

January 14, 2014

A work session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman. Trustee Larry Miller arrived just after roll call.

No visitors were present.

President Bernius reviewed his discussions with Mr. Wilson, the school Superintendent about the TIF district. The EAV of the proposed TIF area is \$6 million. He reviewed a proposal whereby a percentage of the TIF money would go back to the taxing bodies if the EAV of the TIF reaches a different dollar amounts. He talked to a TESKA representative who thought it was a good idea. Everyone was in agreement. President Bernius will ask Robert Crossman to draw up the paperwork for this proposal.

President Bernius stated he would like to have Christy Frederick stay as an employee for a little bit longer. Long-term, she is willing to learn other tasks / projects; there was discussion about what those other projects could be. For a short-term solution, one person could use the Village President's office. President Bernius will continue to talk with C. Frederick. There was discussion about having her as a part-time employee eligible for IMRF, but she doesn't need the insurance.

Everyone reviewed the current year's budget. President Bernius stated he wants to make sure that funding goes towards the Tourism Director, but that money must also be balanced with having funds for infrastructure projects. A proposed budget for the Community Relations / Tourism Committee was distributed and discussed. A three-year commitment is being requested so that planning for the position can continue. All Trustees gave and discussed their opinion. There was discussion about where the funding could come from.

#### **Adjourn**

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

