

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#26-01-20 R01
TUESDAY JANUARY 20, 2026 @ 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 Kaufman, Grider, Todd Metsker, Berry, Ryan, and Kevin Metsker were present. Clerk Sherry Koszesza, Public Works Director Derick Fisher were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2025, #25-11-17 R11
2. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2025, #25-12-04 SW01
3. Approval of Disbursements #25-12-15 D12
4. Approval of Disbursements #26-01-20 D01
5. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #25-12-15 BR 12
6. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #26-01-20 BR 01

- A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Berry to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman =	Yes	Berry	=	Yes
Grider =	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
T Metsker =	Yes	K Metsker	=	Yes

Motion carried.

Public Comment: There was none. Trustee Todd Metsker thanked Trustee Ryan and the Boy Scouts on behalf of the food pantry. They gave a great donation.

Recognition of Visitors: Ryan Fulton and Dave Mason representing SunVest Solar. Ryan and Dave are here to give an update on the Solar Farm. They handed out maps to the Board. The construction crews will be back at the site in April. Activity will be through the summer. Energize will be in September. Trustee Grider asked if they were tracking or stationary. They are tracking. There will be 5 utility poles to connect the solar. They would like to know what areas the tenant farmer has hard access to or is "stranded". Mayor Luedke will have the bank talk directly to Ryan. Trustee Ryan asked about a privacy screen for the residents and reflections off of the panels. Ryan will go back and see if that was in the original contract (before Sunvest acquired it) and if not, they will look at adding something like that. Ryan said that there is very little reflection because they are tracking panels. Trustee Ryan asked again about the pole layout. Ryan said there is one pole near the farm shed that they will land on and then connect to the rest. Public Works Director Derick Fisher asked how much noise the transformer will make. Ryan said it will only run during the day and noise will be less than 55 Db. Total acreage that they are taking is 10 – 11 acres.

Department Reports:

1. Village Staff Reports. Public Works Director Derick Fisher has replaced the hydrants that were leaking. There will be a bid from Burdick for softener rehab. There were some

electrical issues the last week or so. He is working on that. There is one leaking meter pit and a leaking valve that he will pack. He wants to install a VFD to reduce the water hammer, which will hopefully reduce main breaks. It is around \$40,000.00-\$50,000.00. He will get numbers for all of it. He did some patching. Main and Elm needs to be resurfaced again. It needs dug up and new plastic pipe installed. They are doing alkalinity tests every day. There is more stuff coming down from the EPA.

2. Mayor's Report. Illinois Funds account has been doing really well. We might put our solar money into these funds. There have been several FOIA requests in the last month. There were 17 last month and 5 more today from 1 person. March 21st will be golf cart registration day, from 10-2. Sherry will transition to a new email. Icefest is Feb 14th.
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

- Discuss/Vote on donation to Argenta In Motion for IceFest
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Berry to approve a donation of \$500.00 to Argenta In Motion for IceFest.
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman = Yes	Berry = Yes
Grider = Yes	Ryan = Yes
T Metsker= Yes	K Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.
- Discuss/Vote on purchasing a portable building with Argenta In Motion (cost split 50/50) for storage of Christmas decorations and AIM items
 - A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Grider to approve purchasing a portable building with Argenta In Motion (cost split 50/50) for storage of Christmas decorations and AIM items.
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman = Abstain	Berry = Yes
Grider = Yes	Ryan = Yes
T Metsker= Yes	K Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.
- Set date for Appropriations meeting. Supper will be provided. March 4th at 5:00.
- Discuss/Vote on water rate increase beginning 01/01/2026
 - A motion was made by Trustee Ryan with a second by Trustee Berry to approve a yearly water rate increase of 4% beginning 01/01/2026.
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman = Yes	Berry = Yes
Grider = Yes	Ryan = Yes
T Metsker= Yes	K Metsker = No

Motion carried.
- Discuss/Vote to purchase the Work Order Module from LOCIS
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Ryan to purchase the Work Order Module from LOCIS
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman = Yes	Berry = Yes
Grider = Yes	Ryan = Yes

T Metsker= Yes

K Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Vote to approve Ordinance 26-01-20 Ord 01, amending Regular Meetings to reflect meetings are once a month
 - A motion was made by Trustee Ryan with a second by Trustee Berry to approve Ordinance 26-01-20 Ord 01, amending Regular Meetings to reflect meetings are once a month

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman = Yes

Berry = Yes

Grider = Yes

Ryan = Yes

T Metsker= Yes

K Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

Closed Session:

- Vote to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Ryan to go into closed session at 7:13 p.m. to discuss pending litigation

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman = Yes

Berry = Yes

Grider = Yes

Ryan = Yes

T Metsker= Yes

K Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

Open Session:

- Open session resumed at 8:14 p.m.

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee T. Metsker to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman = Yes

Berry = Yes

Grider = Yes

Ryan = Yes

T Metsker= Yes

K Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza