

November 7, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, November 7, 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, Jenni Marner, Paul Pearce, Dave Tiffan, and Andy Monts. Trustee JD Kuhns was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes of October 17, 2016, were approved as presented.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$262,037.72. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius stated he travelled through a lot of small towns over the weekend; he was glad the Village banned leaf burning.

Trustees' Reports

- A. Monts had some residents ask about huge potholes on the east side of Ash Street behind the Grade School. G. Corum will address this.
- T. Clark, on behalf of the Events Committee of the Association of Commerce, thanked Chief Goodman for being present during downtown Trick-or-Treat.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman distributed the October monthly report.
- He reported on a sickly cat that had been rescued.
- He commented the number of cannabis citations.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Grant Corum reported on his activity report. Out of the 66 water meters that needed to be done in September, 27 are now complete.
- A fire hydrant at the corner of Park and Poplar was hit by a truck.
- The black hydrant at the corner of Illinois and Poplar is in the process of being fixed.
- Stewart Spreading completed the waste water sludge project.
- Herschberger Concrete completed the hitchrack project behind IGA.

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Ken Crossman reported the Village closed on the Walnut Street property. He recommends drafting written leases with the residents.
- P. Pearce had a question about cluttered yards; K. Crossman stated three letters have been sent about littered yards. Any questions about specific properties start with the Police Department.

Visitors' Comments

No visitors were present.

Deputy Clerk Erica Carter commented on the Woman's Club Halloween Festival. She also stated that water billing is set up now to accept online payments. There was discussion about making the drop box bigger.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- K. Crossman reviewed the Alternate Revenue Bond. P. Pearce made a motion to abate the 2012 Alternate Revenue Bond per the attorney's request. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- G. Corum stated he had a bid from Harris Electric to hook up the generator to the wastewater plant for a backup during a power outage for \$15,385. He has not received a price from Merv's Electric. President Bernius tabled the matter until the next meeting to allow time to receive a bid from Merv's.
- G. Corum stated there are some fixtures from the old Public Works building and some equipment that are no longer needed. There was discussion regarding the equipment that could be sold via sealed bid and what could be taken to Tri-County Auction's spring sale. G. Corum will work on an inventory list.
- G. Corum explained the price increase from Stewart Spreading; the tonnage was more than bid initially. The landfill cost also increased. The approved amount was \$105,000; G. Corum calculated the cost will be \$110,161.37. T. Clark made a motion to amend the Stewart Spreading and Advance Disposal bills not to exceed \$112,000; A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- E. Carter reviewed some options for some new Christmas decorations for the light poles downtown. Some of the current decorations are in poor condition. The Village has an award from Timm Trust for \$3,500 for decorations. Snowflakes will allow for them to be displayed through the winter. There is a sale; six snowflakes would be \$2,148. The wreath or tree options are more expensive. The snowflakes will come with incandescent lights, but can be changed out to LED lights. There was discussion about a lighted banner across Vine Street and Illinois Street. T. Clark made a motion to authorize purchase of 6 snowflakes with LED lights for \$2,148 to be reimbursed by Timm Trust. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- P. Pearce made a motion to enter Executive Session; A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session was to discuss personnel. (5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, J. Marner, P. Pearce, D. Tiffan, and A. Monts.
- President Bernius reviewed the Executive Session discussion. P. Pearce made a motion for the Public Works Department to advertise for a new employee. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

D. Tiffan made a motion to adjourn. A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm.

APPROVED *R. Matt Bernius*
Village President

ATTEST *Jennifer Perrine*
Village Clerk

DATE *December 5, 2016*