# February 15, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, February 15, 2016, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Paul Pearce, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman. Trustee JD Kuhns was absent.

# **Approval of Previous meeting minutes**

No minutes were available for approval.

## **Approve Expenditures**

• T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$16,575.14. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

# **Village President Comments and Announcements**

- President Bernius thanked T. Clark for running the last meeting.
- He thanked Grant Corum and the staff for snow removal.

#### Trustees' Reports

- T. Clark commented on activity on the Delbert's building.
- K. Good stated she heard good things about the Outdoor Expo this past weekend.
- P. Pearce also commented positively about the Expo.
- D. Tiffan also had positive comments about the Outdoor Expo.
- J. Aikman stated there were just under 3,000 in attendance for the Expo.

### Treasurer's Report

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter commented on the financial documents.
- She is doing research on an ice machine for the building's kitchen. The Kitchen Band donated about \$400.
- T. Clark asked Supervisor Grant Corum about the low amount of expenses for Public Works. He asked about progress on various projects. G. Corum will have more information at the next meeting.

## Police Chief's Report

• Chief Mike Goodman distributed monthly reports on police activity and animal control activity.

## Public Works Supervisor's Report - No report

Village Attorney's Report – No report

#### **Visitors' Comments**

No visitors were present.

#### Old Business - None

#### **New Business**

- President Bernius reviewed some the previous discussions regarding vacating the alley by the Arthur Methodist Church. G. Corum described the sewer mains that needed to be installed before the church's new addition is built. Attorney K. Crossman reviewed a couple of zoning issues. A variance will be needed for building in a residential area and for building on a setback area. The attorneys will put an ordinance and a variance together for approval at the next meeting. None of the Trustees voiced an issue with the Church's plans.
- President Bernius reviewed a bid from Kate's Kars for an excavator trailer. G. Corum stated the excavator arrived last Friday. T. Clark made a motion to accept the bid for a 2016 Load Trail 20' equipment trailer from Kate's Kars for \$3,803. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- G. Corum reviewed prices and options for appliances for the Public Works building. The total for a microwave, refrigerator, TV, washer, and dryer from Randall's is \$2,875. T. Clark made a motion to accept the bid for appliances as presented for \$2,875. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- G. Corum presented information and prices for shelving units for the Public Works building. He would like to purchase two for \$350 each from Uline. He distributed a list of furniture, tool racks, bookcases, etc. T. Clark made a motion to approve up to \$8,000 to supply the shop and office. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to enter Executive Session. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session was regarding the purchase of the railroad property. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present was T. Clark, K. Good, P. Pearce, D. Tiffan, and J. Aikman.
- P. Pearce made a motion to acquire railroad parcel 14-13 according to the legal description provided for \$1. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Crossman and G. Corum reviewed concerns about the current water shutoff policy. There are two / three outstanding bills currently. After discussion, a letter will be sent to the resident before shutting off the water after two months or if their bill is excessive. They will continue to draft a policy. Residents will lose their deposit when they are 60 days consecutively late.
- President Bernius discussed the recent Caterer's Liquor License that was passed by the Board, allowing current liquor license holders to use their current license to have special events at different locations. The current license is not providing all of the benefits that were intended when it was passed (i.e. Wine on Vine would not qualify for the license due to the fact that they do not serve food). Therefore, the current license or a new license should be established allowing liquor license holders from in town to use their license and apply for a one-time license to hold special events. It would not be applicable to out-of-town caterers as they do not have a valid Village of Arthur liquor license. The new license should require a one-time application and fee, but the license holders would be required to identify each special event date and property location to the Village Office. K. Crossman will draft a document or update the existing license for the next meeting.

# Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

APPROVED . Mall Bennie
Village President

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Village Clerk

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