

October 2, 2017

A Work Session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, October 2, 2017, in the Community Building. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Tyrel Ledbetter, Jenni Marner, Paul Pearce, and Dave Tiffan. Trustee J.D. Kuhns was absent. Visitors present were Tim Finks, Tom Brewer, Wes Brewer, Steve Jurgens, Christy Miller, and Bob Doan.

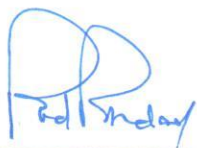
New Business

- Discussion took place on the impact of gaming machines in Illinois communities. Handouts were provided using information from the Illinois Gaming Board comparing gaming machines in Arthur to those in other municipalities in our area. These reports and statistics were discussed. President Randall noted that Tom Brewer is exploring the option of opening a gaming parlor in the south part of his building on South Vine Street. Tim Finks, owner of Wilma's in Shelbyville, explained the history of his operation and the process of getting licensed. President Randall asked about the possible negative impact of gaming in the community, including people not spending money elsewhere in the community. President Randall also inquired about the impression on tourists. Tim Finks replied these establishments are common and the signage can be minimal. Tom Brewer explained that bright signs would not be used. Paul Pearce asked about the non-gaming revenue and noted that municipalities receive 5% of the state's 30%. Discussion took place on the problems of gaming addiction and security issues. Chief Goodman noted a University of Illinois report that property crimes and crimes against persons rise 6-7% in areas that add a gaming parlor. Tim Finks has not seen crime in his area and has a well-lit location and a parking lot that is close by. Tom Brewer provided pictures of his plans and discussed his security plan.

Adjourn

P. Pearce made a motion to adjourn. M. Bernius seconded. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

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