

# City of Arthur to borrow from IEPA revolving fund to pay for water system updates and improvements

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The Arthur Village Board met in regular session on Monday, July 2, at Arthur Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Trustees in attendance were Matt Bernius, Justin Ray, Paul Pearce, Jenni Marner, and Dave Tiffan. Mike Hilgenberg was absent.

It was a short agenda with most of the meeting dealing with a review of the big Freedom Celebration hosted by the village just two days before on Saturday, June 30.

The expenditure report, with expenses totaling \$44,966.86, was reviewed and unanimously approved as presented.

Village president Rod Randall presented his report next. He thanked the Arthur Police Department for their extra work put in for the celebration. He thanked numerous others for their hard work in hosting what has become one of Arthur's biggest single-day events of the year.

Mayor Randall also mentioned that he had received several complaints about an odor in village water. These concerns were addressed by the appropriate village employees. The MIOX drinking water treatment would be used to solve the issue.

Randall also asked for thoughts and prayers to go out to local resident, Tom Brewer, who was injured during a collision involving his golf cart and a motor vehicle.

"With the presence of many golf carts and related vehicles on our village streets, it might be a good time to revisit and refresh all members of our community (golf cart owners and non-golf cart owners alike) the ordinances regarding golf cart usage and golf cart safety."

The Trustee's reports were next.

## Town Talk

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sors are LG Seeds/Jerry Bolzen, Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital, United Prairie, Windswept Seed/Colby Herschberger, and Windswept Farms/Larry Herschberger.

Red Ribbon Sponsors are BAR Screen Printing, Beniach Construction, Colcon Corp., Dawson Farms, DMH Foundation, Forsythe Land Company, Gingerich Farms, State Bank of Arthur, The Equity, and Vintage Farms.

Friends of the Fair are McMullin-Young Funeral Homes, Mid-State Tank, Lovington Fire Department, Casey's, Miles Chevrolet, Syngenta Seeds, Topflight Grain, and Yoder's Farm Drainage.

And that's "30" today for lightning bugs!

Paul Pearce mentioned he had talked with one of the officers who came from another jurisdiction to help with the busy Freedom Celebration Saturday.

"The officer said that your Chief of Police should be commended for being proactive, having an easy to understand plan in place, as well as contingency plans. Everything was lined up for us before we got here which makes everything so much easier."

Dave Tiffan remarked on the great job the police did in handling all the traffic before and after the fireworks.

"I have to commend several local people as well who attended the fireworks. They brought along trash bags and helped with some of the pick-ups on the grounds after the fireworks.

Justin Ray, who drove one of the fire trucks in the parade, thought the crowd was much bigger than normal.

"Sitting so high up in the truck you can really see how deep the crowds are along the parade route. It was a great crowd."

It was also noted by many board members that blocking off the parking spaces on Vine Street for the parade was a huge improvement for both spectators and those driving vehicles in the parade. There were no kids dashing out from behind parked vehicles. This idea was an improvement safety-

wise and should be implemented again in the future.

Trustee Matt Bernius seemed to sum up the board's overall view of the day best with his remarks.

"Every member of this community should be proud of what was accomplished on Saturday. I drove a fire truck in the parade, and as I rounded the corner of Progress and Vine my chest swelled with pride. I was very proud to be part of this community and appreciated very much all the hard work and countless hours that went into Saturday's festivities.

"I would like to thank Grant Corum and the village Public Works Department, Mike Goodman and the Arthur Police Department, Arthur Rotary Club, Arthur Area Association of Commerce, Arthur Tourism, Arthur Fire and Ambulance, and the many other individuals and sponsors that went into making the festival safe and enjoyable for our citizens and those visiting our community."

Bernius also mentioned the Sunday, July 24 open house held Sunday, June 24, at the Otto Center honoring Dr. William Shackelford on his retirement. Around 600 people attended the special event to wish Dr. Shackelford well after serving Arthur area residents for 28 years as part of a medical career totaling 60 years.

Trustee Bernius thanked Landon Stenger of Illinois

State Representative Chapin Rose's office for helping get the special Certificate of Recognition for the event from the Illinois State Senate.

Arthur Chief of Police Mike Goodman gave his report next.

"The day started really early for us, and we really appreciated the six crews of volunteers who helped us with putting together and placing the parking signs, barricades, and cones. That was a huge help," said Goodman.

Goodman reported that seven officers were available for the parade which included local officers and those from outside the village.

"They handled the Lincoln hearse being moved downtown, the traffic for those coming to see the hearse on display and for the huge parade which was probably the largest parade we have ever handled."

There were 20 officers assigned to handle the fireworks traffic and crowd.

