MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#24-07-15 R07
MONDAY JULY 15, 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 Kaufman, Berry, Ryan, and Metsker were present. Trustees Barker and Mitchell were absent. Clerk Sherry Koszesza, Public Works Director Derick Fisher, and Street Assistant CJ Fisher were also present. Residents in attendance were Charles Brown and Ryan Fulton.
Pledge of Allegiance
Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2024, #24-05-20 R05
2. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of May 20, 2024, #24-05-20 E02
3. Approval of Disbursements #24-06-17 D06
4. Approval of Disbursements #24-07-15 D07
5. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #24-06-17 BR06
6. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #24-07-15 BR07
   - 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:

Barker =	Absent	Berry =	Yes
Kaufman =	Yes	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 introduced CJ Fisher. He is one of our new seasonal employees. He will be mowing and other street assistant assignments. We must update the tower switches. There will be more information on this later. Oil and chip will be at the end of the month. Derick has been replacing a lot of meters. He will be on vacation the 1st of August for a couple of weeks. The trucks have Village of Argenta signage on them now. Lights on the trucks will be installed next week. Trustee Metsker asked if we have had a lot of main breaks. It's mostly meter pits. Trustee Berry asked about the house at 300 N North Street. Derick talked to her today. We will send a letter to her stating that we have WC insurance. We are charging her.
2. Mayor's Report. August 1st Derick will be on vacation. We have backups for him in case we have issues. We will be switching to a new billing software. There is a list of ordinance violation letters that have been sent. Most have been resolved.
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business:

- Discuss/Vote to pay ½ of the cost of sidewalk repair at Friends Creek Community Building.
  - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Metsker to pay ½ of the cost of sidewalk repair at Friends Creek Community Building up to $3850.00.

    Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

    Motion carried.

New Business:

- Discuss Vote variance and building permit for 191 E Prairie – oversized building. The building is already on the property. Trustee Metsker and Trustee Ryan would like the Zoning Board to let applicants know that the process must be followed and be approved by the Village Board before buildings can be brought in or before construction can begin. Mayor Luedke will remind them.
  - A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Kaufman to approve variance and building permit for 191 E Prairie – oversized building.

    Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

    Motion carried.
- Discuss/Vote to allow Mayor Luedke to develop a new class of liquor license for Gaming Establishments (not taverns, bars, package liquor, or restaurants). Mayor Luedke explained that the coffee shop is thinking about expanding and having gaming machines.
  - A motion was made by Trustee Metsker with a second by Trustee Berry to allow Mayor Luedke to develop a new class of liquor license for Gaming Establishments (not taverns, bars, package liquor, or restaurants).

    Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

    Motion carried.
- Discuss/Vote on extension of Solar Lease. Ryan Fulton is with SunVest and is here to explain the solar lease. They have had a lease with us since 2018. Requirements by the State are different now and so we have new options for putting a solar farm in. They are ready to put a deposit down with Ameren for some infrastructure connections. We are still about 2 years from building a solar farm. They would like to update the fees that they pay the Village and bring them up to market prices. Trustee Metsker wanted to make sure that Derick still had access to the back of the farm. Derick said he will still have access. Trustee Ryan wanted to know what was different about the amendment. It is mostly the fees. We will be able to tweak this later. Ryan said that the Village would get increased tax revenue from this.
  - A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Metsker to extend the Solar Lease for 3 years.

    Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker =	Absent	Berry =	Yes

Kaufman =	Yes	Ryan =	Yes
Mitchell =	Absent	Metsker =	Yes

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Vote to approve an enclosed trailer for AIM Ramp Project. Mayor Luedke explained that there is a group that came to AIM that has been building handicap ramps for Piatt County. They have started building ramps in the Argenta-Oreana area. This group is going to buy a trailer and tools for their ramp project. They would like the Village to have title to the trailer and put plates on the trailer. They would also like to store the trailer in the Farm Shed. If the group ever decides to stop building ramps, the trailer would be donated to the Village.
  - A motion was made by Trustee Metsker with a second by Trustee Berry to approve an enclosed trailer for AIM Ramp Project..

    Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker =	Absent	Berry =	Yes
Kaufman =	Yes	Ryan =	Yes
Mitchell =	Absent	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 6:59 p.m.

  Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

  Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza