

July 6, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, July 6, 2020, 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, Justin Ray, Christy Miller, and Jenni Marner. Trustees Mike Hilgenberg and Dave Tiffan were absent.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

President Randall asked Chief Goodman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Public Comment**

- Visitors present were Barry Burnett, Mike Kingery, and Stephanie Wierman.
- Mike Kingery addressed the Board regarding a Police stop he was involved in. Mr. Kingery was not pleased with the way the stop proceeded. This will be addressed at the next Police Committee meeting.
- Barry Burnett spoke to the Board regarding the speed of cars traveling on Prairie Street, especially vehicles coming from the west. Mr. Burnett also requested that the Cheese Festival continue as usual this September and not be cancelled due to COVID-19.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- C. Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the June 15, 2020 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes; the June 15, 2020 Board of Trustees Executive Session Minutes; and the July 6, 2020 Public Hearing Minutes. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$64,786.36. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Village President Comments and Announcements**

- President Randall had no report.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- J. Marner reported that a meeting took place with Jim Crane, Jeff Birch, and M. Bernius regarding improvements to County Line Road going south of town.

#### **Chief of Police Report**

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

#### **Public Works Supervisor's Report**

- Grant Corum provided reports from the Public Works department. Grant noted he has been performing weekly chlorine tests on the water.

#### **Village Attorney's Report**

- Kenny Crossman reported that a Zoning Board meeting is being planned.

#### **Unfinished Business**

none

#### **New Business**

1. M. Bernius reported that the Board had approved \$2,500.00 to tear down a Village-owned building. Instead of demolition, the Arthur Park District moved the building which incurred some expense for them. M. Bernius made a motion to financially assist the Arthur Park District for the expense of moving a building off Village-owned property in the amount of \$1,000.00. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. M. Bernius made a motion to hire Herschberger Concrete to install footings and foundation walls for the new WWTP building in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

3. Grant Corum reported that he received a notice of intent to retire from Storm Smith effective December of 2020 or January of 2021. J. Ray made a motion to authorize advertising for a full-time position in the Public Works Department. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. Chief Goodman met with representatives from the Arthur Park District and the Douglas County Health Department regarding a drive-through COVID-19 testing site. This testing will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 in Jurgens Park. Traffic will enter one-way at the West entrance of Jurgens Park. J. Marner made a motion to approve the road closure request of Jurgens Park Road for Douglas County Health Department COVID-19 testing site. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
5. J. Ray made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-6: A Board Resolution of Support for the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant Application for Knight Wave LLC. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
6. J. Marner made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-7: A Board Resolution of Support for the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant Application for Villa Enterprises Inc. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
7. Stephanie Wierman reported about plans being made for the Cheese Festival. She has been in contact with both the Douglas County and Moultrie County Health Departments regarding licenses for food vendors. Discussion took place on ways to encourage social distancing and safety. Stephanie reported that cheese is being prepackaged, and there will be no games or inflatables. Kenny Crossman gave the Board some suggestions including leaving space between each vendor, spreading out as much as possible, and making sure insurance forms and waivers are up-to-date. M. Bernius made a motion to allow the use of public property for the Arthur Cheese Festival scheduled to be held on Labor Day weekend with the stipulations that the use of this property is subject to change at any time by the Village Board, an acceptable layout is developed showing distance between vendors, and insurance and waivers are all secured. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
8. Discussion took place on items regarding COVID-19 precautions within the Village of Arthur, its residents, businesses, staff, and employees. Many community members have commented about how nice it is to have the Welcome Center open and safe.

#### **General Discussion**

none

#### **Adjourn**

C. Miller made a motion to adjourn. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

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Village President

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Village Clerk

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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