

February 16, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, February 16, 2015, 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, Larry Miller, JD Kuhns, and James Aikman. Trustee Dave Tiffan was absent.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The Police Committee meeting minutes of November 24, 2014, and February 5, 2015; the Street & Alley / Water & Sewer meeting minutes of February 9, 2015; and the regular meeting minutes of February 2, 2015, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius had no comments.

Trustees' Reports

- J. Aikman stated the Outdoor Expo was successful with over 3,000 attendees.
- L. Miller commented on the attendance at the Outdoor Expo.
- T. Clark asked Deputy Clerk Erica Carter about the lights along the end of Palmer Street by Eberhardt Village. She will follow up with Ameren.

Treasurer's Report

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter commented on the financial documents.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- G. Corum stated the leak on North Vine Street has been fixed and will be gravel until the weather is warmer.
- There was another leak on Lincoln Street that was fixed.

Village Attorney's Report – No report

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman stated the DARE program will start this week. The graduation is tentatively set for May 12.
- He stated some of the topics from the last Police Committee meeting will be coming to the board in upcoming meetings.

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Ervin Crist, Rob Fustin, David Hale, Roger Hale, Mark and Kathy Harrison, Cindy and Nolan Lee, and John Michael Christopher Tabb. Representatives from AquaIllinois that were present were Jim Bilotta, Craig Blanchette, Bob Ervin, and Paul Hanley. President Bernius updated the visitors about the research on selling the water and sewer plants. He explained some the pros and cons to the potential sale. President Bernius and representatives from AquaIllinois answered questions from visitors.

Old Business

- J. Tabb brought the letters from his neighbors regarding the requested variance at 425 South Union Street. The three neighbors who signed letters were in support of the fence. The fence was constructed without a building permit which could include a fine to the property owner. There was discussion about exactly what the property owner was asked to do at the last meeting and how the Board would respond to that. T. Clark made a motion to deny the variance as requested. J. Kuhns seconded. Trustees Clark, Miller, and Kuhns and President Bernius voted YEA. Trustee Aikman voted NAY. Trustee Good abstained.
- L. Miller made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding the sale of village owned property. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. Executive Session 5(ILCS120/2(c)(6)) The setting of a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the public body.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, K. Good, L. Miller, J. Kuhns, and J. Aikman.
- President Bernius stated this is the next step in doing research regarding the sale of the water and sewer plants and infrastructure. J. Kuhns made a motion to accept the letter of intent from

AquaIllinois for the possible purchase of the water and sewer plants. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

- Attorney Robert Crossman reviewed the variance request regarding 515 East Park Street and the corresponding zoning meeting. There is an unmapped sewer line in the lot, so they are requesting a smaller livable floor space. T. Clark made a motion to approve the variance request as presented. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 02-16A-15.
- G. Corum reviewed what is left of the old street shed at 320 West Progress Street. He is waiting on Ameren to remove gas service. He presented information regarding destruction of the rest of the building – the cost of renting an excavator and the Village employees providing the labor, the cost of dumpsters, hiring an excavating company, and removing the concrete. The overall estimate is \$3,000-4,500. There was discussion about the best option. J. Kuhns made a motion to approve G. Corum making a decision about the best way to demolish the rest of the building. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- R. Crossman reviewed the request regarding the restriction on Meadowview Subdivision Lot #8. K. Good made a motion to approve removing the restriction from Meadowview Subdivision Lot #8. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- A work session was scheduled for Thursday, February 19 at 6pm.
- J. Kuhns made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding bid tabulations for the new public works building. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. Executive Session 5(ILCS120/2(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 were T. Clark, K. Good, L. Miller, J. Kuhns, and J. Aikman.
- J. Kuhns reviewed the Committee meeting regarding the new public works building. The Committee decided the best option was a steel building rather than a wood building. J. Kuhns made a motion to go with Prairieland Construction for the new public works building for \$256,806. K. Good seconded. There was discussion about details for the building. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding the collective bargaining unit. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. Executive Session 5(ILCS120/2(c)(2)) Collective negotiating matter between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, K. Good, L. Miller, J. Kuhns, and J. Aikman.

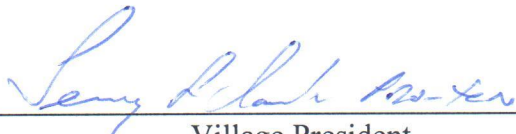
Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$187,944.21. K. Good seconded. There was a question about how much had been spent so far towards collective bargaining; the Board will be updated periodically. All Trustees voted YEA.

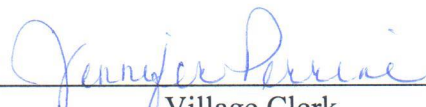
Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 10:00pm.

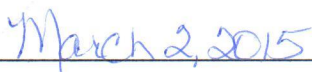
APPROVED


Village President

ATTEST


Village Clerk

DATE


March 2, 2015