

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA**  
**#16-02-15 R04**  
**MONDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2016 AT 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 Hanna, Crowder, Pagel, Barker and Bowman were present. Trustee Harris was absent. Also in attendance were Street Superintendent Ken Smith, and Clerk Sherry Koszesza. Residents in attendance were Matt Kaufman and Polo Seevers.

**There was a Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- ✓ Board Meeting Minutes
- ✓ Disbursements
- ✓ Bank Reconciliations
- Trustee Bowman moved and Trustee Crowder seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Hanna=	Yes
Crowder =	Yes
Harris =	Absent
Pagel =	Yes
Barker =	Yes
Bowman =	Yes

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Matt Kaufman from A.I.M. for the Future is here to ask for a donation. Matt explained what AIM for the Future is and who is involved. It is a MAPPING program through Western Illinois University. It helps communities identify goals. He is on the steering committee. He said that there will be 5 meetings in March for strategic planning for the Village. There are about 30 participants so far. They are looking for sponsorships to cover the cost of the program, which is about \$2700.00. There will be a meal served before each meeting. Some of the community businesses are donating food or facilities for the meetings. Mayor Luedke said that the Sanitary District has donated. Trustee Bowman said that we used to give to various groups but were told by the auditors that we couldn't use tax money for that. Mayor Luedke said that the auditors said that if we donate out of the water fund it is OK. Trustee Crowder thought it was a good idea. He asked if other communities nearby have done this. Matt said that Shelbyville and Strausburg were 2 communities that have had a good result. There have been 125 communities that have done this. There have been very small and relatively large communities using the program. Trustee Crowder asked if Stewardson is close in our size and what would be the goals. Matt said that the meetings will determine the goals. Ken said that there is a thing called an ITEP grant that may be a goal. Trustee Crowder is for it. He isn't sure about the amount. Trustee Pagel thought it was a good idea. He asked if there was any option other than the water fund to get the money from. We can only use our revenue fund (the water fund) for this. Trustee Bowman wanted to know how we can justify this when we have so many other things from the water fund to pay for. Trustee Pagel said that even if we only have a couple hundred to give it would be a good cause. Trustee Hanna asked if we give to this, then where would we draw the line for others wanting donations. Trustee Crowder said that since this would put us in line with some grants that it would be a good thing. He asked if

we had to decide right now. He said that we should do it. Trustee Barker said that we have a lot of money that we have going out right now. Trustee Crowder said those are good points. Trustee Barker said that we will have to spend money on the water plant. Trustee Hanna would like to discuss it further. Trustee Crowder and Trustee Pagel thought it was a good cause. Trustee Barker and Trustee Bowman said no. We will table this until next time. Matt and Mayor Luedke invited everyone to the planning meetings.

#### **Department Reports**

1. **Law Enforcement Report:** Nothing to report. Mayor Luedke said that Deputy Hunt is settling in well.
2. **Village Staff Reports:** Street Superintendent Ken Smith said that we are expecting more weather tomorrow. Trustee Barker asked if we have heard anything from the engineers. Not yet.
3. **Mayor's Report:** Garbage bids are due on Feb 29<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Luedke asked the Board when they would like to vote on it. Some of the garbage companies will want to be at the meeting. The Board will vote at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Luedke will be going to a conference on Rural Affairs in March. She will be going to a grant writing workshop next week.
4. **Attorney's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** No new business

#### **Closed Session:**

- Trustee Bowman moved, and Trustee Crowder seconded, to go to Closed Session to review Closed Session Minutes at 6:21 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Hanna=	Yes
Crowder =	Yes
Harris =	Absent
Pagel =	Yes
Barker =	Yes
Bowman =	Yes

Motion carried.

**Open Session:** Open Session resumed at 6:24 p.m.

- Approve Resolution 16-02-15 Res 01, review of Closed Session minutes.
- Trustee Bowman moved, and Trustee Crowder seconded, to approve Resolution #16-02-15 Res 01, a review of Closed Session Minutes

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Hanna=	Yes
Crowder =	Yes
Harris =	Absent
Pagel =	Yes
Barker =	Yes
Bowman =	Yes

Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Reminder about the Special Meeting on Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>. Please let Mayor Luedke or Sherry know if you would like any documents for the appropriations before the end of the week.

- Trustee Bowman moved, and Trustee Pagel seconded, to adjourn at 6:26 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Hanna=	Yes
Crowder =	Yes
Harris =	Absent

Pagel =       Yes  
    Barker =     Yes  
    Bowman =     Yes  
Motion carried.

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Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza