

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#24-11-18 R11
MONDAY NOVEMBER 18, 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, and Metsker were present. Trustees Barker, Mitchell, Ryan, and Public Works Director Derick Fisher were absent. Clerk Sherry Koszesza was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2024, #24-10-21 10
2. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of October 21, 2024, #24-10-21 E04
3. Approval of Disbursements #24-11-18 D11
4. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #24-11-18 BR11
 - 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	=	Absent
Mitchell	=	Absent	Metsker	=	Yes

Motion carried.

Public Comment: There was none.

Recognition of Visitors: There were none.

Department Reports:

1. Village Staff Reports. There were none.
2. Mayor's Report. Public Works Director Derick Fisher is not here this evening. Electric work is finished at farm shed. CJ Fisher is starting to paint piping at water plant. Derick has been blowing leaves to ditches for leaf pickup. We have had two leaf pick ups and one more on the 30th. Mayor Luedke had an email from the solar company, onsite engineering should begin in January or February. The Village received an EPA violation for water testing. There is nothing wrong with water. Tests were not forwarded to EPA from the lab in a timely matter. Sherry will send EPA violation notice along with letter explaining what happened. There is no fine.
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business:

- Discuss Vote to approve 2024/2025 Tax Levy Ordinance #24-11-18 Ord05
 - A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Kaufman to approve 2024/2025 Tax Levy Ordinance #24-11-18 Ord05

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker	=	Absent	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Absent

Mitchell = Absent

Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Vote to approve Ordinance 24-11-18 Ord06, Amending Salaries

- A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Berry to approve Ordinance 24-11-18 Ord06, Amending Salaries

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Absent

Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes

Ryan = Absent

Mitchell = Absent

Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

New Business:

Executive Session: Discuss Pending Litigation

- A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Berry to go to executive session to discuss pending litigation

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Absent

Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes

Ryan = Absent

Mitchell = Absent

Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

Open Session: Open session resumed at 6:16 p.m.

- Discuss/Vote to hire attorney Andrew Weatherford to represent the Village for pending litigation matter.

- A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Kaufman to approve hiring attorney Andrew Weatherford to represent the Village for pending litigation matter.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Absent

Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes

Ryan = Absent

Mitchell = Absent

Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Metsker to adjourn at 6:19 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Absent

Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes

Ryan = Absent

Mitchell = Absent

Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza