

July 10, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, July 10, 2023, in the Village Board Room. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Matt Bernius, Isai Gutierrez, Jim Fleming, and Christy Miller. Trustees Mike Hilgenberg and Dave Tiffan joined the meeting in progress.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comment

- Visitors present were Jeremy Hale, Candie Heston, Chery Heston, Colt Heston, Tammi Lough, Elliott Tinnon, and Stephanie Wierman.

Consent Agenda

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the June 19, 2023 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes; the July 5, 2023 Police Committee Meeting Minutes; the July 5, 2023 Executive Session 1 Minutes; and the July 5, 2023 Executive Session 2 Minutes. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$170,841.89. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall reported that tickets for the Founders' Day dinner are available for purchase. Tickets are also available for the new Noah Zark production to be held at Penn Station.
- President Randall has been in contact with Merle Plank regarding the Walnut Street property. Once the transaction is finalized construction will begin on two of the three duplexes.

Trustees' Reports

- M. Bernius thanked Village employees, Public Works, and the Police Department for all the added work during the recent storms, Freedom Celebration, and the county fair. Their extra efforts are appreciated.
- J. Fleming asked about the new bank construction at the four-way stop. He is concerned about the land declining at the south side of the construction site. He also noted a concern regarding the recent power outage, with citizens not being able to purchase certain supplies.
- M. Hilgenberg thanked Public Works for their work in spraying weeds.
- C. Miller echoed her thanks to the Village employees. Our Town Arthur will be broadcasting live downtown on July 21 from 4-7pm. Trustee Miller encouraged businesses to come out and advertise. Antique cars and motorcycles are welcome. A golf cart decorating contest is being planned. There will be food, live interviews, and inflatables for children.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman reported that there were no issues during the Freedom Celebration and fireworks display. He thanked Douglas County, Moultrie County, and ILEAS for the extra officers. The county fair also had no incidents. M. Bernius asked about the K-9 car, which is being transitioned into a regular squad car.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided reports from the Public Works Department. He noted that the recent storms caused extra work with trees and many limbs down. Ameren installed a new gas meter at the Water Treatment Plant. Lonnie Miller began work on the pump house at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Grant thanked the Police Department and JJ Carter for the extra help during the storm cleanup.

Village Attorney Report

- Kenny Crossman was absent.

Unfinished Business

- none

New Business

1. Chief Goodman presented Colt Heston to the Board and reviewed his resume. Colt has an associate degree in criminal justice from Parkland College. He has experience as a correctional officer in Ford County and Champaign County. Chief Goodman recommended hiring Colt as a full-time Police officer, and he noted training at the Police Academy would begin August 30, 2023. I. Gutierrez made a motion to hire Colt Heston as an officer of the Arthur Police Department with an hourly rate of \$21.25, with the rate increasing to \$21.75 post-academy. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. Chief Goodman reviewed the work history of Officer Elliott Tinnon and went through the extra responsibilities Officer Tinnon has taken on recently. M. Bernius made a motion to advance Officer Elliot Tinnon of the Arthur Police Department to the rank of Sergeant with a 5% increase in salary, which would be \$28.88 per hour. J. Fleming seconded. Trustees Hilgenberg, Gutierrez, Fleming, Tiffan, and Miller voted YEA. Trustee Bernius abstained. Motion carried.
3. President Randall provided a photo and Grant Corum gave details about installing a fence at the lagoon area. This fence will separate the lagoon from a parking area. M. Bernius made a motion to approve a proposal to install a fence at the lagoon for town wide cleanup and event parking from Clas-see Exteriors in the amount of \$18,354.03. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. C. Miller made a motion to approve the gravel lot proposal at the lagoon by Yoder Farm Drainage in the amount of \$18,100.00. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
5. Grant Corum provided details about clarifier improvements and the demolition of old structures which go 18-20 feet into the ground. The only bid received was from Grunloh Construction, and they agreed to split the project with part of the work being done this fiscal year and the rest in FY2023-24. M. Bernius made a motion to award the bid for the Clarifier Improvements and Select Plant Demolition to Grunloh Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,209,000.00. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
6. J. Fleming made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for Clarifier Improvements and Select Plant Demolition. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
7. President Randall noted that only one bid was received for curb-side trash removal. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to waive the bidding process to enter into a contract with Green for Life (GFL) Environmental for curbside trash removal pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-9-1(1). C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
8. President Randall reported that GFL Environmental proposed September 13-15 for curbside trash removal. M. Bernius made a motion to enter into a contract with GFL Environmental for a one-time town-wide curbside trash removal event. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
9. President Randall noted that many of the Sesquicentennial flags were damaged by weather. C. Miller made a motion to purchase ten 3' x 5' Sesquicentennial flags at \$68.75 apiece. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

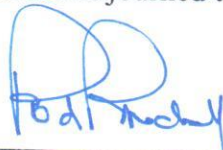
General Discussion

- Grant Corum reported that Hershberger Concrete completed their work at the intersection of Park Street and Hickory Street. The intersection of Lincoln and Ash Street will be worked on soon.

Adjourn

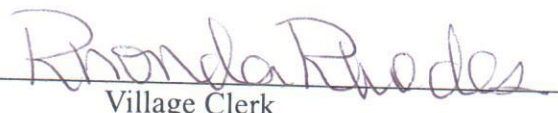
- I. Gutierrez made a motion to adjourn. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:57pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

7-24-23