A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, August 21, 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, Mike Hilgenberg, Isai Gutierrez, Jim Fleming, Dave Tiffan, and Christy Miller.

## Pledge of Allegiance

President Randall asked J. Fleming to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Kim Babb was the only visitor present.

# **Approval of Minutes**

 M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve to August 7, 2023 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

# Approval of Expenditures

M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$92,742.34. I.
 Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

# Village President Comments and Announcements

President Randall reported that tickets are still available for the September 2, 2023 Founders'
Day Dinner celebrating Arthur's sesquicentennial. The parade for this event will begin at
3:50pm on Progress Street.

# Trustees' Reports

No reports were given.

## Chief of Police Report

 Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department. Officer Mullins graduates Friday, August 25. Colt Heston passed his power test and will begin Police Academy training on Aug 29. They will both complete field training with Sergeant Tinnon.

# Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided reports from the Public Works Department. Grant reported that the white striping on streets is complete. Curb painting will begin this week.
- Consolidated sent plans for fiber installation. The first section of town will be Park Street to Hwy 133 and Ash Street to Morningside.

# Comptroller's Report

• Erica Carter gave the Treasurer's Report.

## Village Attorney Report

Kenny Crossman no report.

### **Unfinished Business**

none

#### **New Business**

- 1. J. Fleming made a motion to approve street closings for Arthur Cheese Festival. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- 2. M. Bernius made a motion to approve a Temporary Sign Application for the Mastermaze (corn maze) event to be held September 15-November 6, 2023. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- 3. A TIF Construction Grant was presented from Taylor-Fritz Properties. The evaluation criteria was discussed, and the application qualified for a 40% grant. M. Bernius made a motion to approve a TIF Construction Grant request for the building at 214 South Vine Street, Arthur, Illinois by Taylor-Fritz Properties in the amount of \$13,540.00 (40% of the

\$33,850.00 project). J. Fleming seconded. Trustees Bernius, Gutierrez, Fleming, Tiffan, and Miller voted YEA. Trustee Hilgenberg voted NO. Motion passed.

4. C. Miller made a motion to approve payment of the annual fee for the Village's Google Workspace Account in the amount of \$1,008.00. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- 5. Grant Corum provided a quote and details regarding the need for a 20 cubic yard dumpster. He noted a \$250.00 charge for unloading the dumpster. M. Bernius made a motion to approve purchasing of a 20 cubic yard dumpster from Advantage Disposal for the sludge removal process in the amount of \$7,560.13. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- 6. Chief Goodman advertised and held interviews for the grade school crossing guard position. He recommended hiring Kim Babb. M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the hiring of Kim Babb as the school crossing guard. J. Fleming seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- 7. Kenny Crossman provided minutes from the Zoning Board meeting where variances were discussed. Kenny provided pictures and maps of the requests. M. Bernius made a motion to approve Ordinance 08-21A-2023: An Application from Kenneth M. Crossman and Emily Crossman, for Variance at 223 South Poplar Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911. Variance Request to allow an accessory building exceeding fifteen (15) feet. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- 8. J. Fleming made a motion to approve Ordinance 08-21B-2023: An Application from Lonnie D. Miller and Marilyn R. Miller, for Variance at 514 North Vine Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911 to allow an accessory building exceeding fifteen (15) feet and within the side yard setback area. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve Ordinance 08-21C-2023: An Application from Arthur Homes LP, for Variance, for Variance on Rhema Drive to allow building within the rear yard setback area. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- 10. Kenny Crossman reviewed our current lease agreement with Verizon Wireless. He presented a request from Verizon to amend the lease. The amendment would pay \$10,000.00 up front but the monthly rent payments would decrease, and the yearly increases to rent would also decrease. No action was taken due to lack of a motion.

#### **General Discussion**

• J. Fleming received two phone calls regarding the plans to put rock and fencing in the lagoon area. Discussion took place on the plans that were approved to do this work.

#### Adjourn

D. Tiffan made a motion to adjourn. I. Gutierrez seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
 President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:53pm.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_

Village President

ATTEST

Village Clerk

DATE