

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#21-01-18 R01
MONDAY JANUARY 18, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.
VILLAGE HALL, 330 N WARREN STREET, ARGENTA, ILLINOIS

Call to Order: Mayor Luedke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mayor Luedke and Trustees Pagel, Kaufman, Berry, Ryan, and Logan were present. Trustee Mitchell arrived at 6:03. Clerk Koszesza and Deputy Lilly were present. Residents in attendance were John White (via Zoom) and Jeff Spurling.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2020 #20-12-21 R12
2. Approval of Disbursements #21-01-18 D01
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #21-01-18 BR01
 - Trustee Pagel moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel	=	Yes	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
Mitchell	=	Absent	Logan	=	Yes

Motion carried.

Public Comment: There was none. Trustee Logan apologized to Trustee Berry for the way he spoke to him at the last meeting.

Recognition of Visitors: John White was here to ask the Board for a donation for IceFest. Trustee Mitchell arrived at 6:03. John explained what IceFest is. He said that this year there will not be the in-person activities that they usually have – the chili cookoff, vendor fair, children’s games, wine, and beer tastings. This year the event will be a drive through event to limit social contact. The cost for an individual sculpture is \$350 but the donation could be any amount.

Department Reports:

1. Village Staff Reports. Public Works Director Derick Fisher is home with a sick child. Mayor Luedke gave the board a list of all our expenses that have been submitted to CURES. We submitted \$12,057.63 for 2 months of our Macon County Sheriff’s Office contract, \$7,165.18 for police salaries, and \$7,138.18 for the Zoom audio/video equipment. Derick had another water main break on Broadway last week. Burdick came out to fix it because Aaric Kendall was not available.
2. Mayor’s Report
3. Attorney’s Report

New Business:

- Discuss/Approve an extra water tower payment of \$20,000.00. Mayor Luedke said we have the money, and the intent was to pay off the water tower early. Trustee Pagel asked why we would make an extra payment at this time. He said that we raised the rates to break even. Mayor Luedke said that if we pay the tower off early, we can save money for a new water

plant or whatever we need. Trustee Pagel said that the next Board could spend money on anything they want and not what we earmark it for. Trustee Pagel said that we could have the money in the bank and have a down payment for a new water plant in the future. Trustee Pagel said that this would help us with better terms for a loan. Trustee Ryan asked what the current interest rate is. Mayor Luedke does not feel comfortable having multiple loans. No motion was made.

- Discuss/Approve a donation for IceFest 2021. Trustee Berry and Trustee Mitchell think that we should give something. Trustee Ryan agrees. Trustee Pagel asked how many statues they have right now. Mayor Luedke said there are only 6 right now. Trustee Berry said they might combine money to make larger carvings. Trustee Pagel asked if AIM gets something from the proceeds. They do. Trustee Berry said that AIM gives a lot of money back to the community. Trustee Logan said that if someone wants to volunteer that is OK, but we should not spend the people's money. Mayor Luedke said that the Villages of Oreana and Warrensburg donate to local festivals. Trustee Ryan said that it would be good PR for the Village to have a sculpture. Trustee Logan said that because of the past year and the financial situation, we should be careful with money. Trustee Pagel said it is not necessary. Trustee Mitchell thinks it is necessary. She thinks it is petty to not give a donation.

- Trustee Ryan moved and Trustee Mitchell seconded to approve a \$500.00 donation for IceFest 2021.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel	=	No	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	Abstain	Ryan	=	Yes
Mitchell	=	Yes	Logan	=	No

Motion carried.

- Discuss solutions to minimize cars running stop signs the intersection of East & Main. Mayor Luedke said that there have been several complaints that cars are running the stop signs. Speed bumps were suggested. Trustee Pagel said that speed bumps would increase our chances of having water main breaks in that area. Trustee Kaufman does not know what would solve it. Trustee Ryan said that the flashing lights on signs do not make that much difference. Deputy Lilly said that the best thing is for the deputies to sit there and try to control it. Trustee Pagel said that he protests the last vote because he thinks some people might have a conflict of interest. Mayor Luedke said that we will address that later if we need to. Deputy Lilly said that there can be more direct patrols since the issue has been brought up. He will take care of that tonight. We will also contact the school to remind the students/teachers about obeying the signs.

Old Business:

- Discuss/Approve Resolution 21-01-18 Res04, a Resolution to approve Qualification Based Selection (QBS) Policy and Procedures for the Village of Argenta. Trustee Kaufman said that the QBS that we will approve is the same as other villages.

- Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Berry seconded to approve Resolution 21-01-18 Res04, a Resolution to approve Qualification Based Selection (QBS) Policy and Procedures for the Village of Argenta.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel	=	Yes	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
Mitchell	=	Yes	Logan	=	Yes

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Approve Employee Handbook revisions. Trustee Ryan wants to revise the way time is kept for vacation time to make it easier to track. He would like to see additions made to be in line more with other employers. Trustee Kaufman wants to approve the handbook and come back to adjust some sections later. We could have it on the agenda next month to do the revisions.

- Trustee Pagel moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to approve Employee Handbook revisions.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel	=	Yes	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
Mitchell	=	Yes	Logan	=	Yes

Motion carried.

- Discuss final decisions of 135 E Water Street with Attorney Ed Flynn. Mr. Flynn could not attend the meeting due to a family emergency. This item will be tabled until the February meeting. Trustee Pagel asked what we were paying the attorney for. Mayor Luedke said that Trustee Logan asked for the attorney to be here. Trustee Mitchell said that she has an objection to paying the attorney to come here again, for the third time, to discuss a matter that is done. Trustee Kaufman said that we should make a date for the appropriations meeting. The next regular board meeting will be on Tuesday Feb 16th as Monday the 15th is Presidents Day. The appropriations meeting will be on the 23rd at 5:30. Trustee Ryan thanked us for letting the Scouts join this meeting for their merit badges.

Closed Session:

Open Session:

Adjournment

- Trustee Ryan moved, and Trustee Mitchell seconded, to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel	=	Yes	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
Mitchell	=	Yes	Logan	=	Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza