

September 15, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, September 15, 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 executive session meeting minutes of September 2, 2014, and the special meeting and executive session of August 19, 2014, were approved as presented. The regular meeting minutes of September 2, 2014, were approved with one correction.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius wanted to organize a work session meeting for snow plow equipment planning.

Trustees' Reports

- J. Aikman has received a lot of positive comments about the new benches downtown.
- D. Tiffan stated there has been a lot of burning lately.
- K. Good stated the new stone sign for Meadowview Subdivision is in place. There was a brief discussion about its placement.

Treasurer's Report – Absent

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman stated they have dealt with some burning issues over the weekend.
- He reported on some no parking signs needed on Ash Street and traffic flow at the Grade School.

Village Attorney's Report – None

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Kevin Buckley and Greg Mast.

New Business

- Greg Mast presented a request from the Arthur Christian School about road closures for a 5K cross country race. M. Goodman explained the route and road closures. T. Clark made a motion to honor the request to close East Progress Street as presented on Saturday, November 1, and waive the normal fee for the Community Room. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Auditor Kevin Buckley presented the financial audit. He was encouraged, especially with the Water and Sewer and General Funds. There was a question regarding the adjusting journal entries; K. Buckley will follow up with Comptroller Erica Carter. T. Clark made a motion to approve the financial audit report as presented. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- M. Goodman presented a request on behalf of George Fritz for the street closures for the BBQ Festival. K. Good made a motion to approve the street closings as presented on the map for the BBQ Festival. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius stated the cost to install Wi-Fi in the Community Building would be about \$1,000 to install and about \$75 per month. There have been a few requests for it for functions in the Community Room. There was a discussion about the costs versus the requests and other technology options in that room. The issue died for lack of a motion.
- K. Good made a motion to approve the annual contract of Jayhawk Software for the water billing for \$399. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- J. Kuhns made a motion to purchase a Jayhawk support agreement for 7 hours. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius presented information regarding E. Carter attending the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute for \$500 from October 12 thru October 17. It's a three-year

program. K. Good made a motion to approve E. Carter to attend the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- President Bernius explained that the balance of the Interfund loan needs to be re-paid. T. Clark made a motion to re-pay the remaining \$33,000 of the Interfund loan from General Fund to Water and Sewer. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius explained that the amount received in variance fees usually does not cover the legal fees for the variance. He suggested lowering the fee to \$100 but adding that the person requesting the variance would pay any legal fees. The cost now is \$200, and the legal fees usually cost \$250. President Bernius tabled the matter as Attorney R. Crossman will estimate the legal cost.
- J. Kuhns presented information about the Morningside project. There will also be work on the east side of North Vine Street, north of Rae Rae's Pizza. The work already completed was reviewed, and the upcoming work explained. J. Kuhns made a motion to accept bid from Insituform for \$165,890.35. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA, fulfilling a 2/3 majority vote.
- M. Goodman distributed a map for the no parking signs request on Ash Street. He explained the map and the reasons, mainly grade school student safety, for the request. T. Clark made a motion to accept the no parking zone as requested by Chief Goodman on South Ash Street from East Park Street to East Lincoln Street. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 09-15A-14. The signs will be erected after all school construction is finished.
- K. Good made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding vacating city property Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)), the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. The Executive Session was also regarding a Public Works Supervisor, Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)), the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, as well as building plans for public works building, Executive Session (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. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. All Trustees were present.
- K. Good made a motion to vacate the closed alley east to west from Spruce to Union. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number is 09-15B-14.

Old Business

- K. Good made a motion to offer Grant Corum the Village Supervision position with a salary of \$51,000 to start, a 180 day probation, and an increase to \$54,000 at end of the probation or at the time he sets residency in the Village. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- No action was needed on the building plans for the Public Works building.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$65,453.71. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 9:22pm.

APPROVED R. Matt Bernius
Village President

ATTEST Jennifer M. Perrine
Village Clerk

DATE October 6, 2014