



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS**  
**#21-03-15 R03**  
**MONDAY MARCH 15, 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 was absent. Clerk Koszesza, Public Works Director Fisher, Matt Foster with Chastain Engineers, and Phil Knight with Suez were also present. Residents attending were Jeff Spurling.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2021 #21-02-16 R02
2. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of February 16, 2021, #21-02-16 E01
3. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of February 23-2021, #21-02-23 SM01
4. Approval of Disbursements #21-03-15 D03
5. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #21-03-15 BR03

➤ Trustee Berry moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel =	Abstain from all Minutes, no for Disbursements, Bank Reconciliations	Berry = Yes
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Kaufman =	Yes	Ryan = Yes
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Mitchell =	Absent	Logan = No
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Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Matt Foster from Chastain Engineers brought information to do GIS Mapping of the utilities (water and possibly sewer). GIS mapping is more accurate for plotting water main breaks. Valuable information is maintained with the GIS system and isn't lost when there are staffing changes. Trustee Pagel asked if there would be any liability on the Village by using this system. Matt explained that locating other utility services would be the responsibility of the locating company, not the Village. Trustee Pagel asked if the ITEP funds could pay for this. Matt said it may be possible to put the street signs, roads and such into MFT. Trustee Ryan asked if the training would be extra. Matt said we would need a tablet with a phone plan. That would be the only extra cost. The licensing fee is \$500.00 per year. The Board would like this on the next agenda.

**Department Reports:**

1. Police Reports: Deputy Burgener said that there was nothing major to report.
2. Village Staff Reports: Public Works Director Derick Fisher said that there was a water main break at North Street and East Street. It has been repaired. He is starting to put rock in

some of the muddy boulevards. He is getting the lighting for the shop and will be starting on the painting at the water plant.

3. Mayor's Report: Mayor Luedke told the Board that the Village will be getting funds from the American Rescue Plan. It will be around \$100,000.00 - \$110,000.00 and will be paid in 2 payments. She reminded the Trustees to call or email if they are unable to attend a meeting. That way, if there is not going to be a quorum, Sherry can go home, and we could cancel any visitors that might be coming to the meeting.
4. Attorney's Report. There was none.

**Old Business:**

- Discuss/Approve Appropriation Ordinance 21-03-15 Ord01
  - Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Ryan seconded to approve Appropriation Ordinance 21-03-15 Ord01.  
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel	=	No	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
Mitchell	=	Absent	Logan	=	No
			Mayor Luedke	=	Yes
  - Motion carried.
- Discuss/Approve Water Tower Maintenance Agreement (contingent on the approval of Attorney Ed Flynn).
  - Trustee Berry moved and Trustee Ryan seconded to approve the Water Tower Maintenance Agreement (contingent on the approval of Attorney Ed Flynn).  
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel	=	No	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
Mitchell	=	Absent	Logan	=	No
  - Motion carried.
- Discuss/Approve suggested attorney revisions to the Employee Handbook.
  - Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Pagel seconded to approve the suggested attorney revisions to the Employee Handbook, but changing the probation period to 6 months.  
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel	=	Yes	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
Mitchell	=	Absent	Logan	=	Yes
  - Motion carried.

**New Business:**

- Discuss/Approve Bodine Maintenance Agreements for the generators at the Water Plant and Well #3.  
This item is tabled until Derick can get more quotes.
- Discuss/Approve changes to the Zoning Code. Trustees Pagel and Logan don't agree with shortening the timeline. Trustee Logan made a motion to not accept any of the changes but after additional discussion, he withdrew the motion. The new motion was to accept the changes on pages 1-42 and 61 and to not accept the changes on pages 47-57.

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- Trustee Pagel moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to approve the zoning code changes only on pages 1-42 and page 61.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Approve changes in available liquor licenses for the Village. The Board agreed to leave the licenses as they are.

**Closed Session:**

**Open Session:**

**Adjournment**

- Trustee Ryan moved, and Trustee Berry seconded, to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza