

July 5, 2022  
Board of Trustees Meeting

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on July 5, 2022, in the Village Board Room. Trustees present were Matt Bernius, Mike Hilgenberg, Jim Fleming, and Christy Miller. Dave Tiffan and Todd Dukeman were absent. Also present were Grant Corum, Mike Goodman, Larry Schlabach and Village Attorney Kenny Crossman.

Village President Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- President Randall asked Mike Hilgenberg to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

- Larry Schlabach – Presented his new vision for the Arthur Fireworks.
  - He discussed how there are 2 major contributors toward the fireworks, but he would like the fireworks to be more of a permanent fixture for the community. Where the community took more ownership of the fireworks program.
  - Interested in possibly having a mural painted on the north side of the building located next to the railroad tracks that houses 3 local businesses. He mentioned that his uncle Merle would be interested in painting it. Would like to use a photo taken in 2019 by Craig Pessman as the mural. Would also like to include large sponsor information next to the mural and a plaza on the lot north of the building. Possibly including a small pool that would have a mockup of Vesuvius and it would then fire off a small fireball every hour. He has contacted the building owner and they are very interested about the mural.
  - Proposed having a couple of billboards presenting the sponsors and information regarding the fireworks for the month of June.
  - If he cannot do the plaza, he would like to at the very least do the mural and be assured that the mural will not be covered by trees, etc. in the future. Rod mentioned that the wall is not under control of the Village, however that area is being worked on and grant being applied for to place trees and bushes that may obscure that wall in the future. Matt mentioned that the owner had wanted to rent the wall to the Village, and it was cost prohibitive to do anything with it at that time. Larry suggested going to a landscaping company and seeing if something could be worked up in a 3D presentation. Rod deferred the project to the committee that will be meeting in 13 days. Larry said he could bring his presentation to the next committee meeting to see if it could be incorporated into the Village plans being worked up by the engineer. Rod thanked Larry for his time.

**Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Appropriation Ordinance**

- M Bernius made a motion to open the hearing on the Appropriation Ordinance
- C Miller 2nd. All Trustees voted Yea.
- Notice of the hearing was duly posted. No comment or discussion.
- J Fleming made a motion to close the hearing.
- M Hilgenberg 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Trustees voted Yea.

**Approval of June 20, 2022 Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Minutes**

- M Bernius made a motion to approve.
- C Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Trustees voted Yea.

**Approval of Expenditures**

- M Hilgenberg reviewed the expenditures (\$38,343.70) for June 21 – July 5, 2022. M Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the expenditures. M Bernius 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote, J Fleming, M Hilgenberg, C Miller and M Bernius all voted Yea.

**Village President Report**

- R Randall mentioned the tragic loss of Lucas Otto recently and asked that the board keep his family in their thoughts and prayers.



- R Randall also mentioned the tragedy this holiday weekend in Highland Park and stated that while we have not had any issues such as this in the Village, we should stay vigilant.

#### **Trustee Report**

- M Bernius mentioned that the fireworks seemed to have a great turn out and went well.
- J Fleming and M Hilgenberg also mentioned that they thought they went well.
- C Miller mentioned that she helped redirect traffic during the parade and she sent cars north and it seemed to work better for flow of traffic.

#### **Police Report**

- M Goodman - Reporting for May and June – Asked that if anyone had any questions regarding the reports to get with him.
- Freedom Festival had several calls. Several ambulance calls and traffic accidents in and outside of town. He wanted to thank his officers and all the extra help from ISP, the county officers, etc. Pauly's also supplied meals to all the officers helping during the event and he wanted to thank them. He thought that all in all the event went well. No major issues.
- Now we are in fair week, and he has additional people there each night including the nights for the beer tent.
- M Goodman mentioned that there are times that there is not an officer on duty. With 4 officers and a few part time officers, we do not have enough to cover 24/7/365. We do have one in academy currently which will bring us to 5. There are no overlapping shifts and they have shifted shifts and days off in order to make things work out to not make it obvious when there is not an officer on duty. He does make the county deputies know when there is no coverage. He also makes the mayor aware as well.

#### **Public Works**

- G Corum – Presented his written report.
- LMT Painting should be here tonight or tomorrow to drain the tower and begin that project.
- A week from this coming Monday, Earl Walker will be here to do street work.
- Mike Sullivan will be staking sanitary sewer for the Arthur Home project and should be starting in the next week or two.

#### **Village Attorney**

- K Crossman - No report.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- None

#### **New Business**

1. Appropriation Ordinance 07-05 A-22
  - a. M Bernius made a motion to approve
  - b. M Hilgenberg 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - c. Roll call vote – C Miller, M Hilgenberg, J Fleming and M Bernius – All Trustees voted Yea.
2. Residential use of trash containers, time limitation on placement for pickup and removal from curb.
  - a. Will need an ordinance on this (will be 07-18 A-22)
  - b. M Hilgenberg motion to postpone.
  - c. J Fleming 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - d. All Trustees voted Yea.
3. Lease or purchase of new copier machine for municipal office
  - a. J Fleming made a motion to approve the 16-month lease of the MX-2651 printer from GFI Digital
  - b. M Hilgenberg 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - c. Roll Call vote – M Bernius, J Fleming, M Hilgenberg, and C Miller – All Trustees voted Yea.

4. IML Annual Conference – If registration is completed early, the Village would receive one free admission. Any trustees that would like to go can go. Erica mentioned that if no one was interested in going, she would like to go as there were some things there that would help her as Deputy Clerk. M Bernius mentioned that there were somethings that they cover regarding rural development. Deadline to register early is September 2.
  - a. M Bernius made a motion to approve anyone who would like to go including all trustees and the Village President, with Erica using the free admission, if they so choose to attend.
  - b. C Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - c. Roll Call vote – M Hilgenberg, C Miller, J Fleming and M Bernius - All Trustees voted Yea.
5. Arthur Sesquicentennial logo – Reviewed options of the logo after previous discussions. Considering using a buggy, grain bin or outline of the State of Illinois on the logo. J Fleming mentioned that something that separates us from other communities is our fireworks and the patriot rider might be something to consider as well. C Miller mentioned that leaving it basic and not use one “thing” like the buggy, rural patriot, grain bin, etc. Meaning have the logo be a basic logo that you can add to depending on what you want to use it for. Moving the heart down where the comma is between “Arthur, Illinois”. Removing “Celebrating 150 Years” and making the years larger and in red. Or moving “Celebrating 150 years” to the area above Arthur, Illinois. R Randall took notes regarding suggested edits to be made to the logo.

#### General Discussion

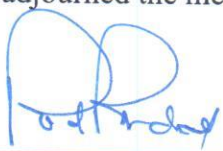
G Corum – Received notice to lower the flags until this weekend. Sesquicentennial flags will come down when flags are lowered.

M Bernius – Has been in contact with Morrow Brothers Ford regarding a new dump truck for public works. They have a 2022 that may be in line with our budget, but we may need to get our name on it before the next meeting if possible. Would come to us ready to go with everything installed.

#### Adjourn

M Bernius made a motion to adjourn. J. Fleming 2nd. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:57pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

1/18/22