

April 5, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, April 5, 2021, in the Village Board Room. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Justin Ray, Christy Miller, Dave Tiffan, and Jenni Marner. M. Hilgenberg joined the meeting in progress.

Pledge of Allegiance

- President Randall asked D. Tiffan to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- John Stewart was the only visitor present. John spoke to the Board regarding this year's fireworks display. The Douglas County Health Department said the fireworks would be permitted if the current COVID-19 guidelines were followed. The Health Department believes we will be in Bridge to Phase 5 stage by then, which allows festival attendance at thirty people per 1,000 square feet. This would mean 6,500 people could attend in the ball diamond and football field areas. Discussion took place about these numbers, VIP seating, signage, and the possibility of using wristbands. J. Marner mentioned the need to educate the public about the plans, guidelines, and places for viewing.

Consent Agenda

- C. Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the March 1, 2021 Executive Session Meeting minutes; the March 15, 2021 Village Board Meeting Minutes; and the March 25, 2021 Sesquicentennial Committee Meeting minutes. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve expenditures, minus the check to Burdick Plumbing and Heating which is an item in New Business, in the amount of \$48,581.57. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall encouraged everyone to vote in the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election.

Trustees' Reports

- M. Bernius received an email from Chapin Rose's office saying that funds could be available for the road repair at the intersection of 100 East and Highway 133, but these funds have not yet been approved.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department. Chief Goodman received notice that the Amish Country Tractor Cruise is moving forward. Chief Goodman is preparing a timeline regarding the recently passed Criminal Justice Reform Bill. He noted that some changes do not take effect until January 1, 2025, and amendments could be made to the bill by this time.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided a report from the Public Works Department.

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Kenny Crossman reminded committees to think about appropriation budget items. Discussion took place regarding the west side of Walnut Street being included in the TIF district.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

1. M. Bernius made a motion to allow liquor to be served at an event at the Community Building on May 29, 2021. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. J. Marner made a motion to approve the final payment to Burdick Plumbing and Heating for the influent screen in the amount of \$33,673.06. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. Grant Corum provided the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2021-2026. Grant went through the plan and highlighted projects and costs. He provided an appendix detailing the projects to be worked on during each of the five years. President Randall noted that this plan provides a road map and guideline for the years ahead, and it is subject to change. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve FY 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. President Randall provided information about the current Water & Sewer rates. Included was a handout showing the effects of a 1% and a 3% increase to the rates. Grant provided a five-year outlook on Water & Sewer funds versus anticipated expenditures and noted the consultant had originally recommended a 1-2% increase every year. M. Bernius made a motion to approve a 1% Water & Sewer rate increase. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
5. J. Ray made a motion to move into Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).) The appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

M. Hilgenberg made a motion to return to Open Session. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Mike Hilgenberg, Justin Ray, Christy Miller, Dave Tiffan, and Jenni Marner. No action was taken.

6. President Randall led a discussion on items regarding COVID-19 issues within the Village of Arthur. Douglas County positivity rate is at 2%. At this time anyone 18 years and older who works or lives in Douglas County can sign up for a vaccination at the Douglas County Health Department. 16.29% of Douglas County is fully vaccinated.

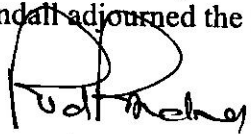
General Discussion

- A Special Meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Adjourn

- J. Ray made a motion to adjourn. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

4/19/21