

December 15, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, December 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 regular meeting minutes and Executive Session meeting minutes of November 17, 2014, and December 1, 2014, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius passed around a thank you note from the employees for the Christmas bonus.
- He stated he talked to Dick Hein regarding the Legion pictures to be hung in the Community Room. There will be a mural painted above the picture frames depicting different wars. It will be started around February and finished during the summer.

Trustees' Reports

- J. Kuhns stated Institutum finished the project in Morningside. The project on North Vine isn't complete yet.

Treasurer's Report

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter commented on the financial documents.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Grant Corum reported on a sanitary sewer problem that was fixed near Tri-County Welding, a sewer manhole built and a 6" repair (a pipe was broken) on Crestwood Drive, and a water service leak on East Park Street. Flags on Vine Street downtown were replaced; he will place it on the calendar to look at replacing them before Memorial Day and Veterans Day each year. Potholes were fixed, gutters were cleaned, two large hornet nests were destroyed, and a ditch on Heidelberg Court was opened. He has also been working on additions to the water & sewer chapters of the subdivision ordinance.

Police Chief's Report – None

Village Attorney's Report – None

Visitors' Comments

Visitors present were Jeremy and Stephanie Hale and Marty and Tammy Schroeder. J. Hale presented information on his idea of Wine on Vine, a wine tasting room, in the old barbershop on Vine Street just south of the railroad tracks.

Old Business – None

New Business

- Stephanie Alexander presented a request to sell approximately 75-80 tickets for a private party at The Berg from 7pm to 2am for New Year's Eve. K. Good made a motion to approve the request as presented; J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Attorney Kenny Crossman presented information on the 2015 Tax Levy. T. Clark made a motion approve the tax levy as presented. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The Ordinance number will be 12-15A-14.
- E. Carter presented information on quotes from Lorenz & R.D. McMillan for supplies. The agreement would be for at least a year. J. Kuhns made a motion to go with R.D. McMillan with quotes as presented. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- E. Carter stated the Village has been with Homefield Energy since 2010 for electricity. Currently, their rates are lower than Ameren. For 2015-16, the rate is 4.984; for 2015-2017 the rate is 5.190. If the current agreement is allowed to lapse, the rates will go up quite a bit. There was a discussion about rates and companies. K. Good made a motion to continue with Homefield Energy for electrical delivery for 2 years. T. Clark

seconded. Trustees Clark, Good, Miller, Kuhns, and Aikman voted YEA. Trustee Tiffan abstained.

- J. Kuhns made a motion to enter Executive Session. K. Good seconded. This Executive Session was to discuss compensatory time and personnel. (5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or for legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, K. Good, L. Miller, J. Kuhns, D. Tiffan, and J. Aikman.
- J. Aikman made a motion to allow employees of the Police Department to accumulate up to 80 hours of comp time and to carry over 40 hours to the next year. D. Tiffan seconded. This is per calendar year. All available efforts should be made to use comp time down to 40 hours prior to the end of the calendar year. Trustees Clark, Miller, Kuhns, Tiffan, and Aikman voted YEA. Trustees Good voted NAY.

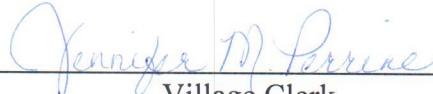
Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$19,044.60. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 9:03pm.

APPROVED 
Village President

ATTEST 
Village Clerk

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