

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#26-04-20 R04
MONDAY APRIL 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 February 17, 2026, #26-02-17 R02
2. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2026, #26-03-04 SM01
3. Approval of Disbursements #26-03-17 D03
4. Approval of Disbursements #26-04-20 D04
5. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #26-03-17 BR03
6. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #26-04-20 BR04
 - 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
Grider = Yes	Ryan = Yes
T Metsker = Yes	K 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 reported that the filter and softener at the water plant have been rebuilt. Our water numbers are down, which is a good thing. The meter pits at Logan Apartments will be moved. They are in the space where the tenants park over them and we cannot get to them when they need serviced. Elite paving gave us a quote for the intersections of North & Walnut and Elm & Main. The amount for North & Walnut will also include the boulevard in front of the post office. We still have two valves that need packed or replaced. We will start jetting tiles next week. Trustee Grider would like to see the Elm & Main intersection raised. Derick will get a price on that.
2. Mayor's Report. GFL will be adding a 15% fuel surcharge effective immediately. Mayor Luedke met with Tom Matthews from Chastain for updates on the new water plant. We should hear about the EPA awards by June 1st. The principal loan forgiveness this year is only about 30%. We are still receiving FOIA requests for 159 N North Street. We have sent a letter to the owners of 119 E Prairie Street regarding the condition of the house and garage. They have 90 days to either repair it or demolish it.

3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business:

- Open bids for property at 445 E Rt 48. One bid was received. Mayor Luedke opened the bid.
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- It is from Steve and Audra Heckwine for \$67,000.00
- Discuss/Vote to approve bid for property at 445 E Rt 48
 - A motion was made by Trustee Grider with a second by Trustee Kaufman to approve the approve bid from Steve and Audra Heckwine for \$67,000.00.
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 #26-04-20 Ord 04, Sale of property.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Grider to approve ordinance #26-04-20 Ord 04, Sale of property.
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 #26-04-20 Ord 03, Appropriation Ordinance
 - A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee T. Metsker to approve ordinance #26-04-20 Ord 03, Appropriation Ordinance.
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.

New Business:

- Discuss/Vote on a donation to the 250th Celebration.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Ryan with a second by Trustee Grider to approve a donation to the 250th Celebration of \$2,500.00
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman = Yes	Berry = Yes
Grider = Yes	Ryan = Yes
T Metsker= No	K Metsker = No
 - Motion carried.
- Discuss/Vote to proceed with ITEP Grant. The board will not proceed with this grant at this time.
- Discuss/Vote on employee health insurance package. The board decided to go with the BCBS Platinum Plan. Coverage will start on the first day of employment for new full-time employees. The village will cover 75% of the dependent cost. The employee will reimburse the village the remaining 25% through payroll deduction. The Employee Handbook will be updated and approved at the next meeting.

- A motion was made by Trustee T. Metsker with a second by Trustee Berry to approve the employee health insurance package.

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:

- Discuss sale of property
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Grider go to Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. to discuss the sale of property.

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 7:27 p.m.

Trustee Grider informed the board that he has the zoning map at Decatur Blueprint. We are having a new one made.

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Trustee Ryan with a second by Trustee Berry to adjourn at 7:30 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