

March 6, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, March 6, 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, Jim Fleming, Dave Tiffan, and Christy Miller. Trustees Todd Dukeman and Mike Hilgenberg were absent.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

- President Randall asked C. Miller to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Public Comment**

- Visitors present were Jeremy Hale, Angie Parsons, and John Stewart. John Stewart spoke on behalf of the Arthur Rotary Club and thanked the Board for supporting the fireworks display and the Freedom Celebration. John also thanked Public Works and the Police Department for their work in the event. John reported that they plan to honor the sesquicentennial this year. The fireworks will be held on July 1, 2023 with a rain date of July 2, 2023. John noted that prices for fireworks have increased by about 42%.
- Jeremy Hale addressed the Board about the property at 105 South Vine Street where a mural is being planned. He suggested a 5-10 foot easement in front of the mural for lights and tables.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the February 20, 2023 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes and the February 27, 2023 Community Relations and Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

- M. Bernius made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$41,333.64. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

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

- President Randall had no report.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- No reports were given.

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

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department. Chief Goodman reported that the drug incinerator has been received. The machine has been used and works well.
- Chief Goodman and Sergeant Shaun Meredith met with representatives from Brownlee Data Systems to begin using the new cloud based records management system.
- Chief Goodman noted that he will begin the interview process soon for the open position of Police Officer.

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

- Grant Corum provided reports from the Public Works Department. Grant noted that the IEPA inspection of the water treatment plant took place on March 6, 2023. Harris Electric installed a new starter on pump number two at the Dogwood lift station.

#### **Village Attorney Report**

- Kenny Crossman had no report.

#### **Simply Arthur**

- Angie Parsons reported for Simply Arthur. Visitors coming through the Welcome Center have totaled 1,243 since January 1, 2023. Advertising for the Arthur community has taken place in nine publicity magazines including Women's Day and Good Housekeeping. Angie reported that she recently attended a travel show in Chicago to promote Arthur. She will be attending an Ag day in Danville for three days. Kenny Crossman noted that Simply Arthur



meets on the first Wednesday of every month. He noted that the former Dick's Pharmacy building now has a tanning business open.

#### Unfinished Business

- none

#### New Business

1. President Randall led the Board through the TIF criteria regarding an application for the property at 179 North Spruce Street. Four of the criteria were met, which qualifies for 40% assistance. M. Bernius noted that payments are not made until bills and necessary paperwork are submitted. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) grant request for 179 North Spruce Street, Arthur, IL for the amount not to exceed \$20,800.00 (40%) of the proposed \$52,000.00 project. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
2. Grant Corum provided a letter from Mike Sullivan regarding the opening of bids for the parking lot improvements and the resurfacing of the 100 block of East Illinois Street. Two bids were received. Grant and Mike recommended the lower bid from Ne-Co Asphalt Company. J. Fleming made a motion to award the bid for parking lot improvements and the resurfacing of the 100 block of East Illinois Street to Ne-Co Asphalt Company in the amount of \$239,351.10. D. Tiffan seconded. Trustees Bernius, Fleming, Tiffan, and President Randall voted YEA. Trustee Miller abstained. Motion passed.
3. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the bid for the annual property maintenance of the Village of Arthur's well site by Wes Yoder in the amount of \$925.00. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. Grant Corum reported on the needed improvements to landscape at the Welcome Center and Welcome Center and Gazebo parking areas. This work includes removing mulch, removing soil, and resetting 120 feet of brick edging in mortar. C. Miller made a motion to approve the bid from Green Wave Lawn Care in the amount of \$1,905.00 to improve the current landscaping at the Welcome Center and Welcome Center and Gazebo parking areas. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
5. Grant Corum provided details about landscape maintenance work needed around the Welcome Center, Welcome Center parking lot, and gazebo parking lot, which was previously done by The Great Pumpkin Patch. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the bid by Green Wave Lawn Care in the amount of \$2,567.00 for landscape maintenance at the Welcome Center, Welcome Center parking lot, and gazebo parking lot. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
6. Grant Corum provided copies of the Capital Improvement Plan FY 2023-2028. Grant went through the plan and provided details regarding projects to take place in FY 2023-2024, including searching for a new water source, draining the underground water tank to clean and line it, and installing a new pipe from the pump station to the mechanical plant. M. Bernius commended Grant on guiding the Village in this direction and for putting this plan together. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the FY 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Plan. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

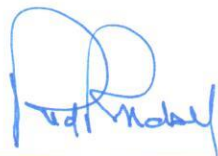
#### General Discussion

- none

#### Adjourn

- C. Miller made a motion to adjourn. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE 3-20-23