

October 16, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, October 16, 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, and Dave Tiffan. Paul Pearce attended the meeting remotely, due to work-related travel. Trustee J.D. Kuhns was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Randall asked Jenni Marner to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

- The Human Resources Committee Meeting minutes of October 12, 2017 were removed from the Consent Agenda.
- M. Bernius made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including allowing Trustee P. Pearce to attend the meeting remotely, the Work Session Meeting minutes of October 2, 2017, the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting minutes of October 2, 2017, the Police Committee Meeting minutes of October 5, 2017, the Community Relations Committee Meeting minutes of October 5, 2017, the Finance Committee Meeting minutes of October 6, 2017, and the Community Relations Committee Meeting minutes of October 12, 2017. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- P. Pearce made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$62,258.92. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall offered condolences to Erica Carter on the loss of her grandmother. Also thoughts and prayers go out to J.D. and Kara Kuhns as Kara continues her health struggles.

Trustees' Reports

- Matt Bernius thanked the Public Works for all the work they have done lately, including the barricades for the Barbeque Festival. Also, a Water and Sewer Committee Meeting will be held soon.

Comptroller's Report

- Erica Carter provided a Profit and Loss statement. Erica also reported on the Deputy Clerks' seminars she attended and thanked the board for the opportunity to go.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman reported that the StarCom radio portables were delivered. Chief Goodman provided an activity report and noted that the Barbeque Festival went well.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum reported that there are five meters left to change out. The Public Works department was also busy with the Barbeque Festival set up and tear down. The North Vine project is close to being finished.

Village Attorney's Report

No report

Tourism Council

- Christy Miller reported on the September activities of the Tourism Council. These activities included partnering with the Illinois Office of Tourism to do two activations in Chicago, making nominations with Illinois Made, securing contracts and prices for next year's marketing plan, representing AAEDC at regional meetings, working on the Enjoy Illinois website, staffing the Welcome Center, and working on social media and marketing opportunities.

Unfinished Business

- Discussion took place on the possible 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. Christy Frederick recommended putting this on hold in order to survey how much interest there is. T. Ledbetter made a motion to table. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Randall provided copies of the RFP for Risk Management Insurance. This Request for Proposal has some lowered limits and raised deductibles to allow for other insurance carriers to come in and bid. Discussion took place on receiving bids. There will be a Work Session meeting on November 20, 2017 to open bids and hear proposals. P. Pearce motioned to accept the RFP for Risk Management Insurance. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

- Chief Goodman reported on the First Baptist Church request to close south 1/3 of the 200 block of South Hickory Street from 3-6:00 PM on October 31. M. Bernius made a motion to allow the street closures. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Chief Goodman reported on the closure of the 100 and 200 block of South Vine Street from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM on October 31. T. Ledbetter made a motion to allow the street closure. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Ledbetter provided reports, comparisons to other municipalities, and recommendations from the Police Committee regarding benefits and wages for Police Department personnel. Discussion took place on increasing the base rate of wages an equivalent of \$1.00 per hour for full-time Police Department personnel. This has also been discussed in the Finance Committee and Human Resource Committee meetings. P. Pearce made a motion to accept the \$1.00 per hour increase, and for the pay increase to begin the first day of the next pay period. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Ledbetter presented changes to the "Base Rate" matrix for hiring new Police officers, including setting "Base Rate" at \$16.00 per hour. M. Bernius made a motion to accept the changes in the "Base Rate" matrix. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Ledbetter made a motion to discontinue the "Base Rate" matrix for part-time police officers and setting a base hiring of \$16.00 per hour for part-time officers including a pay incentive of \$.50 per hour for previous military experience, excluding dishonorable discharge. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- M. Bernius made a motion to revise the residency requirement for full-time police personnel, excluding the Chief of Police, to allow them to reside within 25 miles of the Village Corporate limits, and retaining the \$.50 per hour premium for residency within the Village Corporate limits. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

General Discussion

M. Bernius raised a concern about the Barbeque Festival and streets being closed, businesses shut off, and vendors not torn down in time. Discussion took place on location and economic impact of event. M. Bernius recommended more time and discussion about this concern to come up with solutions and ways to make this event work.

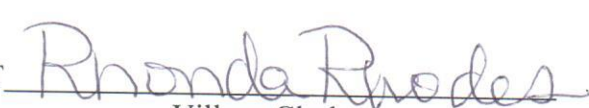
Adjourn

P. Pearce made a motion to adjourn. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm.

APPROVED


Village President

ATTEST


Village Clerk

DATE

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