

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#25-05-19 R05
MONDAY MAY 19, 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, Berry, Ryan, and 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 April 21, 2025, #25-04-21 R04
2. Approval of Disbursements #25-05-19 D05
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #25-05-19 BR05
 - 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 =	Yes
Barker =	Absent	Ryan =	Yes
Mitchell =	Absent	Metsker =	Yes

Motion carried.

Swearing In of newly elected/re-elected officials

Public Comment: There was none.

Recognition of Visitors: There were none.

Department Reports:

1. Village Staff Reports. Public Works Director Derick Fisher has been mowing. There was some storm damage on Prairie and more on Broadway St. There was not really any tree damage for the village. Derick is having 2 more high school boys working with him this summer. They will be doing alley work, mowing, weed eating, take care of flowers, and anything that we need done. Water plant seems to be running good right now. Derick will have the new employees come to the June board meeting. Trustee Kevin Metsker asked if there was any progress in fixing the batting cages. Derick said no. He is talking to the Youth League to see if they can help.
2. Mayor's Report. The new water billing system. LOCIS, should go in this week. Sherry had training last week. This week Mayor Luedke will have a phone call with the solar farm people regarding what has been happening. The farmer has not planted anything yet. Mayor Luedke will call the bank to find out why. We are still having issues with young people banging on doors/houses. The sheriff's office is aware. Mayor Luedke thanked Lori Ann Mitchell and Connie Barker for their service on the Board. She welcomed newly elected trustees Ron Grider and Todd Metsker.
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

- Discuss/Vote to approve quote for Village Hall siding project.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Grider to approve the quote from 4MC for Village Hall siding project.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman	=	Yes	Berry	=	Yes
Grider	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
Metsker, T.	=	Yes	Metsker, K.	=	No

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Vote to pursue an IDOT grant for sidewalk work. Matt Foster called Mayor Luedke, IDOT has about \$400M in funding. It has to involve something with travel - walking, biking, etc. Since we already had plans with the ITEP and SRTS grants, we would submit those plans. The deadline for submittal is June 1st. This is a 100% grant and includes engineering. We would only have to pay for the application.

- A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Ryan to pursue an IDOT grant for sidewalk work.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman	=	Yes	Berry	=	Yes
Grider	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
Metsker, T.	=	Yes	Metsker, K.	=	Yes

Motion carried.

Trustee Kevin Metsker asked when the cleanup day will be rescheduled. June 28th. He said that there are a lot of dirt bikes and such going through the school parking lot. We will let the sheriff know.

Closed Session:

Open Session:

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Trustee Ryan with a second by Trustee Berry to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.
 - Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman	=	Yes	Berry	=	Yes
Grider	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
Metsker, T.	=	Yes	Metsker, K.	=	Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza