

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#24-12-16 R12
MONDAY DECEMBER 16, 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 and Public Works Director Derick Fisher were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2024, #24-11-18 R11
2. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of November 18, 2024, #24-11-18E05
3. Approval of Disbursements #24-12-16 D12
4. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #24-12-16 BR12
 - A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Kaufman 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: There were none.

Department Reports:

1. Village Staff Reports. Public Works Director Derick Fisher told the Board about the 6 inch water main break last week. They don't know how the water tower drained without the operators knowing. IRWA, City of Maroa Public Works, Oreana Public Works, and Whitmore Township Road District all helped. Lead law report is done and sent out. Piping at the water plant is painted. Salt was delivered today. Derick wants Trustee Ryan to look at PLC's at the water plant. Club Carwash is cancelled. There might be one more charge for that. We need new Christmas lights. We will try to apply for the Winings Grant for some new lights.
2. Mayor's Report. Mayor Luedke said that the employees did a fantastic job during the main break. Mayor Luedke got calls while she was on vacation. Derick worked all night trying to find the break. Sherry did social media posts and contacted the news stations. Derick said that we need to try to get more poles with plugs on them for the Christmas decorations. Mayor Luedke has been in contact with the solar company. Ryan from SunVest Solar said that they are 90% likely to build the solar farm in 2026. The farmer will be able to farm one more season. We have had communication with the engineers regarding the new water plant. There have been some small structural items that have been discussed.
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

- Discuss/Approve to sell 2014 Ford Explorer. Clerk Sherry Koszesza submitted an offer on December 2, 2024 for the purchase of the old police car. The offer is for \$3500. The figure came from checking Kelly Blue Book and using the lower end of “sale to a private buyer” on a rating of “fair” for the condition of the car. The Board accepted the offer.

- A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Ryan to approve the sale of the 2014 Ford Explorer.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Approve ordinance 24-12-16 Ord07, Sale of Personal Property.

- A motion was made by Trustee Ryan with a second by Trustee Berry to approve Ordinance 24-12-16 Ord07, Sale of Personal Property.

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:

- A motion was made by Trustee Ryan with a second by Trustee Kaufman to go to executive session at 6:32 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 6:52 p.m.

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Berry to adjourn at 7:01 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