

November 21, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, November 21, 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, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and Andy Monts.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

None were available for approval.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$80,399.98.
- P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius stated there was a good turnout for the lighted Christmas parade. He thanked the Public Works and Police Departments for their work for this event.
- President Bernius appointed Jenni Marner, in place of Karen Good, to the Arthur Foundation Board.

Trustees' Reports

- T. Clark commented on the new Christmas lights.
- J. Marner also commented on the new Christmas lights.
- D. Tiffan commented on the new surfacing on the portion of Vine Street. President Bernius asked Trustees to look at the street striping in Mt. Zion.
- A. Monts commented that parked cars block the view of the lighted Christmas parade.

Treasurer's Report

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter complimented the Arthur Flower Shop for the greenery on the front of the building.
- She commented on the financial documents.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman stated the lighted Christmas parade went well.
- He stated there is additional training going on during this time of year.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Grant Corum commented on the Vine Street resurfacing. There was a question about how the two sections come together.
- Fire hydrants were flushed today and will be tomorrow.

Village Attorney's Report

- No report

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Becky Bernardi and Marx and Cathy Plank.

Old Business

- G. Corum reviewed the two bids and the price difference for the generator connections at the wastewater treatment plant. He recommends Merv's Electric bid for \$5,500. J. Kuhns made a motion to approve Merv's Electric bid for \$5,500 plus the cost of the extra outlet. A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Crossman presented information regarding the Douglas County Enterprise Zone. A list of property was not included. President Bernius tabled any action until that list is received.

New Business

- President Bernius stated the Village closed on the property on Walnut Street, and the residents should be notified. He recommends the current rental agreement on a month-to-month basis. Residents should be vacated by May 1. When the properties are vacated, they can better be inspected and determine what needs to be done. K. Crossman will write agreements. The Village will take care of maintenance and mowing. The rent for the main house will be \$400. P. Pearce made a motion to update oral leases to written leases with the main house rent at \$400 per month, the north apartment at \$300 per month, maintain lot rent as presented – Lot A at \$100 per month, Lot 5 at \$70 per month and Lot 7 at \$70 per month. Also, the Village attorney will draw up month-to-month agreements. A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed previous agreements regarding electric rate aggregation. The current agreement ends in October. There are 29 other communities going out for bid during the week of December 1, and the Village can be included. He also explained how the process works once he is notified of the rates and the term. P. Pearce made motion to provide President Bernius the authority to negotiate contract renewal with SIMEC. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed the Homefield Energy quote; if the Village wants to challenge it, the challenge must be done by Thursday. D. Tiffan made a motion to give Erica Carter the authority to check rates, and if there's potential rate savings, the authority to go back to Ameren while reviewing other rate options. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- G. Corum stated a dump trailer was budgeted this year. There is a Black Friday sale; a trailer would be \$4,800 for a \$6-6,500 trailer. He also found a 1999 International truck with a landscaper bed with 39,000 miles and 2,000 hours for \$19,500. He would prefer the truck; if the trailer were purchased, a truck would have to be "tied up" pulling it. There was discussion about the costs of benefits of each. T. Clark made a motion to give G. Corum the authority to negotiate up to \$19,500 for the 1999 International 16' bed truck. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- E. Carter stated there is an insurance meeting tomorrow at 1pm and 2pm with representatives from different companies.
- President Bernius stated the Village would be receiving a \$16,000 refund from Ameren for the Meadowview subdivision.

Adjourn

J. Kuhns made a motion to adjourn. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm.

APPROVED

L. Matt Bernius
Village President

ATTEST

Jennifer Perrine
Village Clerk

DATE

December 5, 2016