"We listened to our feedback from the past several years and made a few adjustments to where we placed our officers. It worked out very well. We had an officer assigned to Eberhardt Park after several incidents were reported there last year. This year, it all went smoothly as the officer 'worked' the crowds assembled there.

"We were prepared for heat-related illnesses as well. Arthur Fire and Ambulance took care of several minor incidents due to the heat, but we did not have as many as expected.

"All in all, just a few minor incidents, very few calls, a couple minor traffic accidents, and we also are dealing with several lost and found items. For such a large

crowd, we think it went very well."

Chief Goodman and others are already contemplating next year's Freedom Celebration.

"I want to have a planning session with all the players involved in putting on the events. Get us all in one place to discuss suggestions and make plans so we are all on the same page."

Arthur Tourism director Christy Miller addressed the board next.

"I want thank the Village for their support of our festivals and events. I want to thank the city crews, the police department, and everyone else who helped make the day possible.

"I also want to thank the many individuals from the community who stepped up to volunteer with the display of the hearse and with the parade. I was part of the six crews working on the parking signage project. It went from midnight to 3 a.m. which gave us all a brand new appreciation of everything the police department does!"

Miller also informed the board that the advertising contract with WCIA for their "Destination Illinois" cam-

paign had been ended.

"One commercial had been run," said Miller. "Interviews and filming has been done for a short two-minute story that will also run although we are not sure of the date and in what markets."

Miller indicated that the contract was ended on mutual agreement with WCIA. There will only be the charge for the one commercial that did run. There will be no financial obligation for the unfinished portion of the campaign.

"It simply was not working out for us as presented to us when we signed on to the campaign."

Next to speak at the meeting was Mindy Jansen of the Farnsworth Group who is working with the village on the water system updates and improvements. She reported that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has approved the loan to the Village of Arthur as anticipated.

It was emphasized by Jansen and board members that the amount is a high figure and expenditures would most likely not approach the

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## Douglas County Courthouse News

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Keller Mortgage LLC a mortgage for Lot 4 in Block 1 of Richman's Second Addition, Villa Grove (205 North Richman Street, Villa Grove).

Virgil Kauffman and Larry E. Kauffman granted Larry E. Kauffman and Delores F. Kauffman an executor's deed for a parcel in NE 6-14-7 (262 North County Road 100 East, Arthur).

Larry E. Kauffman and Delores F. Kauffman granted Farm Credit Services a mortgage for parcels in NE 6-14-7 (262 North County Road 100 East, Arthur).

Elva L. Herschberger and Shirley K. Herschberger granted Thomas H. Scheffer and Cheryl Annette Scheffer a warranty deed for Lot 3 of Surrey Lane (105 Surrey Lane, Arthur).

State Bank of Arthur, trustee of Trust 239, granted Marvin G. Kauffman and Carol A. Kauffman a trustee's deed for a parcel in NW 20-15-7 (145 East County Road 600 North, Arthur).

Marvin G. Kauffman and Carol A. Kauffman granted Morton Community Bank a mortgage for a parcel in NW 20-15-7 (145 East

County Road 600 North, Arthur).

Judith A. Eskridge, trustee of Judith A. Eskridge Trust, granted Brian A. Endres and Jessica R. Endres a trustee's deed for a parcel in SE 15-16-7.

Brian A. Endres and Jessica R. Endres granted Illinois National Bank a mortgage for a parcel in SE 15-16-7.

Bethany L. Wellbaum granted Ricardo Galvan Trejo and Jane A. Galvan a warranty deed for Lot "D" of Prairie Meadow Subdivision Second Addition, Arcola (711 Prairie Meadow Drive, Arcola).

Ricardo Galvan Trejo and Jane A. Galvan granted Washington Savings Bank a mortgage for Lot "D" of Prairie Meadow Subdivision Second Addition, Arcola (711 Prairie Meadow Drive, Arcola).

David Simpkins granted Shalonda Bailey a quit claim deed for Lots 4 and 5 in Block 18 of Coffins First Addition, Newman (306 S. Broadway, Newman).

First National Bank Arthur granted Danny R. Yod-

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## In Our Community

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and Saturday, July 21  
from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
At the Arthur Firehouse

This program is offered to any  
boy or girl who will be entering the 4th thru 8th grade  
in the 2018-2019 school year

There will be a sign up fee of \$55.00 for one child.  
\$15.00 for each additional child.  
This fee includes a football uniform, pads and helmet.  
The additional money will go to help with any  
other costs associated with this program.  
There will also be a late fee of \$25.00 for not  
signing up on one of our two sign up dates!

\*If this is your first year, please bring a  
copy of your player's birth certificate to the sign ups\*

If you have any questions feel free  
to contact Justin Ray at 273-2550.



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