

May 17, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, May 17, 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, Jim Fleming, and Christy Miller. Trustee Dave Tiffan entered the meeting in progress. Trustee Justin Ray was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comment

- Visitors present were Leah Keagle, Merle Plank, and Stephanie Wierman.
- Leah Keagle presented the Board with information about The Royal Academy in Arcola. This facility has a full-service daycare with creative curriculum and is expanding to provide ages 5-12 with a STEAM program, summer day camps, and weekly field studies from June 1- July 2. They are also working on an art studio and dance program. They have a website to visit for more information.

Consent Agenda

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the May 3, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes and the May 10, 2021 Police Committee Meeting minutes of May 10, 2021. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$73,609.05. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall received a phone call that the 32 unit housing development planned for Rhema Drive was approved. Construction is projected to start in the spring of 2022.

Trustees' Reports

- M. Hilgenberg noted that the community garage sale weekend went well.
- C. Miller reported that ALAH high school graduation will take place May 29, 2021 at the football field.
- M. Bernius reported that a senior parade will take place on Wednesday, May 19 at 6:00pm. Fire trucks and seniors will drive through Lovington then go to Hammond and Atwood. It will end in Arthur.
- D. Tiffan reported on a Police Committee meeting that took place on May 10, 2021. The committee discussed six tasers that were not working. The cost of \$19,768.00 to replace these tasers will be split into five yearly payments. This amount is already in the budget and includes a five-year service and support agreement.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department. Chief Goodman reported that he was awarded a grant from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board in the amount of \$10,500.00. The grant will be used to purchase two in-car camera systems.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided a report from the Public Works Department. Grant highlighted some of the recent projects. Street sweeping is taking place every Monday and Friday. Hydrant flushing is scheduled for May 25-27.

Comptroller's Report

- Erica Carter reported that one Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant has qualified to receive funds. Money will also be received from the American Rescue Plan. This can be used for water, sewer, broadband, and infrastructure.

- Erica made a water survey available to the public. She will gather data from that survey as it comes in. The survey ends June 30, 2021.
- Erica went over the Treasurer's Report.

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Kenny Crossman had no report.

Unfinished Business

none

New Business

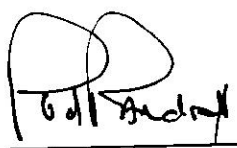
1. Stephanie Wierman reported that Strawberry Jam will take place on June 4-5, 2021. Road closures will be needed on Illinois Street two blocks west of Vine Street and one block east of Vine Street. Also, from Progress Street south down Vine Street will need to be closed, leaving one lane open for IGA traffic. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve street closings for the Strawberry Jam and other festival activities. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. C. Miller made a motion to approve moving forward with the Central Illinois Bragging Rights BBQ Competition to be held on October 1-2, 2021. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. Merle Plank provided details and answered questions regarding a housing development proposal for the corner of Walnut Street and 2nd Street. The development includes three duplexes, each with two bedrooms and one bathroom. One of the duplexes has garages. M. Bernius made a motion to approve moving forward with a housing development proposal by Plank Properties for the Village-owned lot at the corner of Walnut Street and 2nd Street, with a formal agreement coming at a later date. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. J. Fleming made a motion to approve the request by Toby Bontrager, 542 Dogwood Drive, to permit resident to live in a camper on that property from June 1 to August 31, 2021 during the demolition of his old house and construction of new house. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
5. Chief Goodman provided information about replacing the 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD, which has 91,000+ miles. It is the oldest vehicle in the department and had \$2,645.89 in maintenance cost during the past fiscal year. The new vehicle would be a 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD. D. Tiffan made a motion to approve the purchase of a replacement police car. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
6. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to hire Phil Kingery and Craig Moffet for part time seasonal positions in the Public Works Department at \$12.00 per hour. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
7. M. Bernius made a motion to award a bid for Hersch Manor lift station to Burdick Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$124,155.00. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
8. D. Tiffan made a motion to confirm the appointment of Christy Miller as the Village Board's representative to the Arthur Community Foundation Board. J. Fleming seconded. Trustees Bernius, Hilgenberg, Fleming, and Tiffan voted YEA. Trustee Miller abstained. Motion passed.
9. C. Miller made a motion to approve the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The budget hearing will be June 21, 2021.

General Discussion

- President Randall received an email from Mike Lipowsky regarding the TIF agreement for construction which he received. Discussion took place on several items on the agreement.
- M. Hilgenberg asked about the Public Works Department painting parking stripes on the Methodist Church lot. This lot is offered for Village use at various times throughout the year.

Adjourn

- M. Bernius made a motion to adjourn. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:08pm.

APPROVED 
Village President

ATTEST 
Village Clerk

DATE 6-7-21