

November 15, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, November 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, Todd Dukeman, Jim Fleming, Dave Tiffan, and Christy Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance

- President Randall asked C. Miller to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- Blaine Kurth was the only visitor present.

Consent Agenda

- C. Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the November 1, 2021 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes, the November 8, 2021 Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes, and the November 8, 2021 Executive Session Minutes. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$17,648.59. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall read a letter he received from the Douglas County Health Department. It stated that 42.7% of Douglas County vaccine-eligible residents have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19. In Arthur, 17.63% of the vaccine-eligible residents have been fully vaccinated.

Trustees' Reports

- M. Bernius reminded residents that leaf burning is not allowed in the Village of Arthur. Also, residents should not blow leaves into the streets. This could cause problems with drainage.
- J. Fleming participated in a community engagement session to identify current and future goals and facility needs for the Arthur CUSD #305 school district. He was impressed with how the meeting was organized and encouraged everyone to attend the next meeting on December 1, 2021.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

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

Comptroller's Report

- Erica Carter reviewed the monthly Treasurer's Report.

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Kenny Crossman noted that he is preparing right-of-way documents to send out to landowners around the new Arthur Homes Project.

Unfinished Business

none

New Business

1. Erica Carter reviewed the current vacation policy. She noted that due to COVID-19 and a police shortage it was more difficult to take vacation time over the past year. Several employees have accrued extra vacation hours. Discussion took place on vacation policy. M. Bernius made a motion to make a one-time exception due to COVID-19 that would allow employees with carry-over vacation time that exceeds

- the allowed amount to be paid for the hours instead of losing them. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. Erica Carter presented rates on renewing health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Erica noted a 2.9% increase in rates. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to renew the current health insurance plan. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
 3. C. Miller made a motion to renew the current dental & vision insurance. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
 4. Erica provided a spreadsheet with quotes and proposals for Risk Management Insurance. She went over the cost and details of the proposals. M. Bernius made a motion to renew Risk Management Insurance with IMLRMA in the amount of \$57,235.40. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

General Discussion

- Discussion took place regarding poor cell phone signals from the Verizon tower.

Adjourn

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to adjourn. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

APPROVED _____

Village President

ATTEST _____

Village Clerk

DATE _____

12/6/21