**MINUTES**

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

**#20-07-20 R07**

**MONDAY JULY 20, 2020 @ 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 Pagel, Kaufman, Mitchell, Berry, Ryan, and Logan were present. Also in attendance was Clerk Sherry Koszesza. There were no residents in attendance.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2020 #20-06-15 R06
2. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2020 #20-06-15 SM02
3. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of June 15, 2020 #20-06-15 E02
4. Approval of Disbursements #20-07-20 D07
5. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #20-07-20 BR07
   * Trustee Mitchell moved and Trustee Berry seconded toapprove the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = No Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Yes Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

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

**Department Reports:**

1. Village Staff Reports. There was no report.
2. Mayor’s Report. Mayor Luedke said that Friday was Ken’s last day. He was trying to get things done before he left. We are still waiting on the oil and chip. There is a deadline for them to finish it. We can charge them if they do not get it done on time. Mayor Luedke talked to Matt Foster and he does not advise that. Trustee Kaufman said that the tentative day for school to start is the 19th.
3. Attorney’s Report. There was no report.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

* Discuss/Vote on Casey’s request to implement curb-side sales of alcohol. The Village received a letter from Casey’s asking for them to begin curb-side sales of alcohol. They will take a tablet out to the vehicles to scan ID’s. Attorney Ed Flynn advised against it. Trustee Ryan does not think it is a good idea. He asked what the state allows. The state allows it. Trustee Mitchell thinks it is an open door for trouble. Trustee Pagel asked what the letter said. Mayor Luedke read the letter. Trustee Ryan said that Casey’s has never been closed and Bargenta was, that is why we allowed him to have curb-side service. Trustee Ryan asked when the state will stop allowing curbside. Mayor Luedke said it is temporary. Trustee Kaufman asked about the liability for Casey’s. Trustee Berry asked why they wanted this. Trustee Pagel asked where they would park for the pick-up. Casey’s parking lot is very busy. Trustee Pagel asked if we had to reply by a certain date. There is no date on the letter.
  + Trustee Logan moved and Trustee Pagel seconded toapprove Casey’s request to implement curb-side sales of alcohol.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = No Berry = No

Kaufman = No Ryan = No

Mitchell = No Logan = Yes

Motion denied.

* Discuss/Vote on Mowing position. Mayor Luedke explained that Cleve has just turned 16 and he now has no supervision. Trustee Mitchell asked who mowed before. Mayor Luedke said Gary. Trustee Berry and Trustee Ryan said that the law regarding young workers also states things about “equipment” and what a youth can operate and what they are not allowed to operate. Mayor Luedke said that Gary called and said he would come back to do the mowing and some other things. We could keep Cleve on as an as-needed basis. Trustee Pagel asked why Gary quit and now we have more hours. Trustee Berry said that he had a conversation with Gary about what he did, and he offered to come back if we need him. He does not want to do snow removal. Trustee Mitchell said that he did a good job. Trustee Pagel asked what other equipment is there? There is a bush-hog. Trustee Pagel asked how this affected us in looking for a Street Superintendent. Mayor Luedke did not think it will. Trustee Kaufman said that without someone as a supervisor we cannot have someone under 18 on the equipment. Trustee Ryan said that we could keep Cleve around to help Shannon or Gary. Mayor Luedke suggested raising his wage from $14.00 per hour to $15.00 per hour.
  + Trustee Berry moved and Trustee Mitchell seconded toapprove hiring Gary Smart and raising his wage to $15.00 per hour.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = No Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Yes Logan = No

Motion carried.

* Discuss/Vote on the Street/Water Committee’s recommendations regarding the vacant Street Commissioner duties. Trustee Kaufman explained that the committee recommends using Shannon White at an hourly rate just for work done. Moving forward they have an updated job description for the job. Mayor Luedke sent it to Attorney Ed Flynn to look over. We will review it in August and then put out and start the search. Trustee Pagel would like to have committee minutes before the regular meeting so he has more of an idea of what happened. Perry and Ken will still handle the water plant and the Village will use contractors for water main breaks and things. The Board needs to approve Shannon White. The committee recommended $26 per hour for Shannon but probably a lower wage for a new hire. Trustee Pagel said we need to set a cap on hours. Ken left some street things that need taken care of. Mayor Luedke talked to Township Supervisor Peggy Manning again about the intergovernmental agreement but if Shannon uses our equipment, we do not need one. Trustee Pagel thinks we should require a college degree. Trustee Kaufman will add it to the job description as preferred.
  + Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Pagel seconded toapprove hiring Shannon White at $26.00 per hour on an as-needed basis until a new Street Commissioner has been hired.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Yes Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

Trustee Kaufman asked how bad the mosquitoes are. Trustee Pagel said not as bad as they were 3 years ago. He asked if we had put treatment in the storm sewers. We have not. Trustee Pagel said he could take the test, but he is not an employee. Trustee Pagel asked about some of the attorney bills. He asked about 178 N North. Mayor Luedke said she has not heard anything about this yet. We are waiting on the homeowners to give depositions for the insurance company. Trustee Pagel asked if we got forms that the attorney had sent. We did. Trustee Pagel asked about talking about the zoning board again. We can discuss it in August. Trustee Pagel asked about the audit. Trustee Kaufman said that one of the letters has suggestions regarding some of the items that were of concern. Trustee Pagel would like to see a spreadsheet with the bank accounts.

**Closed Session:**

**Open Session:**

**Adjournment**

* Trustee Ryan moved, and Trustee Berry seconded, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Yes Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza