**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS**

**#20-09-21 R09**

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 @ 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, Mitchell, Berry, Ryan, and Logan were present. Trustee Pagel was absent. Also present was Stephanie Brown with Chastain & Associates Engineering, Ron Atkins with Macon County Sheriff’s Office, and Clerk Koszesza. There were no residents present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2020 #20-08-17 R08
2. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of August 17, 2020 #20-08-17 E03
3. Approval of Disbursements #20-09-21 D09
4. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #20-09-21 BR09
   * Trustee Mitchell moved and Trustee Berry seconded toapprove the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = Absent Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Yes Logan = 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. Update on 178 N North – Insurance is not returning calls. Mayor Luedke will send a letter to the homeowner. Attorney Ross Munsterman told Mayor Luedke expenses incurred by the Village regarding this matter are reimbursable. 135 E Water – a letter was sent to the tenant and the homeowner regarding the placement of rock into the Village ditch. The letter stated that the rock must be removed by 9/28. The radar signs are here. They will be installed as soon as the volunteers can do it. Someone has been putting trash in commercial dumpsters. Clean up day is Oct. 16th. Halloween is the 31st from 5-8. Ken Smith submitted his resignation as water commissioner. Perry Welker has the water plant in his name. Larry Coloni will do weekends and as needed at the water plant.
3. Attorney’s Report. There was none.

**New Business:**

* Discuss/Vote to approve the option to pursue an ITEP Sidewalk Grant. Stephanie Brown from Chastain & Associates was here to explain ITEP. It comes out every 2 years. It is a federal grant that comes through the state. It has been used for sidewalks, bike paths, etc. There is $105,000,000.00 to put into the program for sidewalks. The sidewalks would have to connect places – they cannot be just random sections of sidewalk throughout the village. The committee looked at several sidewalk routes. They thought that connecting the 2 main destinations in Argenta, the school and Casey’s, would be the best plan. It is an 80/20 match. It is about a 3-year cycle from time of award to time of construction. Applications are due Nov 2. The Village would need to pass a resolution saying they will pay the 20%. GATA must be up to date. Engineering will be covered at 80% also. Trustee Berry has questions about taking off a block near the school that is compliant and good. Stephanie said we could take that out and put the length in somewhere else. Trustee Logan would prefer that we go down Elm Street instead of Walnut. He would like to enhance the sidewalk to attract people to sit outside at the businesses. Trustee Berry and Trustee Ryan do not think there is enough parking room. Mayor Luedke said that the committee looked at several different routes. Trustee Kaufman said that we talk about sidewalks every year. We appropriate money – but not enough to do anything. He said that the engineering form would be included in the grant. It would be $4,500.00 and we have appropriated $5,000.00 this year which would cover that. He said this is a good opportunity to get a good start on our sidewalks. Trustee Berry would like to see Walnut Street extended all the way to the park. Trustee Berry asked if Chastain would point out that there is no sidewalk there. The application fee would not change. We would take out the block from Claremont to Rolofson Drive and extend Walnut Street to Prairie Park.
  + Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Ryan seconded toapprove the option to pursue an ITEP Sidewalk Grant.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = Absent Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Yes Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

* Discuss/Vote to approve the recommendations of the Police Committee regarding the scheduling of hire-back deputies. Mayor Luedke said the committee met with Sgt. Atkins a few weeks ago. Trustee Ryan explained that we would take timeframes before and after regular shifts that the deputies have for the Sheriff’s Office. He said that there will be a program supervisor. He will handle schedules and other paperwork. Sgt. Atkins said that the 3-7 pm shift will be hard to fill. Mayor Luedke said that the committee wanted 1 or 2 day shifts, an evening shift and a 10-2 on the weekends. If we need extra shifts for special events, we can request them. Trustee Mitchell said that she sees lots of speeders. Mayor Luedke hopes the radar signs will also help. Trustee Kaufman asked if Long Creek gets most of the shifts they ask for. Yes, they do. Sgt. Atkins needs to know how many hours we will want in a month/pay period. Trustee Ryan said that Long Creek compensates the supervisor 8 hours per month to do the scheduling. Trustee Mitchell thinks we should add it in. Suggestion of 1 day shift, 3 evening shifts and 2 late shifts per week. The board thought that 30 hours per week is a good starting place. That would include the 8 hours for the supervisor.
  + Trustee Berry moved and Trustee Mitchell seconded toapprove the recommendations of the Police Committee regarding the scheduling of hire-back deputies.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = Absent Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Yes Logan = No

Motion carried.

* Discuss/Vote on dissolution/changes to the Zoning Board. Trustee Kaufman would like to table this discussion.

Trustee Berry publicly thanked all the volunteers that watered flowers over the summer. If you have not seen the sign at the museum, it is very nice. Trustee Mitchell asked if anything can be done with DeWeese’s empty house. She said it is an eyesore. Mayor Luedke said that we can send them violation notices for weeds and things like that.

**Closed Session:**

**Open Session:**

**Adjournment**

* Trustee Mitchell moved, and Trustee Kaufman seconded, to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = Absent Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Yes Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza