

February 15, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, February 15, 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, Justin Ray, Christy Miller, and Jenni Marner. Trustee Dave Tiffan was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

- President Randall asked M. Bernius to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- Visitors present were Brock Thoms and Timothy Shadwell. President Randall read a letter of correspondence from the United States Census Bureau who recognized the Arthur Municipal Building as a valuable member of the 2020 Census partnership.

Consent Agenda

- C. Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the February 1, 2021 Board of Trustee Regular Meeting minutes and the February 10, 2021 Water & Sewer Committee Meeting minutes. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$466,280.56. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall had no report.

Trustees' Reports

- M. Bernius thanked the Public Works department for all the work cleaning up the roads after the snow storm.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department. Chief Goodman noted that part-time officer Sean Lang has not been working for the department, so his employment was terminated. Chief Goodman spoke with Officer Timothy Shadwell, who has worked for the department before, about filling this part-time position. This will be discussed during New Business at tonight's meeting.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum was absent. M. Bernius reported that the Water & Sewer committee recently met to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan and other budgetary items. A water survey for Arthur residents is being developed.

Comptroller's Report

- Erica Carter explained the current problems with accessing Village Gmail accounts. Tech support is working on the issues.
- Erica gave the Treasurer's Report including income highlights and expense notations.

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Kenny Crossman had no report.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

1. Chief Goodman recommended the hiring of Timothy Shadwell as a part-time Police Officer. Officer Shadwell has worked for the Police Department in the past and has done a great job. J. Ray made a motion to hire Timothy Shadwell as a part-time police officer. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

2. Chief Goodman reported that Officer Brock Thoms requested a waiver for the Village residency requirement. Officer Thoms explained to the Board that in order to complete some residential renovation work, he needs to establish residency at a distance of thirty miles from the Village instead of the required twenty-five miles. Officer Thoms assured the Board he is dedicated to his work in Arthur, and this is a temporary residency change. J. Ray made a motion to temporarily change the residency requirement for living within twenty-five miles of the Village's corporate limits for Officer Brock Thoms to thirty miles, which will be reviewed annually or upon request. The twelve months will start when residency is established. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. Erica Carter provided information from American Central Insurance on special rules provided under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. One rule allows participants to make changes to their flexible spending accounts for the year 2021. M. Bernius made a motion to amend the FSA (flexible spending account) election period for the year 2021. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. President Randall led a discussion on items regarding COVID-19 issues within the Village of Arthur. President Randall has heard comments from people who do not think they can spread the virus if they have had it or been vaccinated for it. M. Hilgenberg added you can still spread the virus and be a carrier, even if you have been vaccinated. J. Ray recommended getting information from the IDPH or CDC to put in the local newspaper. C. Miller reported that the Community Relations and Tourism Committee met and is beginning to plan events. They would like Village feedback on guidelines and direction in planning. Chief Goodman attended the Douglas County Health Department meeting and reported that vaccinating the county will take over a year at the rate they are getting vaccinations.

General Discussion

- President Randall gave the Village Board members a water-tasting survey to take. He provided four water samples (two bottled water, two Arthur water) and the results were discussed.
- Kenny Crossman asked about providing warming centers during these cold temperatures.

Adjourn

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to adjourn. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

3-1-21