

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#26-07-20 R07
MONDAY JULY 20, 2026 @ 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 (via Zoom), Grider, Todd Metsker, Berry, Ryan, and Kevin Metsker were present. Clerk Sherry Koszesza, Public Works Director Derick Fisher were also present. Resident Mike Miller was present via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2026, #26-06-15 R06
2. Approval of Disbursements #26-07-20 D07
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #26-07-20 BR07
 - A motion was made by Trustee T. Metsker with a second by Trustee Grider to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman =	Yes	Berry	=	Yes
Grider =	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
T Metsker=	Yes	K 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 said the PLC project is finished at the water plant. The plant is running much better now. Derick thinks it will Save at least 40% in energy bills. Monitors and new meters have been installed on all of the equipment. It can be viewed and controlled from anywhere. Mayor Luedke said that we used to get calls from the plant but didn't know what was wrong. This way they can see it to know if they need to come in. Two different apps are being utilized. Concrete for the aerator area has been started. Derick said that the plant is in such a better condition that we can hold off on the new water plant if we need or want. Trustee Ryan asked about people that have complained about high chlorine. Derick said that will always happen. The water plant/shop building will need work. The summer hires have painted hydrants, have been watering flowers, and have been taking pictures for GIS. The valve at Elm and Warren will be fixed soon. They have been patching potholes. Derick wants to flush hydrants in late summer. He will use the auto-flushers.
2. Mayor's Report. Mayor Luedke handed out a list of Ordinance Violations that were sent out. 385 E Elm was issued a fine for not remediating the problem. The 2nd person from graduation night was found and paid his fine. The attorney will be getting involved with 3 properties for violations. 159 N North, 481 N North and 245 E Prairie. August 25

candidates for the board can start circulating petitions. Trustee T. Metsker asked if we could look into 3 additional properties.

3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business:

- Discuss/Vote to approve ordinance #26-07-20 Ord 05, Sale of personal property owned by the Village (2005 Chevrolet Pickup)
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Berry to approve ordinance #26-07-20 Ord 05, Sale of personal property owned by the Village
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.
- Discuss/Vote to approve Cenergy Solar to lease a portion of Village farm ground. This is a new solar company that is interested in about 30 acres, including the bottom ground. It would be a 5MW system and will be connected to Ameren on Rt. 48. It would be \$2000 per year to hold the lease and then \$1500 per acre per year. Trustee Berry doesn't see the harm in giving them the lease.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Grider to approve Cenergy Solar to lease a portion of Village farm ground
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

New Business:

- Discuss/Vote to move forward with New Water Treatment Plant IEPA loan. The Village made the cut for funding this time. Loan forgiveness was 30% - not great. \$3,850,000.00 for 20 years would be a \$192,500.00 per year loan repayment. We do not have to go forward with the plan. We can just have the engineers resubmit until we get a better forgiveness rate. With the improvements with the water plant, we can wait. We can pursue a new well or water mains. We might also shop around for engineers. We can make improvements to the current water plant, and we can expand. No motion.

Closed Session:

Open Session:

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Trustee Grider with a second by Trustee T. Metsker to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza