

October 2, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, October 2, 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, Tyrel Ledbetter, Jenni Marner, Dave Tiffan, and Paul Pearce. Trustee J.D. Kuhns was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Randall asked Ty Ledbetter to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Visitors were Christy Miller and Leon Pinson. Leon Pinson, owner of Pinson Manufacturing, presented a postage issue where businesses in his area at East Progress are receiving each other's mail, and Google maps is not showing their location correctly. Maps and photos were provided to the board. Kenny Crossman noted it is private property and suggested coming up with a different name for the streets and contacting Google. L. Pinson will talk with the other owners of businesses about street names.

Consent Agenda

P. Pearce made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting minutes of September 18, 2017, the Community Relations Committee Meeting minutes of September 26, 2017, and the Community Relations Committee Meeting minutes of September 28, 2017. J. Marner seconded. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Approval of Expenditures

P. Pearce made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$79,490.47. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall took a moment to remember the victims and tragedy that took place in Las Vegas.
- The Lion's Club had three trailers for their electronic cleanup event. The trailers were full by 10:00am. \$900.00 was raised, with an expense of \$1,200.00. However, more donations are expected to come in.
- President Randall noted that Erica Carter has the G Suite accounts set up, but is having issues with the host domain.

Trustees' Reports

- Matt Bernius reported on his trip to Chicago for the IML conference on September 22-23, 2017. He represented Arthur as a presenter on Saturday. The keynote speaker was Mike Ditka, and the seminars were very informational including consolidating units of local government, negotiating and collective bargaining agreements, and best practices for conducting board meetings. M. Bernius thanked the board for allowing him to go and highly recommends sending more board members in the future.
- Jenni Marner thanked the residents who came and participated in the recent Community Relations meetings. The discussion on the Village-owned property by the railroad has begun with a good brainstorming meeting.
- Paul Pearce had a follow-up conversation with Kevin Buckley regarding sales tax revenue, which fell from 2016-2017 by \$33,000.00. The year-to-date numbers are up a little, but we need to keep watching this as an economic indicator.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman provided an activity report. Chief Goodman met with a property owner concerning abandoned vehicles, and the process of cleaning those up has begun. There were three pending municipal ordinance cases. One was settled prior to court and two went to municipal court where a fine was given.

Village Attorney's Report

No Report

Community Development Coordinator's Report

Bob Doan reported that the mid-year meeting for AAEDC is October 30, 2017 at the Methodist Church. Work is also being done to create a food list to provide information about anyone in the area that sells food or drinks.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- Chief Goodman presented information regarding a speed and sign trailer, which was placed on several roads in town. He received positive feedback from neighborhoods. This sign trailer serves as a traffic calming device, message board, and can gather data, including speed, number of vehicles, and time of day. This can also be used for detour routes and is solar powered. M. Bernius made a motion to allow Chief Goodman to purchase the trailer with the cost of \$6,895.00 being split between Public Works and the Police Department. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- M. Bernius made a motion to authorize the sale of a portion of the Penn Central Railroad (100' x 50') adjacent to 712 East Progress Street, to ANDD RENTALS LLC at \$1.25 per square foot, with a total of \$6,250.00. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion took place regarding an upgrade to the Village's Jayhawk water billing software to accommodate automatic customer payments at a one-time cost of \$1,500.00 plus training. President Randall explained that the State Bank of Arthur is changing hands and this improvement would help approximately thirty customers with automatic bill pay. T. Ledbetter made a motion to approve the upgrade. M. Bernius seconded. Discussion took place about fees that would be charged to the customer and other options available at a lower cost. After discussion, T. Ledbetter rescinded his motion, and M. Bernius rescinded his second. T. Ledbetter made a motion to postpone action on the upgrade until the October 16 meeting, giving time to look into other options. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Paul Pearce made a motion to approve sending Deputy Clerk Erica Carter to the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute and Academy in Springfield on October 10-13, 2017 at a cost of \$450.00 plus mileage. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- M. Bernius made a motion to approve the Pay Request #2 (Final) to Feutz Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$17,549.26 (remaining 5% retainage) for work on Phase 2 of Meadowview Subdivision. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion took place on the Wine on Vine TIF Façade Improvement Application. Plans include re-plastering the front of the building, lighting improvements, and north wall improvements. M. Bernius made a motion to approve \$1,100.00 from TIF funds to Wine on Vine. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Discussion took place on Request for Proposal for Risk Management Insurance. President Randall expressed concern with liability coverage of 8 million dollars and read through an email received from the representative regarding average claims. President Randall's concern is if the Village is over paying. M. Bernius stated this is high, but we need to have it based on a potential disaster and not average claim. President Randall also noticed the RFP has preference given to carriers who will not provide year-end adjustments for auditable coverages. P. Pearce noted he would like to hear from some local companies. President Randall would like to meet with the Finance Committee. M. Bernius made a motion to postpone the Request for Proposal for Risk Management Insurance. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

General Discussion

- There will be a CIMOA meeting in Arcola on October 10, 2017.
- The new Village Board Room tables should be in next week.
- The steering committee for the plaza design met and discussed ideas. They suggested the Village-owned property next to the railroad become more parking. They also discussed wayfinding signs instead of a digital sign and sesquicentennial information be located around the Welcome Center. Also discussed was the expansion of the

Welcome Center. President Randall will speak with MSA about redirecting their design work to the Welcome Center area.

- A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Friday, October 6, at 8:00am. A Police Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 5, at 2:00pm.

Adjourn

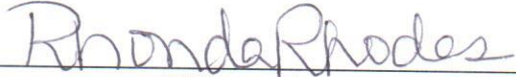
M. Bernius made a motion to adjourn. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

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