

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#25-04-21 R04
MONDAY APRIL 21, 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 Trustees Kaufman, Ryan, and Metsker were present. Trustees Barker, Mitchell, and Berry were absent. Clerk Sherry Koszesza, Public Works Director Derick Fisher were also present. Residents in attendance were Bill Agee and Lori Agee.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2025, #25-03-17 R03
2. Approval of Disbursements #25-04-21 D04
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #25-04-21 BR04
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Ryan to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman =	Yes	Berry =	Absent
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. There was a water main break outside the water plant. IRWA came to find the leak. Chuck from IRWA is showing Public Works Director Derick Fisher how to use the correlator. Trustee Metsker doesn't think we need the leak locating equipment. There is a gear on the softener that is leaking. It needs replaced. Derick is not sure of the cost. It is a lot of water loss. We need to look at the Utility Service Company agreement. We need to find out if we have to pay for the bladder tanks when we drain the water tower for maintenance. New meters are coming. Derick jetted on Park Street.
2. Mayor's Report. Mayor Luedke updated the Board on the Utility Billing program. The company, gWorks, has not provided the Village with an adequate software program. We have signed a contract with LOCiS.
May 17, 10-12 Electronics Recycling
May 19 is Spring Cleanup
May 19 is Board Meeting, seating new/existing Board members
John Rainey called and would like to use a portion of Claremont Street, in front of 204, which is a street all the way through to the edge of town. He would like to make a driveway off of Claremont to the house at 204. He will do the work and pay for the rock. Mayor Luedke would like to have a contract with Mr. Rainey. The attorney will draw up a contract. Derick would like to put some drainage there too.

Update on 205 Rt 48. There was a court date on April 8, continued until May 6, due to owner being sick. Son indicated at court that he would begin moving equipment. Attorney Andrew Weatherford suggests a fine of \$3500 and 60 days to clean up.

Update on solar project. Mayor Luedke got a positive answer from the company. Trustee Ryan wants the power down Broadway updated.

Update on the water plant. We have a new set of plans. Mayor Luedke asked Chastain about grants and if they had someone who could help us. They do, Stephanie Brown. They don't seem interested in helping find additional funding. They asked us if we had done a water rate study. No. We wanted to know when we would need to have a public meeting for the project. Tom (from Chastain) told us the interest rate would be 1.4%, principal forgiveness is estimated at 50% right now. These are ballpark estimates. Tom thinks that we should push forward with well #4 as well.

Derick would like the batting cages fixed. He asked about selling the land on Rt 48. Mayor Luedke would like to get a real estate agent to look at it.

3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

- Discuss/Approve Battery Storage Ordinance 25-04-21 Ord02. Mayor Luedke asked Ron Grider about what the County Zoning knew about this. They are new batteries for a business, which was not specified, in case the power goes out. They are not for a solar farm. If these batteries catch on fire, the county does not have the capability to put it out.

- A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Ryan to approve Battery Storage Ordinance 25-04-21 Ord02.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Approve quotes for Village Hall siding project. Tabled until we can get some additional quotes.
- Discuss correction to Intergovernmental Agreement with Friends Creek Township for the shared salt storage shed.

Closed Session:

Open Session:

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Trustee with a second by Trustee to adjourn at 7:09 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza