

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#25-07-21 R07
MONDAY JULY 21, 2025 @ 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 Grider, Todd Metsker, Berry, Ryan, and Keving Metsker were present. Trustee Kaufman and Public Works Director Derick Fisher were absent. Clerk Sherry Koszesza was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2025, #25-06-16 R06
2. Approval of Disbursements #25-07-21 D07
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #25-07-21 BR07
 - A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Todd Metsker to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman =	Absent	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. There was none.
2. Mayor's Report. Mayor Luedke has a meeting with the committee for the Winings grant Thursday for Christmas decorations. Sherry is happy with LOCIS. There are now many ways to pay water bills. The Public Alert system is new. Residents must opt in. Siding at the Village Hall is almost done. Brick work will be done this week. Trustee Grider has talked to Jeff Grider about painting the outside doors and the garage door. We have been dealing with illegal motorized vehicles. Some yards are looking bad, but weather has been bad. Trustee Ryan said that there seem to be more wild animals around the solar farm on the school property because of the weeds. We will see about sending a letter to the school and the solar company. Trustee Metsker asked about the fence at the Agee building. The fence is 2 feet inside the property line.
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

- Discuss/Approve Ordinance 25-07-21 Ord 04, an ordinance implementing a municipal grocery tax. Mayor Luedke explained that the State grocery tax will go away. Each municipality can now implement their own grocery tax.

A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Grider to approve Ordinance 25-07-21 Ord 04, an ordinance implementing a municipal grocery tax.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Approve Ordinance 25-07-21 Ord 05, an ordinance authoring the loan agreement with IEPA. Mayor Luedke would like to have a public meeting with residents, engineers, solar farm, etc. so that we can show the plans to the public. Meeting date is set for August 21st at 7:00 pm at the Community Building.

A motion was made by Trustee Ryan with a second by Trustee Kevin Metsker to approve Ordinance 25-07-21 Ord 05, an ordinance authoring the loan agreement with IEPA.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

- Discuss implementing an ordinance for scooters, minibikes, and toy vehicles. Mayor Luedke wanted the board to see this ordinance and discuss whether to implement this ordinance.
- Discuss implementing a parental responsibility ordinance. The board will think about any changes/additions and discuss this at a later meeting.

Closed Session:

Open Session:

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Trustee Ryan with a second by Trustee Berry to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza