

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#26-08-17 R08
MONDAY AUGUST 17, 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, 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 July 20, 2026, #26-07-20 R07
 2. Approval of Disbursements #26-08-17 D08
 3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #26-08-17 BR08
- A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee T. Metsker 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. New valves are in at the water plant. The valve for Elm & Warren will be picked up tomorrow. Post Office will be jettied. We will fix the intersections of Elm & Main and Walnut & North. We can get our bulk water up and running. Pezzelle Control Systems has a program they can install for the bulk water. New meters will be in soon. The summer hires are back in school. Zander will still help when he can. We will be getting some new radios for the tower/well-to-plant controls. Right now, it is a wire that runs underground. Derick is researching expanding the filters/softeners. The water plant seems to be very secure against any cyber-attacks. Trustee Grider asked about the “no truck” signs in town. He asked why they were up? Derick will look at them. Trustee Grider asked if Derick will move the extra flooring out of the Village Hall Shed.
2. Mayor’s Report. There were indications of fraud on one of the credit cards. The credit card company is investigating. Sherry will be on vacation for 2 weeks. Mayor Luedke signed a contract with Cenergy for \$3,000.00 per year for a solar lease preliminary agreement. Seats are up for election and Mayor Luedke has the election packets. There is a list of OV letters since last month. 481 N North was sent an attorney letter. She asked for an extension and we granted a 60 day extension. 300 N North also got an attorney letter. We have not heard

anything from her. We can either file a complaint in court or just hire someone, again, to clean the yard. Trustee K. Metsker said that what we are doing is not working. He is tired of it. He said it is not fair to the residents that comply when we send them a letter. Trustee T. Metsker said we have to follow the ordinance and file a court complaint. Mayor Luedke wants the backing of the board. The board backs her. 100 N North has also been sent an attorney letter. The owner did get a dumpster, but it is gone now. Trustee Grider talked to him. The owner lives in northern Indiana. They were going to get plywood to cover the roof. Trustee Grider asked about them taking the brick off of the front of the building. Trustee Grider will call him to get a timeline on the work.

3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: There was none.

Closed Session:

- Discuss prior Closed Session minutes
- A motion was made by Trustee Ryan with a second by Trustee Kaufman go to Closed Session at 6:43 p.m. to discuss prior Closed Session Minutes.

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.

Open Session: Open session resumed at 6:47 p.m.

- Discuss/Vote to approve Resolution 26-08-17 Res 03, Closed Session Minutes.
- A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Grider approve Resolution 26-08-17 Res 03, Closed Session Minutes.

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.

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Trustee Grider with a second by Trustee K. Metsker to adjourn at 6:48 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.

Village of Argenta