

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#24-10-21 R10
MONDAY OCTOBER 21, 2024 @ 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. Clerk Sherry Koszesza, Public Works Director Derick Fisher, and attorney Ross Munsterman were present. Resident Wayne Roberts was in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2024, #24-09-16 R09
2. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of August 19, 2024, #24-08-19 E03
3. Approval of Disbursements #24-10-21 D10
4. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #24-10-21 BR10
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Berry to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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: There was none.

Recognition of Visitors: Mayor Luedke introduced attorney Ross Munsterman to the Board. Attorney Ed Flynn will be retiring around the end of the year. Ross will be handling all of our issues. He has been representing the Village for several years already.

Department Reports:

1. Village Staff Reports. Trustee Kaufman asked about the price for the tree removal that is in the bills tonight. The tree was an emergency call. The tree was split. Truck lights are done, dump truck is back, salt spreader is ready to go, new pressure switches are in the plant and tower now.
2. Mayor's Report. There is a list of violation letters. Mayor Luedke had a breakfast with State Senator Sally Turner last week. She said it was interesting. She is attending another meeting in Dieterich this week. It will have info for TIFs. Hi-Shine auto detailing will be detailing inside and out for the Police car and the Black Truck every 2 weeks. We met with engineers to discuss updated plans on water plant. Mayor Luedke met with water department to go over those plans. Mayor Luedke emailed SunVest to see what the outcome of their meeting was. Trustee Kaufman asked if we could reach out to our Senators to see if they can help with funding. Mayor Luedke showed the Board a "No Soliciting" sign and asked the Board if they would like to buy and distribute them to residents that would like to have one. We will give them away.
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

- Discuss/Vote to approve Ordinance 24-10-21 Ord04, an ordinance amending chapter 150: adoption of codes of the Argenta Code of Ordinances (updating the International Building Code series of books).

- A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Ryan to approve Ordinance 24-10-21 Ord04, an ordinance amending chapter 150: adoption of codes of the Argenta Code of Ordinances.
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.
- Set the 2024/2025 Tax Levy
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Metsker to set the 2024/2025 Tax Levy
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.
- Discuss/Vote to approve the Village of Argenta Capitalization Policy
 - A motion was made by Trustee Ryan with a second by Trustee Berry to approve the Village of Argenta Capitalization Policy.
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.
- Discuss/Vote to approve the Village of Argenta Fund Balance Classification Policy
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Ryan to approve the Village of Argenta Fund Balance Classification Policy.
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.
- Discuss/Vote to approve re-metering the Argenta Firehouse and charging for water used in the house (not water used to fill trucks for fires). Mayor Luedke said that Oreana does not charge for water, but all of the other villages charge for water. We will charge them just like other government and public entities. We will send a letter to them. Charges will begin Jan 1, 2025.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Metsker to approve re-metering the Argenta Firehouse and charging for water used in the house (not water used to fill trucks for fires).
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.
- Discuss/Vote to adjust a residential water bill due to a leak on the resident's side. There was a meter leak on our side at the yolk several months ago. It was fixed. There was another leak a month or so later on the resident's side. This took a couple of months for the resident to take responsibility and to have it fixed. The leak was about \$4000.00. The resident was already given another leak adjustment earlier this year. There is a new service line now. The Board will give one more adjustment. If there is another leak, no adjustments will be given.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Metsker with a second by Trustee Berry to approve adjusting a residential water bill due to a leak on the resident's side.



Small town. Big heart.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Vote to revise Mayor's salary. Trustee Kaufman and Trustee Berry asked what other Mayors' salaries are. Mayor Luedke said they range anywhere from \$150 to \$600. Mayor Luedke is paid by the meeting - \$100 per regular meeting, \$50 per special meeting, and \$10 for committee meetings. Trustee Metsker made a motion to raise the salary to \$600. There was no second. Trustee Kaufman suggested \$500 per regular meeting, \$100 per special meeting, and \$25 per committee meeting. No raise would take effect until May 1, 2025.

- A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Berry to revise the mayor's salary.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Closed Session: Mayor Luedke asked for a motion to go to Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real estate.

- A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Ryan go to Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real estate.

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 7:19 p.m.

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Ryan to adjourn at 7:20 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.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza