

February 1, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, February 1, 2021, in the Arthur Community Building. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Mike Hilgenberg, Christy Miller, and Jenni Marner. Trustees Justin Ray and Dave Tiffan were absent.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

- President Randall asked Storm Smith to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Public Comment**

- Visitors present were Roger Nuxoll and Storm Smith.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve the January 18, 2021 Board of Trustee Regular Meeting minutes. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$22,418.96. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

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

- President Randall recognized Storm Smith on his retirement after 22 years of employment in the Public Works Department. He presented Storm with a plaque and noted that his career, skill, and knowledge have contributed greatly to the welfare of this community. His years of service are greatly appreciated. Village Trustees added their thanks to Storm for benefitting the town in so many ways. Storm thanked the Board, and added that he has enjoyed seeing the changes in the community over the years

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- C. Miller provided a year-end update from Simply Arthur. She provided a list of economic development projects that are currently underway.

#### **Chief of Police Report**

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department. He provided a comparison report from the years 1998-2020 and an animal control report from 2020.
- Chief Goodman noted that Governor Pritzker has not signed the Police Reform Bill.

#### **Public Works Supervisor's Report**

- Grant Corum provided reports from the Public Works Department. A Water and Sewer Committee meeting will need to be scheduled next week. Grant added how much he has appreciated Storm Smith as an employee. He noted Storm's skill in getting the job done, his sense of humor, and his dependability.

#### **Village Attorney's Report**

- Attorney Kenny Crossman added his congratulations to Storm Smith.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- None

#### **New Business**

1. Roger Nuxoll provided details about Loan Disbursement #16. This is the final payment to Insituform. The lining and manhole project is complete. C. Miller made a motion to approve the request of Loan Disbursement #16 from the IEPA for the sanitary sewer lining project in the amount of \$282,829.66. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. President Randall gave details about the Town-Wide Cleanup Day. He is hoping to add recycling to the day, but that has not been finalized. M. Bernius made a motion

to set Town-Wide Cleanup Day for Saturday, May 1, 2021. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

3. Grant Corum provided information on what is covered in an elevated water tank inspection. Roger Nuxoll highlighted the benefits of doing this inspection before the water tower is painted. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the proposal for an elevated water tank inspection from Farnsworth Group in the amount of \$3,450.00. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. Grant Corum provided two quotes for the interior finish at the new wastewater treatment plant building. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to accept the bid from KZ Schrock in the amount of \$45,320.00 for the interior finish work at the new wastewater treatment plant building. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
5. President Randall led a discussion on items regarding COVID-19 issues within the Village of Arthur. Mike Goodman noted that registering for the vaccine can be done through the Douglas County Health Department website. However, they receive a limited amount of doses from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

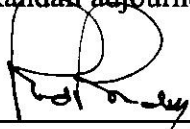
#### General Discussion

- President Randall reported on the sidewalk survey that was supposed to take place in Arthur. The company apologized and said that COVID has left them short-handed.
- President Randall spoke with local realtors, who said that two-bedroom apartments are in the highest demand in Arthur. The Walnut Street project that was discussed at the last meeting included only studio apartments. Discussion took place on this project.
- President Randall also checked on the Rhema Drive housing project. Mike Niehaus believes it has a good chance of being funded. The selection of these funds is done through the IRS.

#### Adjourn

- C. Miller made a motion to adjourn. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:31pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST

  
Village Clerk

DATE

3-1-21