

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#25-08-19 R08
MONDAY AUGUST 19, 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 Kaufman, Grider, Todd Metsker, Berry, Ryan, and Kevin Metsker were present. Clerk Sherry Koszesza, Public Works Director Derick Fisher were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2025, #25-07-21 R07
2. Approval of Disbursements #25-08-19 D08
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #25-08-19 BR08
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman 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. Last week there was a walk through with EPA at water plant. We might need a buffer zone around our wells. We need an ordinance for what cannot be built around the wells. The Water Tower project is going on now. They are moving along well. They MAY finish next week. Derick has cleaned up the farm shed. There is an issue with the water plant phone. We will get rid of that soon. Burdick should be getting back with us about filter and softener media. We are also trying to get rid of the fluoride feed. We have enough in our ground water. We have two intersections that need major road work. Trustee Berry said there are no street signs on Water and the alley behind the bar needs work. The building on North Street is up for delinquent tax sale.
2. Mayor's Report. Mayor Luedke has postponed having a public meeting regarding the new water plant. We don't have concrete information to give to the public. The Winings grant is still waiting for 3rd party information before they can award the grants. Mayor Luedke responded to a letter from another solar company that is interested in the use of our farm ground.
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

New Business:

- Decatur Moves – Introduction and outline of services provided. Decatur transit manager Lionel Griffith and his assistant, Alexandra Hatten, were here. Decatur Moves is a ride share that operates from 5am to 8pm, 7 days per week. The cost is \$5 for rides originating from outside of the Decatur/Forsyth/Mt Zion area (rural) and \$2 for urban. It is an on-demand service, like uber. They take credit cards only for payment. All vehicles are brand new and wheelchair accessible. They will probably extend their hours in the fall. Service will start at the end of August.
- Discussion of farm ground cash rent pricing. The bank manages this for us. The farmer has planted soybeans because he didn't have access to the ground in time to plant corn. The rent is normally \$225 per acre but they would like to reduce it to \$150 per acre. The bank sets the prices. It is a new farmer. The farm manager suggested that we plant it all in hay in the future.

Old Business:

- Discuss implementing ordinance for Scooters, Minibikes and Toy Vehicles. Trustee Kaufman thinks it's a good idea. Trustee Ryan thinks it's a bad idea. Trustee Kaufman asked about not riding these things on the streets, but only on the sidewalks. He wants to see if one of the deputies can give us the actual State Law about these. He needs more information. We will table this until we have more information.
- Discuss implementing ordinance for Parental Responsibility. Trustee Kaufman thinks this one is ok. Trustee K. Metsker doesn't think that we need to blame the parents. Trustee T. Metsker wants to see what the officer has to say. Mayor Luedke will call Tolono to see how this is working. Tabled.

Executive Session:

- Semi-annual review of prior Executive Session Minutes
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Berry to go to Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. to review prior Executive 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 7:16 p.m.

- Approve Resolution #25-08-18 Res01, Review of Executive Session Minutes
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Ryan Approve Resolution #25-08-18 Res01, Review of Executive 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 Berry with a second by Trustee Grider to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Kaufman =	Yes	Berry	=	Yes
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Grider = Yes
T Metsker= Yes

Ryan = Yes
K Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza