**MINUTES**

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

**#22-10-17 R10**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022 @ 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, and Logan were present. Trustees Barker, Mitchell, and Ryan were absent (arrived at 6:02 p.m.). Clerk Sherry Koszesza, Public Works Director Derick Fisher, and Matt Foster with Chastain Engineering were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2022, #22-09-19 R09
2. Approval of Disbursements #22-10-17 D10
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #22-10-17 BR10
   * Trustee Berry moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded toapprove the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Absent Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Absent

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

**Recognition of Visitors:** There were none.

**Department Reports:**

1. Village Staff Reports. (Trustee Ryan arrived at 6:02 p.m.) Public Works Director Derick Fisher had nothing to report. Trustee Logan asked Derick about the alley behind Bargenta. It needs to be graded. Derick will do something with it. Trustee Berry said that we need to remove the garbage can at the corner by the school. It is always overflowing. It belongs to the school, we think. Derick will take care of it.
2. Mayor’s Report. Sherry will be on vacation for 3 weeks. The building at 159 N North has had nothing done with it by the owner. His court allotted time is up. Attorney Ross Munsterman thinks that going back to court with him will be a waste of our time and money. We can leave it as it is and, if it is barricaded, we have no liability. Ross suggested that we hire a structural engineer to assess the building. Either way we could put a lien on the building and either way we would not get our money back. The Board will think about it. Mayor Luedke will contact the owner to see if he would answer some questions.
3. Attorney’s Report. There was none.

**Old Business:**

* Discuss/Vote to approve a donation to AIM for the digital sign. The sign be installed sometime this week. Trustee Berry said we give to the IceFest and recommended a $500.00 donation.
  + Trustee Berry moved and Trustee Ryan seconded toapprove a $500.00 donation to AIM for the digital sign.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Absent Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Abstain Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = No

Motion carried.

* Discuss/Vote on amended contract for Water Treatment Plant with amendment for archeological study services. Matt Foster said he thinks it is unlikely anything is found.
  + Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Berry seconded toapprove amended contract for Water Treatment Plant with amendment for archeological study services.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Absent Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

**New Business:**

* Discuss/Vote to set the Tax Levy.
  + Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Ryan seconded toset the Tax Levy.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Absent Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = No

Motion carried.

Trustee Logan asked if we had enough salt for the winter. We do. He wanted to know if we should be storing salt in the farm shed. Trustee Kaufman asked if we could get some quotes for a salt shed.

**Closed Session:**

**Open Session:**

**Adjournment**

* Trustee Berry moved, and Trustee Kaufman seconded, to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Absent Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza