**MINUTES**

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

**#22-12-19 R12**

**MONDAY DECEMBER 19, 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 Berry, Ryan (via Zoom), and Logan were present. Trustees Kaufman, Barker and Mitchell were absent. Clerk Sherry Koszesza, Public Works Director Derick Fisher, Deputy Carmody, resident Kevin Metsker, and Matt Foster with Chastain Engineers were also present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2022, #22-11-21 R11
2. Approval of Disbursements #22-12-19 D12
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #22-12-19 BR12
   * Trustee Berry moved and Trustee Ryan seconded toapprove the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Absent Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Absent Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = 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 said that we have the new truck. We are waiting for Neptune until January for the meter reading equipment. Waiting on school meters. He talked to someone about concrete for the salt shed. He talked to the Township Road Commissioner to share a salt shed and share the cost. Derick does not have any pricing yet. It would be a bigger shed than we could get by ourselves. He is ready for the upcoming storm. Trustee Logan asked about the red truck. Derick said that there are several people interested in buying it or we could take it to the auction. We would have to ask for sealed bids and put a minimum bid on it. We would probably sell the plow with it.
2. Mayor’s Report. Mayor Luedke told the board about the other items that the new truck still needs. Trustee Ryan asked if we would need a new plow. Derick said we could retrofit the old plow. Sherry and Derick will be on vacation next week.
3. Attorney’s Report. There was none.

**New Business:** There was no old business

**Old Business:**

* Discuss/Vote to approve quote for salt storage shed. Tabled
* Discuss/Vote to allow Chastain Engineers to prepare a contract for the design of the Water Treatment Plant to be considered at the January 2023 or February 2023 Board meeting. Matt Foster said that paperwork has been turned in to the IEPA. He said the project plan must be done by about March of 2023. The plan includes a new Water Treatment Plant and a new Raw Water Well, to be done in 2 separate phases. There are some updated costs; they are very rough costs at this point. There will have to potentially be an increase in water rates. Chastain is working on a layout of how the building will be positioned on the land. The design will take approximately 9 – 12 months. Trustee Ryan wanted to know if we need a committee meeting to look at what is in the design contract. Matt Foster said that we could write that into the contract to have a town meeting after Chastain starts the general parameters. Trustee Logan asked if we had the square footage of the building. We have a rough idea of it. Trustee Logan asked if there was area for vehicle bays. Those were taken it off the table earlier. Mayor Luedke asked if the design contract was the basic things that we would need with no specifics. Matt Foster said yes. Trustee Berry asked if we need to have a committee meeting after we approve the design contract. Matt Foster said that they could write into the contract to have a committee meeting. The detailed design of the plant doesn’t have a huge impact on the design contract. We could have bids by March of 2024. Trustee Logan thinks we are not all on the same page and we need to have a committee meeting. Trustee Ryan said that the design has been talked about earlier. Mayor Luedke thinks we need something in black and white to show the public. Trustee Logan thought that he would be presented with several options. He feels like he has been strung along. Mayor Luedke said we could have a special meeting to discuss this. Tabled. We will have a special meeting on January 25th at 6:00 pm.

**Closed Session:**

**Open Session:**

**Adjournment**

* Trustee Berry moved, and Trustee Ryan seconded, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Absent Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Absent Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza