

September 2, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Tuesday, September 2, 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, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes of August 18, 2014, and the Work Session and Executive Session minutes of August 14, 2014, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius commented on the Cheese Festival and thanked everyone for their work.
- He wants to schedule another Work Session meeting.

Trustees' Reports

- D. Tiffan commented on the weightlifting competition during the Festival.
- L. Miller has received complaints about weeds, tall grass, abandon vehicles, and residents parking over sidewalks.
- K. Good had positive comments about the Cheese Festival.
- T. Clark commented on the work of the EIU students. President Bernius stated they will be here August 22, 2015. T. Clark asked about Village employees mowing the ditches along Route 133 to the east of Cedar Lane and the west of Forest Lane.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman reported on a couple of "odd" incidents that happened during the Festival.
- He met with Ken Munds and Sage Hale from the Grade School. They talked about traffic flow, and the discussion will continue once the outside concrete work is finished.
- President Bernius complimented and reported on good comments on behalf of Officer Cody Harley during the Festival.

Village Attorney's Report – None

Old Business

- James Bonneville, from Municode, made a presentation regarding his company's proposal. He explained the process and timeline to update the Village's code book and answered questions. It can be financed over two fiscal years. T. Clark made a motion to accept the Municode proposal in the amount of \$9,750. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Harry Bell, James Bonneville, Bob Doan and Dick Hein. B. Doan thanked the Village for their work. He presented a request for consideration for updated electricity for festivals; he is working for Ameren. President Bernius asked him to finish getting prices and determine priorities, then make another presentation to the Board.

New Business

- Dick Hein and Harry Bell made a presentation on behalf of the American Legion Post and VFW to add a case of veterans pictures and to move all of the cases from the hallway to the west end of the north wall of the Community Room. The Legion and VFW will cover the cost. K. Good made a motion to allow the American Legion to move the picture display cases to the Community Room north wall, west end. The project will be in conjunction with the Community Building being painted. The Legion and VFW will bring ideas for a border / trim around all of the cases. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Chief M. Goodman stated Halloween falls on a Friday this year. K. Good made a motion to set the Trick or Treat hours on October 31 from 5pm to 8pm. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- President Bernius stated the Economic Development leased the southwest corner at Vine Street and Route 133 from the Park District and installed the electronic sign to show community events. The electrical cost is about \$8 per month and is hooked to the Village's electric. K. Good made a motion to continue to pay the fees since they are that low. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- R. Crossman suggested the Board not take action on the variance for 511 North Walnut. The resident was not present. President Bernius tabled the matter.
- K. Good made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding crossing guard wages and action on the Public Works Supervisor (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and discussion and action on purchasing property and on building plans for the public works building (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)), the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. All Trustees were present.
- President Bernius reviewed the discussion from Executive Session regarding the need to increase the high school crossing guard's wage due to changes in the high school lunch times. K. Good made a motion to increase the high schools crossing guard's wage biweekly to \$310.40. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- K. Good made a motion to allow President Bernius to call two of the three candidates for the Public Works Supervisor position for a second interview. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to allow President Bernius to enter into negotiations with property owners of 200 block of North Walnut for possible purchase. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Kuhns made a motion to work with Terry Linder to complete plans for the public works building and prepare it for bid. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$38,024.32. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 9:43pm.

APPROVED

R. Matt Bernius

Village President

ATTEST

Jennifer M. Dorrance

Village Clerk

DATE

September 15, 2014