A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, October 5, 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, Paul Pearce, and Dave Tiffan. Trustees Karen Good, J.D. Kuhns, and James Aikman were absent.

# **Approval of Previous meeting minutes**

The regular meeting minutes and the Executive Session meeting minutes of September 21, 2015, were approved as presented.

#### **Approve Expenditures**

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$28,489.83.
  - P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees and President Bernius voted YEA.

# **Village President Comments and Announcements**

- President Bernius commented on the homecoming activities; he thanked everyone involved in the activities.
- He was saddened to hear that Delbert's is going out of business; he recognized the contributions they have made to the community.

# Trustees' Reports

- D. Tiffan commented on positive Village comments he received from someone from another town. He also commented on Delbert's closing and homecoming activities.
- T. Clark reminded everyone about the BBQ Competition this weekend. He also reminded residents about the burning ban. He thanked everyone for their comments about Delbert's closing.

#### Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman distributed the September monthly report.
- He stated Elliott Tinnon is now in his field training stage. He will be a third-shift officer.

## Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Grant Corum stated Reed Coleman started a couple of days after the last meeting. Things are going well so far.
- He reported on a leak and replacement of service at 205 S. Beech.
- Bernardi Construction has begun work on the hitchrack.
- Merv's Electrical and Oye's Plumbing are working on the Public Works building.

# Village Attorney's Report - No report

#### Visitors' Comments

No visitors present.

# Old Business - None

### **New Business**

- President Bernius briefly reviewed the Remote Meetings Ordinance. With approval of this Ordinance, remote Trustees will be able to participate in discussions and vote on agenda items. Attorneys Crossman stated a quorum must be present in the Board Room; those calling in do not count towards a quorum. If possible, Trustees that know they are going to be absent need to call Deputy Clerk Erica Carter at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. P. Pearce made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-05A-15 Remote Meetings. D. Tiffan seconded. There was discussion regarding the reasons a Trustee could be absent and would need to participate remotely. All Trustees and President Bernius voted YEA.
- President Bernius stated Larry Schlabach talked with the Park Board about using one of the canons that he uses to shoot off his fireworks on "the hill"; the request was denied. He wants to build a 12'x12' steel pad to put his fireworks on and wants to store the pad

in a corner inside the fence at the sewer lagoons. Attorneys Crossman will develop a hold harmless statement to protect the Village as much as possible; the Village will only be storing the pad on Village property. T. Clark made a motion to approve the request from Larry Schlabach to store a 12x12 steel pad within the fence of the sewer lagoons. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees and President Bernius voted YEA.

- President Bernius reviewed a need for a forklift and how Lowe Township has been successful in purchasing equipment from Federal Surplus. The equipment must be kept 12 or 18 months. He stated the cost would be about \$1,700 from a facility south of Indianapolis. The value is about \$6,000; it has about 600 hours on it. It is a Hyster 6000 model. The only forks the Village has now are on the backhoe, and it requires a lot of space to use and isn't the best way to do it. D. Tiffan made a motion to purchase a Hyster 6000 forklift from Federal Surplus for \$1,700. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees and President Bernius voted YEA.
- G. Corum presented information regarding electrical and a generator for the Public Works building. The generator will be powered by natural gas. The cost will be \$31,125, which includes the generator, transfer, and electrical. He was unable to make contact with Atchison's Electric. There was a question about service contracts. Trustee JD Kuhns remotely joined the meeting. President Bernius reviewed the information and discussion. T. Clark made a motion to waive the bidding requirement. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees and President Bernius voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve \$31,125 for the previously mentioned items. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees and President Bernius voted YEA. Trustee Kuhns left the meeting.
- G. Corum will have air compressor information at the next meeting. President Bernius stated the next meeting might start early if electrical is installed in the building.
- K. Crossman pointed a home rule government error in the RFQ from Hartman Consultants. A description from Coles County Regional Planning is needed, then a clean copy from Hartman Consultants will be needed. A new timeline will have to be reviewed if this draft is not approved until October 19. This item was tabled until the next meeting.
- President Bernius stated a caterer's liquor license has been requested. This will give businesses some flexibility for events. This item was tabled until the next meeting.
- P. Pearce made a motion to enter Executive Session. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees and President Bernius voted YEA. This Executive Session was regarding personnel and the Collective Bargaining Agreement. (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 Terry Clark, Paul Pearce and Dave Tiffan.
- President Bernius stated at this time, the Village is electing not to hire a full-time employee.
- President Bernius stated the October CIMOA meeting will be in Arcola on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Brian Moody will be the speaker regarding the Cronus fertilizer plant.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:23pm.

Village President

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