating appreciation to the Village Board, Police Department, and Village employees for all the work done for the Cheese Festival.
- Zambelli Family sent fireworks information, which will be passed on to Rotary.

Adjourn

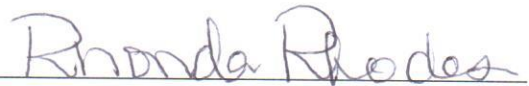
M. Bernius made a motion to adjourn. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.

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Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

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