**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS**

**#22-05-16 R05**

**MONDAY MAY 16, 2022 @ 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 Barker, Berry, Ryan, and Logan were present. Trustees Kaufman and Mitchell were absent. Public Works Director Derick Fisher was absent. Clerk Sherry Koszesza, Matt Foster with Chastain Engineers and Deputy Burgener were also present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2022, #22-04-18 R04
2. Approval of Disbursements #22-05-16 D05
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #22-05-16 BR05
   * Trustee Berry moved and Trustee Ryan seconded toapprove the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Absent Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = 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 is absent. Mayor Luedke said that Derick has done some patch, fixed the drainage on North Street, and will be flushing hydrants during the rest of the month.
2. Mayor’s Report. 250 W Broadway is much better. Trustee Logan helped Mr. Smith with the work. 159 N. North Street – a letter was sent to the owner with no response; the deadline has come and gone. It has been officially posted and sent to Attorney Ed Flynn. Clerk Sherry Koszesza has sent out letters for weeds which have mostly been taken care of. Deputies have been notified to be on the lookout for un-registered golf carts and illegal minibikes. The tractor show was very successful. Both bars and the coffee shop were all busy. The electronic recycle went well, but we will only have it once a year now. Trustee Barker asked if we were going to do any trees this year. We will check the tree out next to the Barker’s and see if Derick can take it down.
3. Attorney’s Report. There was no report.

**Old Business:**

* Discuss/Vote to approve Safe Routes to School sidewalk grant engineering contract with Chastain Engineers. There is no contract tonight. Matt Foster is here to talk about what will happen next. They will get a contract for Phase I ready for the next meeting. It will be a long process. We will not be building sidewalks this year or probably next year since it is a grant process. We have 4 years from the date of the award letter to start construction.
* Discuss/Vote to approve new water treatment plant engineering contract with Chastain Engineering. Matt Foster gave a copy of the contract for the IEPA Project Plan to the Trustees. This will get the engineering charges eligible for the IEPA Loan program. We need to have the project plan turned in by August. These programs may take up to 5 years to complete. This will give the village time to seek alternative funding sources. Trustee Logan asked if this is a final plan or just what we think should be in the plant. It is just what we think right now. Trustee Ryan asked how much the project plan will cost. $45,000.00 Trustee Berry asked if we will be able to make the timeline for August. Matt Foster thinks that we will be able to do that. Trustee Ryan asked about the capacity of the new plant. Matt Foster said that it would be more than enough. Trustee Ryan asked if the plant would have room for expansion. There would be some room for expansion.
  + Trustee Barker moved and Trustee Berry seconded approve new water treatment plant engineering contract with Chastain Engineering.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Absent Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

**New Business:**

* Discuss/Vote on water tower paint. The Board did not like the paint. Sherry will get some different colors for the orange. They do not like the dark orange. They want to go with more of a royal blue. Sherry will notify the Board when the new paint examples are here.
* Discuss/Vote to approve adjusting water rates per the water rate study provided by IRWA. Matt Foster said that when they do the project plan, they will also look at the water rates. The Board agreed to raise the minimum charge by $1.00 and the per 1000 gallon charge by $1.50 in July and again in January. The yearly increase will remain at 2.5% for now.
  + Trustee Ryan moved and Trustee Berry seconded approve adjusting water rates.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Absent Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

**Closed Session:**

**Open Session:**

**Adjournment**

* Trustee Barker moved, and Trustee Ryan seconded, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Absent Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza