

December 18, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, December 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, Tyrel Ledbetter, Mike Hilgenberg, Dave Tiffan, Jenni Marner, and Paul Pearce.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Randall asked Kenny Crossman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office

An Oath of Office was given to Village Trustee Mike Hilgenberg.

Public Comment

Tim Shadwell was the only visitor present.

Consent Agenda

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2017, the Water & Sewer/ Street & Alley Committees Joint Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2017, and the Police Committee Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2017. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- P. Pearce made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$35,644.52. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

None

Trustees' Reports

None

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman introduced Tim Shadwell, who is recommended as a part-time police officer. Chief Goodman also noted that Judson Wienke submitted a letter of resignation, which was read to the Board.
- The Timm Trust approved Police Goodman's request for a second speed trailer.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided a monthly report, noting that a steel service line near the Arthur Grade School will need to be replaced next summer.

Comptroller's Report

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter provided and commented on financial reports. 61% of the expected income for the year has been received. 48% of the anticipated expenditures have been used.
- E. Carter also provided passwords and information for Village G Suite accounts.

Village Attorney's Report

- Village Attorney Kenny Crossman reported that he is still working with Mike Sullivan regarding the survey work on the Village-owned Progress properties. K. Crossman will proceed with the paperwork to sell, and M. Bernius will host a meeting to give information to the landowners around the area.

Tourism Director's Report

- Tourism Director Christy Miller gave an update from the Welcome Center. During the month of November, visitors have come from ten states and six countries. The door count for visitors was just over 2,500. 342 packets were sent out to people requesting information. The Arthur Blessings Tribe has been formed. They are an anonymous group of people going around town to bless others with kind deeds and gifts.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- D. Tiffan reported that the Police Committee met on December 11, 2017. They met with Tim Shadwell, who is a deputy with Douglas County. D. Tiffan made a motion to hire Tim Shadwell as a part-time police officer effective January 1, 2018 at a starting salary of \$16.50 per hour. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Police Chief Goodman described the annual SICJS conference that he has been attending for several years. This year the conference focuses on preparing for and leading in a crisis. This is a two-day conference held February 28- March 1 in Effingham. T. Ledbetter made a motion to allow Chief of Police Mike Goodman to attend the annual SICJS (Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Summit) conference at a cost not to exceed \$200.00. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Crossman introduced and explained Ordinance 12-18A-17. The state requires that all municipalities have a sexual harassment policy. IML has provided a policy and an ordinance that meets the state requirements. Discussion took place on how ordinances get recorded, filed, and updated. M. Bernius made a motion to adopt Sexual Harassment Policy Ordinance 12-18A-17 Prohibiting Sexual Harassment. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Ledbetter brought five recommendations to the Board concerning changes to the Village's Personnel Policy. Policy 2.12 regarding political activities would be changed to reference City Ordinance Sect. 2-68. Section 4.12 would be changed to meet IRS guidelines recommending that employees use village vehicles if possible. Section 3.19 would state that 50% of monthly gym membership fees would be covered. Also, the Village would provide all department heads the option of 100% coverage of cellular telephones, as determined by the Board. Other employees will continue to have 50% of cell phone expense covered. Departments would be allowed to acquire phones to be used by officers on duty. Finally, the committee recommends creating ID cards for each employee and Village representative. Discussion took place on these changes. P. Pearce made a motion to accept the five changes. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

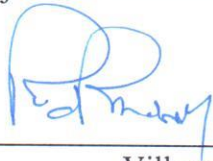
General Discussion

- P. Pearce raised a concern about unkempt properties around town, stating several residents have approached him regarding this issue. Discussion took place on how to address this problem. D. Tiffan asked Chief Goodman about abandoned vehicles. Chief Goodman has met with those in violation and is working on the problem.

Adjourn

M. Bernius made a motion to adjourn. T. Ledbetter seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

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Village President

ATTEST _____



Village Clerk

DATE _____

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