



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#23-08-21 R08
MONDAY AUGUST 21, 2023 @ 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, Berry, Ryan, and Metsker were present. Trustees Barker and Mitchell were absent. Public Works Director Derick Fisher was absent. Clerk Sherry Koszesza was also present. Residents in attendance were Scott White, Amanda Dunn, Steve Ekiss and Doug Logan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda: Mayor Luedke informed the Board that the dates of the minutes, disbursements and Bank reconciliations were incorrect on the agenda. All the correct documents are in the packet. Trustee Berry wanted the minutes corrected to reflect his “abstain” vote for the donation to AIM for the Sesquicentennial fireworks. The minutes will be corrected.

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2023, #23-07-17 R07
2. Approval of Disbursements #23-08-21 D08
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #23-08-21 BR08
 - Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Berry seconded to approve the Consent Agenda with the corrections.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker =	Absent	Berry =	Yes
Kaufman =	Yes	Ryan =	Yes
Mitchell =	Absent	Metsker =	Yes

Motion carried.

Public Comment: Scott White asked what the current plan is for the building at 159 N North St. Mayor Luedke explained the steps that the village has taken so far. He asked who is responsible for the building. The property owner is responsible and liable for any damage that his building causes. Steve Ekiss asked if the Village was going to do anymore sidewalks. We could look into having Jack-A-Slab do some repairs again.

Recognition of Visitors: There were none.

Department Reports:

1. Village Staff Reports. There was none.
2. Mayor’s Report. Public Works Director Derick Fisher is back from vacation. We are continuing with UBMMax instead of CUSI for our utility billing software. Clerk Sherry Koszesza turned in paperwork to the insurance for storm damage. Sherry will submit paperwork for Illinois Funds. We have two sinkholes now. Main & Elm and Main & East. They are filled with rock until Aaric Kendall is free to help Derick. Mayor Luedke is still working on finding grants to tear down the building on North Street. She has reached out to someone in Monticello who has been very helpful. She will also check with Stephanie Brown at Chastain to see if she has any ideas. Trustee Kaufman asked if we could reach out to a state representatives’ offices.
3. Attorney’s Report. There was none.

Old Business:

- Discuss possible extension of GFL Solid Waste Hauling contract. GFL contacted Mayor Luedke with a new extension. It would be the exact same contract with small increases in the monthly fee. The Board agreed to put it on agenda for a vote next month.

New Business:

- Approve IMRF Resolution 6.75, cash payments related to health insurance as IMRF earnings.
 - Trustee Ryan moved and Trustee Berry seconded to approve IMRF Resolution 6.75, cash payments related to health insurance as IMRF earnings.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker =	Absent	Berry =	Yes
Kaufman =	Yes	Ryan =	Yes
Mitchell =	Absent	Metsker =	Yes

Motion carried.

Trustee Metsker brought up the house on North and Prairie. Mayor Luedke said that the attorney has sent her a letter. And there is another house on E Broadway. Set up fall clean up date. There is a house at 481 N North that seems to have rodents and racoons that have taken up residence.

Executive Session:

- Semi-annual review of prior executive session minutes.
 - Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Ryan seconded to go to Executive session for the semi-annual review of prior executive session minutes at 6:55 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker =	Absent	Berry =	Yes
Kaufman =	Yes	Ryan =	Yes
Mitchell =	Absent	Metsker =	Yes

Motion carried.

Open Session: Open session resumed at 7:00 p.m.

- Approve Resolution #23-08-12 Res02, Review of Executive Session Minutes
 - Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Ryan seconded to approve Resolution #23-08-12 Res02, Review of Executive Session Minutes

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker =	Absent	Berry =	Yes
Kaufman =	Yes	Ryan =	Yes
Mitchell =	Absent	Metsker =	Yes

Motion carried.

Adjournment

- Trustee Berry moved, and Trustee Metsker seconded, to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker =	Absent	Berry =	Yes
Kaufman =	Yes	Ryan =	Yes
Mitchell =	Absent	Metsker =	Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.