

January 20, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, January 20, 2014, 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, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman. Trustee JD Kuhns was absent.

#### **Approval of Previous meeting minutes**

The regular meeting minutes and the Executive Session meeting minutes of January 6, 2014, and the work session meeting minutes of January 14, 2014, were approved as presented.

#### **Village President Comments and Announcements**

- President Bernius commented on the hard work of the Village employees, including a water main break on Sunday.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Village Comptroller Erica Carter commented on the financial documents.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- T. Clark stated a couple of people commented about children walking in the street during big snows.
- K. Good received a letter from a business supporting of the Tourism Director position.
- L. Miller stated some residents are parking over the sidewalks creating a hazard for children walking to school. He stated that 4-wheelers shouldn't be on the streets pulling people in the snow.
- D. Tiffan received a few complaints that the downtown sidewalks weren't completely cleaned. He asked businesses take the initiative and scoop a path to their door. There was discussion about the best way and timing to clean the sidewalks.
- J. Aikman stated the Arthur Foundation received its first big donation.

#### **Village Attorney's Report – None**

#### **Visitors' Comments**

Visitors present were Bob Doan and Sue Falk. B. Doan stated a concern he had about snow on the sidewalk along the gazebo parking lot. S. Falk stated she would like to attend the Governor's Conference on Tourism on behalf of Arthur. She will pay her own way. Everyone thought that was a great idea.

#### **Old Business**

- President Bernius reviewed the discussion from the Work Session meeting regarding funding for a Tourism Director. J. Aikman made a motion to contribute \$15,000 towards the Tourism Director for a three-year commitment and \$15,000 for the Economic Development for a one-year commitment. D. Tiffan seconded. Trustees Clark, Good, Tiffan, and Aikman voted YEA. Trustee Miller passed.

#### **New Business**

- Sgt. Hansen reviewed the SICJS Convention he and Chief Goodman would like to attend. L. Miller moved to allow Chief Goodman and Sgt. Hansen to attend the SICJS Convention. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- R. Crossman reviewed the Zoning meeting regarding re-zoning and modifying lot 2 and lot 7 of Meadowview Subdivision. This change is for only this contractor and for a period of 12 months; the contractor can't transfer this to anyone else. T. Clark moved to accept the request for the re-zoning of lot 2 from R3 to R3A and designate lots 2 and 7 as zero-lot line lots. L. Miller seconded. The Ordinance number will be 01-20a-14. Trustees Clark, Miller, Tiffan, and Aikman voted YEA. Trustee Good abstained.
- T. Clark made a motion to allow President Bernius to execute the deed for these properties. J. Aikman seconded. Trustees Clark, Miller, Tiffan, and Aikman voted YEA. K. Good abstained.



- E. Carter explained a change that needs to be made in the minutes for the appropriations. The ordinance is correct; the number given for the minutes was incorrect and different than the ordinance. K. Good made a motion to correct the minutes to reflect the ordinance. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius stated the EAV of the TIF area is \$6 million. He outlined a plan to prorate some of the TIF money back to the other taxing bodies if / when the TIF area reaches \$12 million (20% to be returned) and \$18 million (30% to be returned). Once the document is drafted, it will be forwarded to TESKA to be included in the TIF. T. Clark made a motion to allow Attorney R. Crossman to draft an intergovernmental agreement with other taxing bodies for the TIF. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- R. Crossman described the property that needs to be vacated for the CHI property. The Ordinance number will be 01-20b-14. T. Clark made a motion to approve President Bernius to execute a quit claim deed partially terminating the easement on the north portion of lot 6. J. Aikman seconded. Trustees Clark, Good, Tiffan, and Aikman voted YEA. Trustee Miller passed.
- K. Good made a motion to enter Executive Session; J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session was regarding the sale of Village owned property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)), the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body and the appointment, employee performance, compensation, and benefits (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)), the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, K. Good, L. Miller, D. Tiffan, and J. Aikman.
- J. Aikman made a motion to allow R. Crossman to send a letter with changes to Atlas Tower. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to change the building permit fee schedule payment to the employee to 35% of the fee collected payable at the end of each calendar year and effective January 1, 2014. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approve Expenditures**

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$27,480.84. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

President Bernius stated he directed E. Carter to attend an Illinois Clerk's class in Effingham for \$45. It will be reflected in the bills at a later time.

#### **Adjourn**

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

*Long R. Clark*  
Village President *Pro-Tem*

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

*Jennifer M. Perrine*  
Village Clerk

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

*February 3, 2014*