**MINUTES**

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

**#20-12-21 R12**

**MONDAY DECEMBER 21, 2020 @ 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 Pagel (via Zoom), Kaufman (via Zoom), Mitchell (Via Zoom), Berry, Ryan and Logan were present. Matt Foster of Chastain Engineering, Clerk Koszesza and Public Works Director Fisher were also present. Residents in attendance were Jeffrey Spurling.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2020 #20-11-16 R11
2. Approval of Disbursements #20-12-21 D12
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #20-12-21 BR12
   * Trustee moved and Trustee seconded toapprove the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Yes Logan = Absent (had to get mask)

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

**Recognition of Visitors:** There were none. Matt Foster wished everyone a merry Christmas.

**Department Reports:**

1. Village Staff Reports. Deputy Burgener had nothing to report. Derick replaced some grating at the water plant, he had a water main break, and he is replacing a discharge hose. Trustee Kaufman said to make sure Derick see invoices before each meeting. Trustee Mitchell wants to make sure large purchases still come to the board.
2. Mayor’s Report. Mayor Luedke and Derick met with Perry and Larry and they have sent a response to the EPA. We will be purchasing new lab equipment. They will work on an emergency plan. They will have to cancel some permits that we don’t need. We need to install a different kind of tap in wells 2 and 3 to get water samples. We told the EPA that we will have the items completed within a year. There is a policy that the Board will vote on next meeting.
3. Attorney’s Report. There was none.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

* Discuss/Approve updated Employee Handbook. Trustee Berry has a question about time lines for reporting sexual harassment. He had another question on sick leave. He wants it to say call in “at least” one hour before your work shift. Trustee Ryan asked if the vacation and sick leave were the same as what we have now. Trustee Kaufman said that this schedule is more in line with other work places. Trustee Ryan thought we should take out the part that says months in the sick leave accrual. He asked if we wanted to leave it as not being able to take vacation until after 1 year. Trustee Mitchell would leave it that way. They would like to table this until next meeting.
* Trustee Ryan is going to look into a Zoom kit that we could order to make these meetings easier. He will get some info back to Sherry.
* Trustee Logan asked if the issue at 135 E Water was settled. Mayor Luedke said that it was discussed last meeting. Trustee Logan asked if we were going to let a tenant dictate our safety processes. He said that it was handled wrong. Trustee Logan said that he doesn’t want to have his property flooded. He said that this isn’t the way it is handled in Decatur. He said that he knew the answer but didn’t say anything because he wanted to see how it would play out. Mayor Luedke said that we have had the engineer and an attorney look at it. Mayor Luedke said that we talked about this 2 meetings ago. She said that the engineer said the water displacement would not be significant. Mayor Luedke said she is not putting the village in a lawsuit that they will not win. Mayor Luedke said that we need to stop this conversation. Trustee Berry said that Trustee Logan should have been at the last meeting. Trustee Mitchell told Trustee Logan to be more respectful of the Mayor. Mayor Luedke said we can have Attorney Ed Flynn at the next meeting.

**Closed Session:**

**Open Session:**

**Adjournment**

* Trustee Berry moved, and Trustee Mitchell seconded, to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = Dropped from Zoom Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Yes Logan = No

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza