

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#23-12-18 R12
MONDAY DECEMBER 18, 2023 @ 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. Trustee Barker and Mitchell were absent. Clerk Sherry Koszesza was also present. Public Works Director Derick Fisher was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2023, #23-11-20 R11
2. Approval of Disbursements #23-12-18 D12
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #23-12-18 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 a group that was looking for the FC Township meeting. They had no business with the Village Board.

Recognition of Visitors: There were none.

Department Reports:

1. Village Staff Reports. Mayor Luedke said work is mostly done at the Farm Shed. There was a water main break last week.
2. Mayor's Report. Sherry is having surgery and will be out of the office until Jan 2nd. She will have her computer. The work has been done at 300 N North and the resident has been invoiced. Mayor Luedke explained the issues with the USG amendments and the issues with the extra water tanks and the logo paint. Mayor Luedke is not happy with their offer. She asked the Board for their backing. They agree with Mayor Luedke and don't think that we should pay for it.
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business:

- Discuss/Vote to accept Chastain's RXR Sidewalk Crossing Easement Preparation Supplement for the Safe Routes to School project. Matt Foster and Kevin Myers were here from Chastain. Matt explained that the easement process has been more difficult than usual for this project. They have had to hire a title search company to help find information. Trustee Berry asked if this would take care of future projects in the Village. No, it will just go from East Street (behind the Village Hall) to Main Street.

- A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Metsker to accept Chastain's RXR Sidewalk Crossing Easement Preparation Supplement for the Safe Routes to School project.

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 reconsider proposal from Ron Grider for Board Room desks. Trustee Metsker said that he didn't know that Mayor Luedke approved of the project. Trustee Metsker checked on materials and came up with a starting point of \$1200, labor not included.

- A motion was made by Trustee Metsker with a second by Trustee Berry to reconsider proposal from Ron Grider for Board Room desks, not to exceed \$1,800.00.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

New Business:

- Discuss/Vote to give donation to Argenta In Motion for IceFest.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Metsker with a second by Trustee Berry to give a \$500.00 donation to Argenta In Motion for IceFest.

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 add Federal Holidays Juneteenth (June 19th) and Columbus/Indigenous People Day (2nd Monday in October) to the Employee Handbook.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Berry to add Federal Holidays Juneteenth (June 19th) and Columbus/Indigenous People Day (2nd Monday in October) to the Employee Handbook

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker =	Absent	Berry =	Yes
Kaufman =	Yes	Ryan =	Yes
Mitchell =	Absent	Metsker =	No

Motion carried.

Closed Session:

Open Session:

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Metsker to adjourn at 6:56 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

Village of Argenta