

November 20, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, November 20, 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, J.D. Kuhns, Jenni Marner, Dave Tiffan, and Paul Pearce. Trustee Tyrel Ledbetter was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Randall asked J.D. Kuhns to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

- P. Pearce made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting minutes of November 6, 2017, and the Board of Trustees Work Session Meeting minutes of November 10, 2017. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- P. Pearce made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$15,965.66. J.D. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall complimented Public Works for getting Christmas decorations up and for their work on the gazebo parking lot.

Trustees' Reports

- No reports

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman provided a monthly police report. Chief Goodman is also looking into options for how to handle stray cats. StarCom is up and running, and the improvements are great. Chief Goodman is actively working on ordinance violation cases.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided an activity log. He noted that Public Works has been sweeping leaves from streets. Also, the detention tanks and filters in the water plant were cleaned before the city-wide hydrant flushing. Midwest Meter tested and calibrated the main meters in the plant.

Village Attorney's Report

- Kenny Crossman noted that in the last meeting Consolidated Services was authorized to do survey work. He met with them about the survey, which is coming up soon.

Comptroller's Report

- Erica Carter provided a balance sheet and budget report.

Tourism Director's Report

- Christy Miller gave updates from October. 391 packets were sent out to individuals who requested them from ads. The Welcome Center had over 3000 visitors and could use some more volunteers. Christy thanked the Village for their support. TGPP was awarded an Illinois Made award. Work also continues on website and branding development.

Unfinished Business

- On November 10, 2017 a Work Session Meeting was held to discuss the TIF request by the Old Heidelberg Steakhouse. It was determined that 35% of the request was

eligible for TIF funds, which came to \$20,000.00. M. Bernius noted that the applications need to be filled out prior to doing any project, and using local contractors would be ideal. M. Bernius made a motion to approve \$20,000.00 in TIF funds to the Old Heidelberg Steakhouse. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- M. Bernius made a motion to postpone action on authorizing the sale of a portion of the Village-owned Penn Central Railroad property (150' x 50') adjacent to 824 & 828 East Progress Street, Arthur, Douglas County, Illinois to Larry E. & Janice K. Miller for \$9,375.00. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

- President Randall explained there were issues getting all the information out to all the insurance carriers for the Risk Management Insurance proposals. M. Bernius made a motion to extend the deadline to November 27, 2017 at 6:00pm. J.D. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- G. Corum explained that the water dispenser rate has been same since 2008, which is 25 cents for 40 gallons. G. Corum recommends a rate of 25 cents for 30 gallons, effective January 1, 2018. M. Bernius made a motion to allow the rate increase. J.D. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- G. Corum received bids for tree and stump removal. M. Bernius made a motion to award the bid to Leaf It to Us Total Tree Care Plus, LLC of Villa Grove for the removal of 8 trees at a cost of \$5,480.00. J.D. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- M. Bernius made a motion to approve the pay request of \$7,737.00 from Consolidated Services, Inc. for design and construction engineering services for Phase 5 North Vine Street milling and resurfacing. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- P. Pearce made a motion to approve the settlement refund for tax years 2013-2016 to Community Retirement, Inc. in the amount of \$5,533.72. J.D. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

General Discussion

- President Randall gave information about the Illinois Bicentennial Flag Raising Ceremony on December 4 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Illinois. We have received a special Illinois flag. There will be a ceremony at 12:00pm in Arthur, and representatives from Arthur will attend the ceremonies at both Moultrie and Douglas counties.
- J.D. Kuhns presented a letter of resignation effective after the November 20, 2017 meeting. Trustee Kuhns stated it has not been an easy decision, and he has enjoyed serving as a Trustee in a Village he is proud to call home. He thanked all the Board members he has worked with, and he thanked the residents of Arthur for allowing him to serve as Village Trustee. His resignation was regretfully accepted, and President Randall thanked J.D. for his years of service, stating that he will be missed.

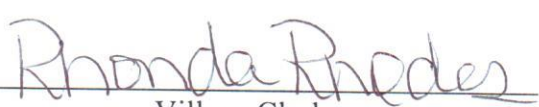
Adjourn

M. Bernius made a motion to adjourn. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm.

APPROVED


Village President

ATTEST


Village Clerk

DATE

12/4/17