

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#25-02-18 R02
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2025 @ 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 Kaufman, Berry, Ryan, and Metsker were present. Trustees Barker and Mitchell were absent. Clerk Sherry Koszesza and Public Works Director Derick Fisher were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2025, #25-01-21 R01
2. Approval of Disbursements #25-02-18 D02
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #25-02-18 BR02
 - A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Kaufman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman =	Yes	Berry =	Yes
Barker =	Absent	Ryan =	Yes
Mitchell =	Absent	Metsker =	Yes

Motion carried.

Public Comment: There was none.

Recognition of Visitors: There were none.

Department Reports:

1. Village Staff Reports. Public Works Director Derick Fisher told the Board that the Verizon bill is down from about \$21500 to \$115.00. He is trying to get a different phone for the water plant. Derick is at conference this week. He has a quote for street signs. \$2,000.00 for bigger, blue signs with white lettering. He would like to do some sidewalks. We still have ARPA money we could for that. The bid was \$17,000.00.
2. Mayor's Report. We will go live with our new utility billing software on March 12. The software is gWorks. Clerk Sherry Koszesza has been taking online classes for the migration.
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Discuss/Vote to approve a donation to the Sangamon Valley CEO. Mayor Luedke said that last year the Board donated \$1,000.00. There are students from Argenta High School that attend this program.
- A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Ryan to approve a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Sangamon Valley CEO.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman =	Yes	Berry =	Yes
Barker =	Absent	Ryan =	Yes

Mitchell = Absent

Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Vote on letter from AOFPD regarding fees for water service. Trustee Kaufman and Trustee Ryan interpreted the letter as a threat. The Village still takes care of snow plowing and salting for no charge. The Fire Department told the village to stop mowing. Derick has only called the Fire Department for the burn pile once since he has been employed with the Village. Trustee Kaufman told Mayor Luedke if she calls Mr. Brown, someone else should be on the call too. No action was taken.

Closed Session:

Open Session:

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Metsker to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman = Yes

Berry = Yes

Barker = Absent

Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent

Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza