

November 1, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, November 1, 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, Jim Fleming, and Christy Miller. Trustee Dave Tiffan was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

- President Randall asked M. Bernius to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- Visitors present were James Aikman, Nick Binion, Angie Parsons, Richard Otto, and Scott Seegmiller.

Oath of Office

- Appointed Trustee Todd Dukeman took the Oath of Office for Village Trustee.

Discussion with Members of the Simply Arthur Board

- Kenny Crossman, president of Simply Arthur, gave a brief history of the organization and introduced the current members of the Simply Arthur Board. Kenny asked for input from the Village Board regarding what they would like to see Simply Arthur do in the future, noting that the Village does make an investment in the organization. Kenny noted that Christy Miller recently resigned as Executive Director. Angie Parsons is currently working as Communication Director and is in charge of staffing at the Welcome Center.

President Randall noted that some of the current work being done by Simply Arthur personnel would be considered business services, not economic development. Discussion took place on the efforts made to serve both the downtown and rural businesses. President Randall asked about future leadership and how much impact the leader has on economic development. Kenny noted several of the recent developments would not have happened without a point person. James Aikman noted the leadership also plays a role in tourism by networking at conferences and advertising. Discussion took place regarding how much of this work could be done at the Welcome Center. Kenny noted that volunteers are limited. C. Miller gave an overview of the work done by an executive director. J. Fleming gave an overview of the role the executive director had in the past. He noted that a clear path is needed for economic development and a point person is important. Kenny noted that Simply Arthur meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00am, and they are continuing to work on a plan to move forward.

Approval of Minutes

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2021. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$53,629.93. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall received an official letter from the Secretary of State reporting that the population of Arthur is now 2,231.
- President Randall signed the final papers for the IEPA loan for sewer rehabilitation. The interest is 1.5%, and the Village received approximately \$350,000.00 in loan forgiveness. The loan payback is approximately \$100,000.00 per year.
- President Randall and the Board offer their condolences to Dave Tiffan for the recent loss of his wife Debbie.

Trustees' Reports

- M. Bernius commended the local high school sports teams who have seen much success recently.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department. Chief Goodman reported that DARE graduation at Lovington Grade School will take place on Monday, November 8, at 9:00am.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided a monthly report from the Public Works Department. Village hydrant flushing will take place November 8-10.

Village Attorney's Report

- Attorney Kenny Crossman had no report.

Unfinished Business

none

New Business

1. President Randall provided a letter from Michael Sullivan with the final plat approval recommendation for the Arthur Homes project. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the final plans for the Arthur Homes Project. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

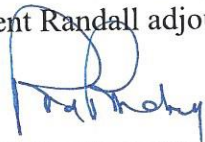
General Discussion

- Risk management insurance proposals will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.
- A bill is on the governor's desk regarding gaming licenses. President Randall will meet with Kenny Crossman to go over what changes might take place.

Adjourn

- C. Miller made a motion to adjourn. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

11/15/21