

June 7, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, June 7, 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, Jim Fleming, and Dave Tiffan. Trustee Christy Miller was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

- President Randall asked Police Sergeant Shaun Meredith to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- Stephanie Alexander was the only visitor present.

Approval of Minutes

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the May 17, 2021 Board of Trustee Regular Meeting minutes. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$114,165.92. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall expressed condolences to Matt Bernius and his family for their loss of Ellen Bernius.
- President Randall read a statement regarding the recent passing of Noel Dicks. The statement read:

“Our condolences to Iris and the entire family of Noel Dicks at his recent passing. Through years of preserving the history of Arthur, Noel understood the concept of community better than most people. He understood how the contributions of individuals and families, their visions and hard work, all woven together over the course of time, made Arthur what it is today. We should pause and give thanks for that historical perspective which he endeavored to share with us whenever we would listen. Noel would have enjoyed celebrating Arthur’s Sesquicentennial with us. We can honor the memory of Noel by celebrating in a way that causes us to not only be aware of this community’s past, but also causes us to be better aware of what this community should be like in the future. I believe that every one of us engaged in public service wants to leave this community a better place than when we first became part of it. Noel certainly made Arthur a better place by being part of it. The absence of his deep involvement with this community will be sorely felt.”

Trustees’ Reports

- The Trustees echoed the words of President Randall with condolences to the family and appreciation for Noel Dick’s work in the Arthur community.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Sergeant Shaun Meredith provided monthly reports from the Police Department.

Public Works Supervisor’s Report

- Grant Corum provided a report from the Public Works Department. Grant noted that Village-wide hydrant flushing went well. Grant has been working with residents who reside in a flood plain. Those areas need special permits to build or add-on to their property.

Village Attorney’s Report

- Attorney Kenny Crossman had no report

Unfinished Business

none

New Business

1. Stephanie Alexander presented a written request to the Board regarding a liquor license and location for the beer tent at this year's Moultrie-Douglas County Fair. Stephanie was present to give details and answer questions. The Fair Board requested a liquor permit for Thursday, July 15, 2021 through Saturday, July 17, 2021. No sale of alcohol will occur after 12:30am on all three days. Patrons will be required to leave the premises by 1:00am. The Fair Board also requested the beer tent be located at the southeast corner of the Arthur Fairgrounds at the South Arena on Thursday. On Friday and Saturday the location would be in a self-contained area east of the Grandstand. Patrons will not be allowed to leave either of these areas with open containers of alcohol. A street closure of Jurgens Parkway was also requested for July 11-18, 2021. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the street closing as presented. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. J. Ray made a motion to approve the liquor license and beer tent location as presented. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. President Randall noted that Westfork Auction & Real Estate has opened an office in town, and the Meadowview Subdivision lots could also be listed with them. President Randall discussed this with Sue Falk and Karen Good, who were both in agreement. The contract with Legacy Land Co will be extended to let them tie up the work they have in progress, then the contract will be renewed as a dual listing with Westfork. J. Ray made a motion to extend the Meadowview Subdivision real estate lot sales listing contract with Legacy Land Co to December 31, 2021. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. In a discussion regarding the \$6,200.00 trade-in value of the 2016 Ford Police Interceptor, M. Bernius noted these vehicles were selling for much more online. He encouraged the Chief of Police to try to sell this vehicle outright instead of trading it in. M. Bernius made a motion to approve Ordinance 06-07A-2021: An Ordinance Declaring a 2016 Ford Police Interceptor (VIN: #1FM5K8AR7GGA19489) as Excess Property and Authorizing the Chief of Police to Dispose of said property with or without public notice. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Watch Guard 4RE in-car camera systems from Central Service Center in the amount of \$5,250.00 each plus installation for a total of \$11,550.00 of which \$10,500.00 is grant reimbursable. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
5. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the outfitting of the new police car by Central Service Center in the amount of \$8,701.00. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
6. J. Ray made a motion to approve the quote for striping of new police car by Custom Screen Printing in the amount of \$650.00. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
7. Grant Corum provided information about the quote for a concrete approach at the new WWTP building. The quote is for labor only and will cover the entire frontage of the building out to the street. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the proposal for a concrete approach at the new WWTP building from Herschberger Concrete in the amount of \$8,750.00. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
8. M. Bernius made a motion to approve Resolution # R-06-07A-2021: A Resolution Concerning the Release of Minutes of Closed Meetings. This includes the Closed Meetings of April 5, 2021 and March 1, 2021. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
9. J. Ray made a motion to approve Resolution # R-06-07B-2021: A Resolution Concerning the Destroying of Closed Meeting Recordings at least Eighteen (18) Months Old. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
10. Kenny Crossman provided details about the property at 223 North Walnut Street, Arthur, Illinois. It has been appraised, and the Board can accept any proposal on the lot with a 2/3 vote. M. Bernius made a motion to approve Resolution # R-06-07C-2021: A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4.1 (223 North Walnut Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911). J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. .

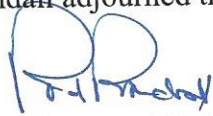
General Discussion

- President Randall spoke with Stephanie Wierman about the recent Strawberry Jam festival. The merchants downtown did pretty well. The crowd on Saturday was bigger than Friday. Stephanie also noted several vendors cancelled at the last minute due to health reasons, and two vendors had high school graduations that released additional tickets.
- The theme for this year's Freedom Celebration Parade is "Salute to Freedom's Heroes." Last year, the Board gave \$3,000.00 to the Rotary Club for the fireworks display. Since that display was cancelled, the money given last year will be used this year.
- On June 11, 2021 Illinois will move into phase 5, which will allow outdoor celebrations and festivals to continue.
- Currently, Arthur does not have a bench program for downtown. There has been a donation to purchase a bench in honor of Noel Dicks. The donor would like the bench to be close to the Pumpkin House.
- President Randall asked Board members if there is interest in purchasing Village apparel again. These could be worn for ribbon cuttings and after hour events.
- There will be a Human Resource and Police Committee meeting on Thursday, June 10, at 5:00pm.

Adjourn

- J. Ray made a motion to adjourn. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Deputy Village Clerk

DATE

6/21/21