

January 28, 2019

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, January 28, 2019, 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, Mike Hilgenberg, Justin Ray, Jenni Marner, Dave Tiffan, and Paul Pearce. Also present was Police Chief Mike Goodman.

### **Public Comment**

Visitors present were Christy Miller, Dana Lewis, Cheri Burcham, and Angie Welker. Dana Lewis, the county director for the University of Illinois Extension Office in Arthur, spoke to the Board regarding an ongoing situation they have been dealing with at their office. Several problems have occurred with the restaurant Angela's, including loud noise, patrons, and bottles in the parking lot. Dana thanked President Randall and the Police Department for their time and concern regarding a situation that took place recently. She appreciated the support and outcome of the situation.

### **Unfinished Business**

- P. Pearce received information from Erica Carter and calculated the average cost per hour for existing full-time officers as close to \$31.00 including all benefits. P. Pearce made a motion to increase part-time employee pay to \$21.00 per hour effective Feb. 1. J. Ray seconded. Trustees Bernius, Ray, Tiffan, and Pearce voted YEA. Trustees Hilgenberg and Marner voted NO. Motion carried.
- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to increase the total of three part-time Officers immediately. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- M. Bernius made a motion to approve items two and three on the list of recommendations, requiring part-time Officers to commit to a minimum of 3 eight-hour shifts per month and failure to maintain the minimum time amounts after three months could result in termination. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- M. Bernius made a motion to approve items 5,7, and 9 on the list of recommendations, including setting pay at \$21.00 per hour for Special Assignments (festivals, fireworks, fair, etc.); hire one additional full-time Officer as soon as possible to return the full-time staffing the five Officers; and complete a pay and benefits comprehensive study regarding full-time Officers. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

### **General Discussion**

- Chief Goodman noted an opportunity to send Officer Smith to a DARE training program. Other principals in the district have inquired about the DARE program. This training

involves an 80 hour course, an exam, and mentorship. Chief Goodman requested that this information be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

- Chief Goodman noted he has a candidate he would like to move forward with for a Full-Time Officer. A Police Committee meeting was scheduled.
- Douglas County Emergency Management contacted Chief Goodman about warming areas for those needing a place to go during the upcoming cold temperatures. The Community Building and Library will be available as warming centers.
- President Randall read a thank you note from Representative Brad Holbrook regarding his latest visit to Arthur.
- Discussion took place on the community recycling and garbage providers.

### Adjourn

M. Bernius made a motion to adjourn. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

2/4/19