

April 21, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, April 21, 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, Larry Miller, and James Aikman. Trustees Karen Good and JD Kuhns were absent. Trustee Dave Tiffan arrived after roll call.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The work session meeting minutes of March 31, 2014; and the regular meeting minutes, work session meeting minutes, and executive session meeting minutes of April 7, 2014; were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius reminded everyone about the leaf banning ordinance and not to blow grass clippings into the gutter.

Trustees' Reports – none

Treasurer's Report

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter commented on the financial documents.
- T. Clark suggested writing a letter to the state legislators regarding the income tax proposal. President Bernius asked him to draft a letter.

Police Chief's Report

- Chief Goodman stated Sgt. Hansen's last working day is April 29. There will be an open house from 1p-3p that afternoon.

Village Attorney's Report – none

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Dave Conlin, Kaye Dick, Tammie Hammond, Tim Singer, and Ginger Swartz. T. Singer made a donation request on behalf of the Rotary Club for the fireworks show.

Old Business – None

New Business

- T. Hammond and G. Swartz made a presentation about hiding geocaching units on Village property. L. Miller made a motion to allow for the placement of geocaching units on Village property. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius commented on the information in the packets about the Touch a Truck event. The organizers are requesting that South Eberhardt Drive be closed from 10a to 3:30p on May 17th. T. Clark made a motion to approve the road closure on South Eberhardt Drive on May 17th and a \$20 donation towards expenses. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark moved to establish a segregated bank account for the TIF monies. L. Miller seconded. President Bernius stated the account would be at the State Bank of Arthur. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius commented on information about the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System and coordinating training with emergency personnel in the Village and perhaps the counties. Chief Goodman presented information about some of the updating ILEAS is doing. A resolution is required and allows for law enforcement mutual aid. J. Aikman made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of law enforcement mutual aid agreement and the existence and formation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by intergovernment corporation. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Aikman made a motion to accept the mutual aid agreement with ILEAS. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius asked about the age limit for a Village employee. E. Carter will call the Illinois Municipal League to check. There was discussion about a new employee in

the Sewer Department that could also help the Street Department. It's possible to advertise but then not hire and employee. L. Miller moved to advertise for part-time summer help in Public Works. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- President Bernius and J. Aikman reviewed the Hotel / Motel meeting from last week. There is currently approximately \$8,300 in available funds. The Committee decided to fund \$7,000 to the Association of Commerce for tourism advertising. J. Aikman made a motion to approve the request. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark moved to enter Executive Session regarding personnel matters. Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) The appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, L. Miller, D. Tiffan, and J. Aikman.
- J. Aikman made a motion to hire Mark Krutsinger for the crossing guard position at the current hourly rate. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to promote Officer Mante to the rank of Sergeant at the hourly rate of \$18.21. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion through the Finance Committee to grant a 40-cent per hour raise to the following employees – J. Watkins, J. Mercer, R. Murray, S. Smith, K. Mante, M. Elsberry, E. Carter, and R. Carter; and a raise to Chief Goodman of \$832 to his salary. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Bernius stated this will be effective on May 1.
- D. Tiffan made a motion effective January 1, 2015, the Village participation in the dental and vision will go from 100% to 50%, the employee will pay the other 50%. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius stated they have been working on selling the property north of town and property directly behind the Village Building. J. Aikman stated Millrich Outdoors offered \$1.70 per square foot; Mel Stutzman, for a furniture store, would pay \$1.85 per square foot. The property was appraised at \$1.85 per square foot. No action could be taken on the property north of town or the property behind the Community Building due to a lack of Trustees present. There was discussion regarding the Gunny Sack Building – the exact location, utilities, and easements. Some of the field behind the property north of town would need to be purchased. The owner is asking for \$1.50 per square foot, below the \$1.85 price.
- There was brief discussion about the value of CDs in relation to the refinanced bonds.

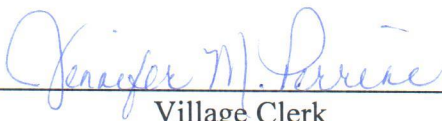
Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$11,801.59. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 9:09pm.

APPROVED 
Village President

ATTEST 
Village Clerk

DATE May 5, 2014