

February 7, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, February 7, 2022, 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, Jim Fleming, and Christy Miller. Trustee Dave Tiffan joined the meeting in progress. Trustee Todd Dukeman was absent.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

#### **Public Comment**

- Visitors present were Ed Collier, Dalton Donnals, and Shaun Meredith. Ed Collier addressed the Board as the new Economic Development Director for Simply Arthur. Ed expressed his excitement to meet local business owners, promote Simply Arthur, and create office hours. Ed noted that Arthur is a progressive, future-oriented community, and he welcomes phone calls and conversations regarding the work of Simply Arthur.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the January 24, 2022 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes and the January 28, 2022 Police Committee Meeting Minutes. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$28,135.62. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

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

- President Randall thanked Grant Corum, the Public Works department, and the Police department for all the extra hours and work they put in during the recent snowstorm.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- The Trustees echoed their appreciation to the Public Works and Police departments for their work during the snowstorm.
- C. Miller congratulated Ed Collier on his new position.
- C. Miller encouraged property owners around the Arthur Grade School to clear their sidewalks of snow in order for children to walk to school.

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

- Police Chief Goodman also encouraged the clearing of sidewalks to help students get to and from school.

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

- Grant Corum gave a report from the Public Works department. Last week many hours were spent on a water main break repair on Boise Street and snow removal during the storm. Snow removal took around 200 hours. A skid steer was used to clear downtown sidewalks during the night time hours.

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

- Kenny Crossman had no report.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- None

#### **New Business**

1. Chief Goodman reported that he recently met with the Police Committee to present Dalton Donnals for the position of full-time police officer. Dalton currently works as a corrections officer for the Champaign County Sheriff's Office. A start date for Dalton would depend on an opening in the academy. D. Tiffan made a motion to hire Dalton Donnals as a full-time police officer with a starting rate of \$21.50 per hour

- and upon signing all necessary agreements. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. Village Clerk Rhonda Rhodes gave Dalton the Oath of Office.
2. M. Bernius made a motion to approve Michael Elsberry attending the IRWA Technical Conference February 15-17, 2022 in Effingham, IL. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
  3. Grant Corum reported on the plan for a new sludge press, the bids received, and how prices have risen over the past several years. M. Bernius made a motion to award the sludge press bid to Burdick Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$401,779.00. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### General Discussion

- M. Bernius received an offer for the Police Interceptor in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Chicago Motors. The Board approved the sale of this vehicle in a past meeting. M. Bernius thanked Mike Kingery for his help in selling the vehicle.

#### Adjourn

- J. Fleming made a motion to adjourn. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

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Village President

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Village Clerk

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