

May 1, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, May 1, 2023, 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, Todd Dukeman, Jim Fleming, and Christy Miller. Trustee Dave Tiffan was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

- President Randall asked T. Dukeman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- Visitors present were Adam Brazzell, Andrew Gingerich, Courtney Gingerich, Becky Gutierrez, Eden Gutierrez, Elijah Gutierrez, David Hale, and Shirley Hale

Consent Agenda

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including:
 1. Approval of April 17, 2023 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
 2. Approval of April 17, 2023 Executive Session #1 Minutes
 3. Approval of April 17, 2023 Executive Session #2 Minutes
 4. Approval of appointment of Matt Bernius, Trustee, as Mayor Pro-Tem
 5. Approval of appointment of Michael Goodman, Chief of Police, and Erica Carter, Deputy Clerk, as Freedom of Information Act officers on behalf of the Village
 6. Approval of appointment of Michael Goodman, Chief of Police, as ESDA liaison
 7. Approval of appointment of Erica Carter, Deputy Clerk, as Comptroller
 8. Approval of appointment of Crossman Law Office as Village Attorney
 9. Approval of appointment of State Bank of Arthur and First Neighbor Bank as designated depositories for the Village of Arthur
 10. Approval of the meeting schedule for FY2023-24: Village Board of Trustee meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 120 East Progress Street.
- C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$43,437.67. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall reported that the state and national public health emergency will end on May 11, 2023.
- Merle Plank will be closing on the Walnut Street property in late May. He will then communicate with the Board about proceeding with building the two east duplexes.
- Board members will be required to participate in Open Meetings Act training.
- President Randall thanked Todd Dukeman for filling a vacancy and serving on the Board of Trustees.

Trustees' Reports

- J. Fleming noted the nice asphalt work done to the parking lots on South Walnut Street behind IGA.
- C. Miller noted there will be a Tourism Committee meeting at 6:00pm on May 15, with the Sesquicentennial as the main topic.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department. Chief Goodman noted it was a busier month with better tracking due to the new tracking software. Also, on April 19 Chief Goodman received a letter of resignation from Shaun Meredith. The letter was read to the Board. On April 27, Chief Goodman received a letter of resignation from Dalton Donnals. Officer Donnals last day will be May 14, 2023. Chief Goodman read the letter of resignation.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided reports from the Public Works Department. Grant highlighted projects including the parking lot asphalt work and Hershberger Concrete pouring the generator pad at the Water Treatment Plant. Grant also noted that Farnsworth Group moved the bid opening for the clarifier rehab and tank removal to May 5, 2023 at 10:00am. Grant received a letter of resignation from Benny Durbin.

Village Attorney Report

- Kenny Crossman noted there will be a Zoning Board meeting on Thursday, May 11 to review two requests.

Unfinished Business

- none

New Business

1. The Oath of Office was given by Village Clerk Rhonda Rhodes to newly-elected Trustees Matt Bernius, Isai Gutierrez, and Christy Miller.
2. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Village Trustee Committee appointments made by President Randall. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. M. Bernius made a motion to approve a Memorial Sign request for Phil Rich. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. President Randall provided pictures and a TIF Façade Grant request for 127 South Vine Street. Kenny Crossman noted that work done using TIF funds does not require paying the prevailing wage. The TIF request was reviewed and discussed. J. Fleming made a motion to approve the TIF Façade Grant request by Max's Family Diner for 127 South Vine Street, Arthur, Illinois in the amount of \$941.63 (50% of the proposed \$1,883.25 project). M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
5. The TIF Construction Grant for 127 South Vine Street was reviewed and TIF criteria evaluated. C. Miller made a motion to approve the TIF Construction Grant request by Max's Family Diner for 127 South Vine Street, Arthur, Illinois in the amount of \$5,858.69 (50% of the \$11,717.38 project). M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
6. Grant Corum provided a letter of recommendation from Mike Sullivan regarding the pay request from Ne-Co Asphalt. J. Fleming made a motion to approve Pay Request #1 from Ne-Co Asphalt in the amount of \$207,348.90 using \$200,000.00 of TIF funds and paying the balance with General funds. M. Bernius seconded. Trustees Bernius, Hilgenberg, Gutierrez, and Fleming voted YEA. Trustee Miller abstained. Motion carried.
7. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to enter Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. C. Miller seconded.

M. Bernius made a motion to return to Open Session. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

President Randall reported that Grant Corum has accepted the resignation of Benny Durbin.

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President Randall reported that Police Chief Goodman has accepted the resignations of Dalton Donnals and Shaun Meredith.

9. J. Fleming made a motion to approve the appointment of Courtney Loeh as a part-time officer with the Village of Arthur Police Department. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
10. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the appointment of Adam Brazzell as a part-time officer with the Village of Arthur Police Department. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
11. Chief Goodman provided details about the current K-9 Unit and Kubo who is over six years old. The average police dog works until the age of 6-8 due to olfactory decrease. Currently there is no officer to train with Kubo. Chief Goodman went through a Hold Harmless agreement with Shaun Meredith. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve Ordinance 05-01A-2023: An Ordinance Declaring Certain Items of Village Owned Personal Property

Surplus. Specifically, to declare Village canine, Kubo, as excess property and authorize disposal of said property by retirement, to be placed with former handler, Shaun Meredith, along with disposal of any K-9 Unit equipment no longer in use by the Arthur Police Department. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

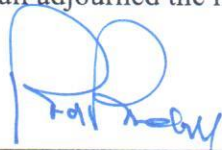
General Discussion

- May is Motorcycle Awareness Month in the state of Illinois.
- Trustee Isai Gutierrez was welcomed to the Board.

Adjourn

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

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

5-14-23