

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#26-05-18 R05
MONDAY MAY 18, 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 was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026, #26-04-20 R04
2. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of April 20, 2026, #26-04-20 E04
3. Approval of Disbursements #26-05-18 D05
4. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #26-05-18 BR05
 - 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: Charles Coleman was here to talk about electric aggregation. He is an energy broker. His program saves the consumer 10% but that changes in 1 month. After that it is only low income and businesses. He is waiting on more information from the Village and will be on the agenda for the June 1st Special Meeting.

Recognition of Visitors: There were none.

Department Reports:

1. Village Staff Reports. Public Works Director Derick Fisher was not here.
2. Mayor's Report. There is a new owner at 159 N North. He intends to restore the building and will be here on weekends to work on it. 119 E Prairie got a letter on April 1st for 90 days to repair or demolish. No work has been done yet. Mowing – contacted Paul Middleton to mow the phone office. He has contacted his superiors. Mayor Luedke called the number posted on the door at 245 E Prairie. They don't know anything about that house. 132 E Walnut is also getting a letter. It is in foreclosure. All PAC issues regarding the FOIA requested from Mrs. Garrett have been resolved without incident. The village has received 2 checks for PFAS litigation from the attorney. Trustee Kaufman wants last year's final numbers emailed to all board members. We have started receiving our full check for the solar farm. Derick jetted the storm drain on Park.
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Discuss/Vote to approve Resolution 26-05-18 Res 01, A Resolution in support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Grider to approve Resolution 26-05-18 Res 01, A Resolution in support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration
 - 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 updates to the Employee Handbook – adding Employee Health Insurance. Trustee Kaufman would like the paragraph stating the bank that is handling the insurance be removed in case we ever change carriers. Clerk Koszesza will make that change.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Grider with a second by Trustee Berry to approve updates to the Employee Handbook – adding Employee Health Insurance.
 - 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 a Loaned Equipment Agreement with Morgan Distributing, Inc.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee K. Metsker to approve a Loaned Equipment Agreement with Morgan Distributing, Inc.
 - 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:

Open Session:

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Ryan to adjourn at 6:46 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