

March 21, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, March 21, 2022, in the Village Board Room. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Todd Dukeman, Jim Fleming, Dave Tiffan and Christy Miller. Trustee Mike Hilgenberg was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Randall asked Trustee Bernius to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Visitors present were Elliott Tinnon and Ariana Cherry.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the March 7, 2022 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes. Trustee Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

Trustee Bernius made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$58,867.55. Jim Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

President Randall would like to acknowledge the loss of two important residents for Arthur. Gayle Pearce and John McGrath were both very involved in the community and will be missed. Our condolences to the families.

Trustees' Reports

- Trustee Bernius echoed Mayor Randall's thoughts.
- Trustee Tiffan echoed the mayor's thoughts and mentioned that John McGrath was our community representative for the Police Committee. We will need to find a new member to fill that void.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman has received some complaints about a new Airbnb in town and the parking situation associated with it. There have been an overabundance of vehicles causing parking issues for the residents who live near the residence being used for the Airbnb. We currently do not have restrictions on parking for these types of rentals but we may need to consider putting something in place.
- Chief Goodman also wanted to share some good news. Officer JP Lulek and his wife Taylor welcomed their little girl into the world on March 11th. Her name is Blake Lynn Lulek and we're so excited for them.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

Grant Corum provided a monthly report from the Public Works Department. Grant brought up House Bill 5538 concerning the prevailing wage and discussed the impact on the Village.

Comptroller's Report

Erica Carter gave the comptroller's report. Trustee Bernius inquired about available funds from the counties from the COVID money that they received. Erica has been in contact with both counties and should receive information for the next disbursement of funds.

Village Attorney's Report

Kenny Crossman was not present.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

1. The Police Committee met and would like to recommend the hiring of Elliott Tinnon. Trustee Tiffan made a motion to hire Elliott Tinnon as a full-time police officer at the rate of \$24.95 per hour with a start date of April 5, 2022. Trustee Fleming seconded. Trustees Fleming, Miller, Tiffan, and Dukeman all voted YEA. Trustee Bernius abstained.

Motion passed.

2. Grant Corum presented information on L & T Painting. They were the lowest of four bids for the water tower project. They have done work for Farnsworth in the past. They do great work. They will be working 7 days a week until the project is completed.

Trustee Bernius made a motion to award the bid for painting the water tower to L & T Painting, Inc. of Shelby Township, MI in the amount of \$282,300.00. Trustee Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

3. Grant Corum stated that this is for the sludge press installation. The construction overview means that someone will be on sight to ensure that everything is done exactly to our expectations. We will also receive as built drawings once the project is complete.

Trustee Fleming made a motion to accept the agreement with Farnsworth Group for construction administration of the sludge press installation in the amount of \$14,500.

Trustee Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

4 This property is part of the railroad property that previously had been sold to surrounding landowners. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the sale of a portion of the real property formerly known as Penn Station Railroad to ANDD Rentals, LLC. for \$11,250.00. Trustee Dukeman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

5. Trustee Miller made a motion to postpone due to incorrect information listed. Trustee Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

6. Trustee Bernius made a motion to declare 417 South Union Street surplus property. Trustee Dukeman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

7. The two bids for flooring vary in square footage. We want to ensure that we are comparing apples to apples. Trustee Miller made a motion to postpone due to varying square footage. Trustee Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

8. Public Works Supervisor Grant Corum presented the Capital Improvement Plan to the board. Trustee Bernius made a motion to accept the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan as submitted. Trustee Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

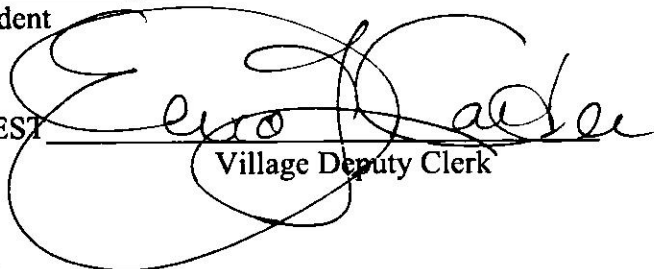
General Discussion

- There will be no town wide clean up days. The provider is unable to offer the curbside pick up for our community like in the past. We are looking into alternatives such as hazardous waste or electronics recycling.
- The Arthur sign on 133 – CHI has volunteered to take care of the trimming and flowers, etc.
- The Arthur sign on 36 – the Association of Commerce finally received approval from the state to put up a new sign. Mayor Randall mentioned putting the wooden sign in the community building and asked everyone's thoughts.
- Mayor Randall mentioned that SIMEC has reached out about our Electrical Aggregation. SIMEC can not compete with Ameren.
- Mayor Randall brought up the topic of wind farms/wind mills and solar panels. Do we need to look into any zoning or ordinances to address these topics?
- Mayor Randall and Grant Corum stated that the Arthur Homes project is wanting the Village to supply meters and parts for the water and sewer services. They are wanting to start installing June 1st and there have been some supply issues. They would like the Village to purchase the supplies and use those amounts towards the \$50,000 that the Village has pledged to the project.
- Grant Corum stated that the banners that the Village puts up for the holidays are in need of replacing. Many of the holidays only have a small number of banners still usable.
- Trustee Bernius asked if anyone was interested in a tour of the facilities since the weather is getting nicer. We can set something up if anyone wants to do that prior to a board meeting.
- Trustee Fleming was approached at the home show about Arthur is starting to look tired. Do we have a capital improvement place for the Village for anything other than water and sewer? Things like the downtown looking dated, dirty alleyways, etc.

Adjourn

Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

APPROVED 
Village President

ATTEST 
Village Deputy Clerk

DATE April 4, 2022