

September 21, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, September 21, 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, Paul Pearce, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman. Trustee JD Kuhns was absent.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The Executive Session meeting minutes of August 17, 2015, and the regular meeting minutes of September 8, 2015, were approved as presented. The Executive Session meeting minutes of September 8, 2015, were approved with a grammatical correction.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$32,191.15. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius reported on an error in the new code book. This makes him question other errors that might be in the book. Deputy Clerk Erica Carter will review the book and communicate with Municode about the error.

Trustees' Reports – No reports

Treasurer's Report

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter commented on the financial documents. Overall, the Village has spent 27% of the budget.
- President Bernius stated the Board needs to decide if they want to pay back the General Fund for the creation of the TIF district.

Police Chief's Report – Absent

- E. Carter stated Elliott Tinnon graduated from the Academy last week.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Grant Corum updated the Board on on-going tasks – drain cleaning, mowing, etc.
- He stated the sewer is installed at the new Public Works building.
- He located utilities around the new CHI building project.
- President Bernius suggested meeting early for the next meeting to see the new Public Works building.

Village Attorney's Report – No report

Visitors' Comments

George Fritz was the only visitor present. Becky Bernardi was on the agenda; however, she changed her mind on her request.

Old Business – None

New Business

- G. Fritz distributed a map requesting street closures for the BBQ Festival, the same as previous years. There will be 40 KCBS teams this year. T. Clark made a motion to approve the street closures as presented for the BBQ Festival. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- E. Carter presented information regarding the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute. She will stay with a relative, so there will not be a hotel expense. The registration cost is \$500. J. Aikman made a motion to send E. Carter to the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute on October 12-17. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- G. Corum presented information and some prices regarding some of the pieces that still need decisions for the new Public Works building. There was discussion regarding

some of the outstanding invoices, the current generators and what they will support, furnishings needed, garage door openers, as well as some other topics.

- E. Carter reviewed a letter from American Tower. They purchased the cell tower from Verizon; they want to purchase the land or extend the lease so they can be more marketable to other carriers. P. Pearce reviewed the financial impact of the various options. There was discussion about the future of the tower and technology. President Bernius asked the Attorneys Crossman and Paul Pearce to talk with an American Tower representative. K. Good made a motion to allow P. Pearce and legal counsel to enter into negotiations with American Tower for transfer of the tower or modification of the lease. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Aikman made a motion to enter Executive Session; K. Good 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 or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, K. Good, P. Pearce, D. Tiffan, and J. Aikman.
- K. Good made a motion to hire a part-time Public Works employee, Reed Coleman, to start immediately at \$12 per hour. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Kevin Buckley presented the annual audit report. There was clarification that G. Corum is signing off any water bill write-off requests and a couple of new line items need to be started for the 2012 bond issue. The General Fund has increased over \$151,000; total revenues were up about \$180,000. K. Buckley stated there are no large issues. There was discussions regarding the journal entries that need to be done. J. Aikman made a motion to accept the annual audit report as presented. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

APPROVED

R. Matt Bernius

Village President

ATTEST

Jennifer M. Berne

Village Clerk

DATE

October 5, 2015