**MINUTES**

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

**#20-05-18 R05**

**MONDAY MAY 18, 2019 @ 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. The meeting was a video conference via Zoom.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Luedke and Trustees Pagel, Kaufman, Berry, Ryan, and Logan were present. Trustee Mitchell was absent. Also in attendance were Street Superintendent Ken Smith, and Clerk Sherry Koszesza. Matt Foster with Chastain Engineering was present. There were no residents in attendance.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2020 #20-04-20 R04
2. Approval of Disbursements #20-05-18 D05
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #20-05-18 BR05
   * Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Berry seconded toapprove the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

**Recognition of Visitors:** There were none.

**Old Business:**

* Discuss/Vote to award MFT oil and chip contract. Matt Foster explained the bid opening and informed the Board that Earl Walker was the lowest bid.
  + Trustee Ryan moved and Trustee Berry seconded toapprove the award MFT oil and chip contract to Earl Walker.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

**Department Reports:**

1. Law Enforcement Report. There is no report.
2. Village Staff Reports. Street Superintendent Ken Smith has started the drainage project on Main & Elm Street. Trustee Logan asked about the Cups and Cones sewer pipe. Ken said that he helped the Badman family get in touch with the Sanitary District. Trustee Logan asked how much work we did on it. Ken said that he just helped uncovering some of it. Ken did the work on the water meter.
3. Mayor’s Report. Mayor Luedke hopes that things will be back to normal on June 1st. The Village Hall will reopen at that time. When would the Board like to reinstate late fees and shut offs? The Board would like to start late fees on July 11 and shut offs on July 30. Mayor Luedke asked how to handle things like enforcing businesses that do not follow the guidelines, public gatherings, etc. Trustee Pagel does not want any part of “telling on your neighbor”. He said that he hopes they use common sense. Mayor Luedke thinks that some people will not follow the rules. Trustee Kaufman and Trustee Ryan doesn’t think that the Board should take a stand one way or the other. Mayor Luedke said that it is a misdemeanor and fine for people who do not follow the rules.

Mayor Luedke contacted Attorney Ed Flynn today about hiring a retired police office. He said that we should contact our insurance company first because insurance will go up astronomically. Ed also said that we would have to be careful about who is hired. Mayor Luedke said that we have had complaints about speeding on North Street. One over the weekend would be classified as reckless driving. Mayor Luedke has tried to call Macon County Sheriff to get someone to run traffic periodically. She is still trying to get some information on the hire back program. Trustee Berry asked if we could use Oreana’s police. Trustee Pagel asked about all the training and other things necessary if we do hire a police officer. Ken asked about putting the car out in various places to possibly slow people down. Trustee Ryan said that it could be a liability. Trustee Logan said maybe we could put it as security. Trustee Kaufman said stay away from the police officer angle. Ken said that he talked to a deputy that said he tried to be up here when he is on duty. Trustee Kaufman asked if we were still trying to get info on the hire back. Mayor Luedke is still trying. Trustee Kaufman asked about hiring Piatt county, or another county. Not sure. Trustee Pagel asked why the Sheriff’s Office won’t even give us the time of day. Trustee Berry asked if there were any other towns that are in the same boat as us. Mayor Luedke said Harristown is. Macon just signed a contract for a part time deputy for about $70,000.00. Trustee Berry said that maybe we could get some of the flashing speed signs. Trustee Pagel said they are expensive.

1. Attorney’s Report. No report.

**New Business:**

* Discuss/Vote on project delays/reductions due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Trustee Pagel thought the percentage that we as a village will loose will be relatively small. Property tax bills will not be delayed. Trustee Berry asked about painting the water tower. Ken said it is about $20,000.00. We can put it off for a year, but it must be done next year. Trustee Pagel said that we should go ahead and get it done. Maybe painters will be looking for work. Ken said that contractors are having a hard time getting workers to come back from unemployment. Trustee Kaufman said maybe we can ask about it. Trustee Kaufman asked when Ken was thinking about doing it. Ken would like to get it done before school starts in August. Ken will check. He will get new pricing for the next meeting. Mayor Luedke said that we had scheduled some trees to come down. Should we wait? Trustee Berry and Trustee Ryan said they could wait. Trustee Pagel said that we shouldn’t see a big reduction in income, water bills are current. Trustee Kaufman agrees. Mayor Luedke said that we don’t have any big projects that we are in the middle of. Trustee Kaufman doesn’t think we need to halt any projects.

**Closed Session:**

**Open Session:**

**Adjournment**

* Trustee Kaufman moved, and Trustee Ryan seconded, to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza