

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#24-05-20 R05
MONDAY MAY 20, 2024 @ 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 Berry, Ryan, and Metsker were present. Trustees Kaufman, Mitchell and Barker were absent. Clerk Sherry Koszesza, Public Works Director Derick Fisher were also present. Resident Doug Logan and Matt Foster from TWM Engineering were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2024, #24-04-15 R04
2. Approval of Disbursements #24-05-20 D05
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #24-05-20 BR05
 - A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Metsker to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker	=	Absent	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	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. Public Works Director Derick Fisher stated that the concrete is done on Walnut Street. The Board said it looks good. There was a water main break on Elm & Main that has been repaired. There were two meter pit repairs. A dumpster will be at the new property soon. They are starting salt shed concrete today. Trees have been coming down. We need to plant some trees.
2. Mayor's Report. Annual audit is June 3rd and 4th. Sgt. Atkins has an estimate for the additional equipment for the police car. Total is still under budget for the car and all equipment. There were some items that were stolen from the new property that we own. It has been reported to the Sheriff. There were 2 ordinance violations that have been paid. Trustee Metsker said that there have been complaints regarding unlicensed golf cart drivers
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business:

- Discuss Vote on amending the Intergovernmental Agreement with Friends Creek Township for a salt storage building, item #1, raise the total cost "not to exceed \$65,000.00".
 - A motion was made by Trustee Ryan with a second by Trustee Berry to approve amending the Intergovernmental Agreement with Friends Creek Township for a salt storage building, item #1, raise the total cost "not to exceed \$65,000.00".
- Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:



Small town. Big heart.

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

Motion carried.

New Business:

- Discuss/Vote the award for the MFT Oil & Chip program. Matt Foster said that we opened the bids on May 9th and Earl Walker came in with the low bid. There is an August 9th completion date.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Metsker to approve the award for the MFT Oil & Chip program to
 - Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker	=	Absent	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	Absent	Ryan	=	Yes
Mitchell	=	Absent	Metsker	=	Yes
- Discuss/Approve to pay ½ of the cost to replace a portion of the sidewalk on the west side of the Community Building. The township got 2 estimates to replace the step and the sidewalk just past the downspout. Trustee Metsker asked if that was the responsibility of the County. Matt Foster said it would be. Item **tabled** until someone talks to the County.
- Discuss/Approve adding 2 ex-officio, non-voting, student Board members to the Village of Argenta Board of Trustees. The Board gave permission the Mayor to approach the school about the positions.
- Discuss pursuing the creation of a TIF District in the Village of Argenta. Mayor Luedke said that past boards have talked about a TIF. She said if the Board is interested, she can get an expert to come to a meeting to explain it more. This item will be on a future agenda.

Closed Session:

- A motion was made by Trustee Ryan with a second by Trustee Berry to go into Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Open Session: Open Session resumed at 7:07 p.m. There was more general discussion regarding the TIF process.

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Trustee Ryan with a second by Trustee Berry to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.