

December 7, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, December 7, 2020, for Public Viewing in the Village Board Room. President Randall, Village Trustees, Police Chief Mike Goodman, Kenny Crossman, and Erica Carter all attended the meeting remotely using the Zoom website. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Mike Hilgenberg, Justin Ray, Christy Miller, Dave Tiffan, and Jenni Marner.

#### **Public Comment**

- No visitors were present.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the November 16, 2020 Board of Trustee Meeting minutes. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$26,243.74. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

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

- President Randall expressed condolences to Jerry Winters on the loss of his wife and business partner Joan. He noted their store will remain open, and it adds a lot to Arthur's unique downtown.
- President Randall expressed his concern for the Arthur Home and Eberhardt Village as they deal with the recent COVID-19 cases among the residents. Thoughts are with the residents, healthcare workers, and staff as they cope with this pandemic.
- President Randall reported he has heard many concerns about keeping the soda fountain in operation in downtown Arthur. President Randall spoke with Noel Dicks who announced his building is for sale, but the interior fixtures and soda fountain no longer belong to him. President Randall noted that the Village would cooperate to help facilitate the sale and reutilization of this building.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- M. Bernius shared the sentiment that it would be nice to keep the downtown soda fountain open.
- M. Hilgenberg noted the recent Christmas Parade was a great activity to have during these times. He really appreciated the hard work that went into this parade.
- J. Marner noted that the Arthur Community Foundation continues to meet. They are looking for ways to help the community.
- J. Ray reported on the upcoming food and toy program organized by the local fire department. The recent donations and boot drive were very successful, and businesses have been very supportive. He gave a special thanks to Masterbrand Cabinets.
- D. Tiffan encouraged everyone to support our local businesses.

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

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department. Chief Goodman received an email from the Douglas County Health Department, who wanted his input regarding COVID-19 vaccinations for first responders in Arthur.
- Chief Goodman reported that bids were received for the 2013 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor. The winning bid went to Brian Mast with the bid of \$5,126.00.
- Chief Goodman reported on the Catch and Release program for the stray cats in Arthur. Five more cats have been scheduled at Dr. Graham's clinic. So far ten cats have been caught.

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

- Grant Corum was absent but provided reports from the Public Works Department. M. Bernius reported that Public Works has been busy with water leaks and a sewer main backup. The new WWTP building is up and enclosed. Screen modifications have been completed.

**Village Attorney's Report**

- Attorney Kenny Crossman had no report.

**Unfinished Business**

- None

**New Business**

1. Kenny Crossman went through the details and numbers on the 2020-2021 Tax Levy. D. Tiffan made a motion to approve Ordinance 12-07A2020: An Ordinance Approving of 2020-2021 Tax Levy in the amount of \$509,961.12 with an increase under the 5% required for a Truth in Taxation Hearing. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. M. Bernius made a motion to approve employee end-of-year bonuses in the amount of \$250.00 for full-time employees and \$50.00 for part-time employees. This amount would be after taxes. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. President Randall led a discussion on items regarding COVID-19 issues within the Village of Arthur, its residents, businesses, Village services and employees. He thanked CHI for providing masks at the Village Office for those who ask for them. President Randall explained that as far as enforcing any rules, our local government is not getting any backing from the County or State, including health departments and the State's Attorney. Enforcement of any guideline should come from these organizations and not from local officials. M. Hilgenberg noted that some customers might not enter a business if masks are not being worn.

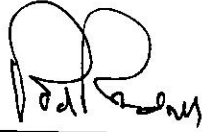
**General Discussion**

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**Adjourn**

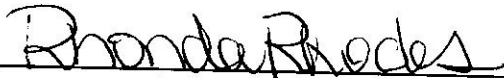
- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to adjourn. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:22pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

12/21/20