

May 3, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, May 3, 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, M. Hilgenberg, Justin Ray, Christy Miller, and Dave Tiffan.

Pledge of Allegiance

- President Randall asked Jim Fleming to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Kenny Crossman gave the Oath of Office to reelected Village Clerk Rhonda Rhodes. Rhonda Rhodes then gave the Oath of Office to reelected Village President Rod Randall. She also gave the Oath of Office to reelected Trustees Matt Bernius, Mike Hilgenberg, Dave Tiffan, and newly elected Village Trustee Jim Fleming.

Public Comment

- No visitors were present.

Consent Agenda

- C. Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including:
 1. The April 19, 2021 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes.
 2. The appointment of Matt Bernius, Trustee, as Mayor Pro-Tem.
 3. The appointment of Michael Goodman, Chief of Police, and Erica Carter, Deputy Clerk, as Freedom of Information Act officers on behalf of the Village.
 4. The appointment of Michael Goodman, Chief of Police, as ESDA liaison.
 5. The appointment of Erica Carter, Deputy Clerk, as Comptroller.
 6. The appointment of Crossman Law Office as Village Attorney.
 7. The appointment of State Bank of Arthur and First Neighbor Bank as designated depositories for the Village of Arthur
 8. The meeting schedule for FY2021-22: Village Board of Trustee meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 120 East Park Street.
- D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$274,328.29.
- D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall had no report.

Trustees' Reports

- J. Fleming noted that he is looking forward to working with the Board in the years to come.
- M. Hilgenberg received a phone call concerning water in front of houses on East Lincoln Street after it rains. President Randall noted that Grant Corum is aware of this problem, and there is a plan to work on it later in the year.
- C. Miller reported that Shop Home Place opened last Saturday, May 1, 2021. This business is located in the back of the Edward Jones building. I-57 Roofing had their ribbon cutting last Friday, April 29, 2021. A virtual meeting will be held Wednesday, May 5, 2021 to get a first look at the new Village website. President Randall and Erica Carter will also attend this meeting.
- J. Ray reported that he is in the process of going through the personnel manual.
- D. Tiffan reported that he has received phone calls about the potholes in town. M. Bernius noted that oil and chip work is on the schedule.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department. A Police Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 10, at 6:00pm. Discussion took place on the speed trailer placements.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

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

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Kenny Crossman had no report.

Unfinished Business

- none

New Business

1. M. Bernius reviewed a drawing and detailed list of cabinets needed for the WWTP. He noted they were basic cabinets, yet very durable. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the purchase of cabinets for the WWTP laboratory from Cabinet Factory Outlet in the amount of \$4,500.00. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. M. Bernius reviewed two bids for a countertop at the WWTP. He spoke with Grant Corum, who recommended going with the cheaper countertop. M. Bernius made a motion to purchase a countertop for the WWTP laboratory from the Arthur Countertop Company in the amount of \$3,911.00. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. J. Ray made a motion to hire Storm Smith as a part-time employee in the Public Works Department. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. Agenda items 4-5 were combined for discussion and action.
5. Discussion took place on a TIF application for the building at 807 E Mill Street. Evaluation criteria for TIF was reviewed and discussed. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the TIF request from Michael Lipowsky for General Construction in the amount of \$13,600.00. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
6. C. Miller made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Village Trustee committee assignments. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
7. President Randall led a discussion on items regarding COVID-19 issues within the Village of Arthur. President Randall received an interview request from the Chicago Tribune who wanted to investigate the low vaccinations rates in the 61911 zip code area. He submitted a statement to them instead of an interview. President Randall also noted that Douglas County COVID-19 cases have been declining for the past 11 weeks.

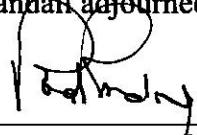
General Discussion

- none

Adjourn

- C. Miller made a motion to adjourn. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

5-17-21