

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA
#16-08-01 R15
MONDAY JULY 18, 2016, 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. Also in attendance were Deputy Hunt, Street Superintendent Ken Smith, and Clerk Sherry Koszesza. Residents in attendance were Polo Seevers and Liz Garrett.

There was a Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Hanna =	Yes
Crowder =	Yes
Pagel =	Yes
Barker =	Yes
Bowman =	Yes

Motion carried.

Public Comment: There was none.

Recognition of Visitors: There were none.

Department Reports

1. **Law Enforcement Report:** Deputy Hunt made 5 investigative arrests last month. There are 2 people that are banned from Casey's. They have been arrested when they have gone back. One of them has made threats to employees and law enforcement. There was an arrest for the burglaries. There have been resident complaints about speeding on North Street. He is investigating the placement of signs. He said that maybe the Village should contact the County about the placement. He also said there are step down speeds coming into town from the north. Tomorrow is National Night Out. Deputy Hunt will be on the bike to meet residents. Jim asked about the signs on Emery and the "Speed Zone Ahead" sign. Deputy Hunt said that you still have 500 yards to slow down before he can start running radar. Trustee Hanna asked about the jake brakes. Deputy Hunt said that he has heard that Argenta is a speed trap. Trustee Hanna had heard someone say that. Deputy Hunt said that he doesn't think he is targeting Rt. 48 traffic. Trustee Hanna asked about the weight limit on North Street. Deputy Hunt will check on it. Trustee Crowder said that the truck drivers are supposed to go to Weldon and then turn to go to Lane.
2. **Village Staff Reports:** Street Superintendent Ken Smith said we would probably have to do some sort of engineering speed study if we want to put up new speed limit signs. Trustee Bowman said that we had one done on Rt. 48 where it goes from 55 to 50 to 40. Last Monday there was an Area Disposal dumpster truck that spilled fluid on North Street. The landfill refused to give Ken an MSDS sheet. Trustee Pagel told Ken to call IEPA. Area Disposal had the spill cleaned up after that. Trustee Hanna asked if we billed them. We will send a bill and they will also get an ordinance violation. They have

been told by Area not to come through town. There was a transformer at the water plant that went out. It has been replaced.

- 3. Mayor's Report:** Barb Walik has volunteered to make a village website. She will build it and pay the first 3 months. It is \$7.99 per month. Trustee Bowman asked if we would have to post our minutes. Clerk Sherry Koszesza said that we would have to post Agendas, Minutes, Ordinances and anything else that the Board would like to put on the page – maybe a link to ask questions or submit comments. Residents would not be allowed to post on the site. Trustee Pagel thought it would be a good idea. Trustee Hanna asked for what. Trustee Pagel said that it would be good for community events. Many people don't know what we spend our money on. Mayor Luedke said we have to post certain items. Trustee Pagel wanted to know if the more we post, the more we pay. Trustee Crowder asked if AIM could be tied into it. He said that maybe they could help with the cost. Trustee Bowman asked who would control it. Mayor Luedke said Sherry. Mayor Luedke will get more info and we will discuss it next time.

Mayor Luedke explained the note that was in the packet about the ordinance violation letters. There were the most notices sent about garbage service – due to service shut offs for non-payment. There were several about expired stickers on vehicles. There were 2 citations given. She said there are more mowing and weed issues. She asked if the Board wants to pursue this. Trustee Hanna asked if there were complaints and if we were talking about the group that had come to a previous meeting. Yes. Trustee Barker said that we can't ignore it. Trustee Bowman said that you can't see it from the road. Trustee Hanna asked if he was trying to rezone it. Mayor Luedke said he doesn't have enough land. Ken said that there are thistles and other weeds, not just grass. Trustee Hanna said that you can see it. Trustee Crowder talked with the residents that were at that meeting and he is torn about doing anything. They have let it grow for years without any issues. He thinks we are nitpicking. Trustee Hanna asked if it was creating a problem with the catch basin. Trustee Hanna said that there is no point in having an ordinance if we don't enforce it. Trustee Pagel said that it used to be mowed. He lived next to it. Trustee Crowder said he is going off of what a neighbor said. Trustee Bowman wanted to know if we were going to enforce the complaints on the buildings. Mayor Luedke said that we have given them extra time. She said that there is a building on Rt. 48 that needs to mow but we're having a hard time contacting anyone.

Mayor Luedke said that she went to the meeting at the Civic Center. OmniTRAX has partnered with the Top Flight Grain. They are also looking for acreage along Rt. 48 to purchase. They have bought other short line railroads and have developed the area. It means jobs and revenue. Hopefully we might see progress in the next few years. It could mean development for the Village and the Board members need to be thinking of it.

- 4. Attorney's Report:** There was none.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: There was none.

Closed Session:

- Mayor Luedke asked for a motion to go to closed session to discuss appointments and to review previous closed session minutes.
 - Trustee Crowder moved and Trustee Barker seconded to go to closed session at 6:26 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Hanna =	Yes
Crowder =	Yes
Pagel =	Yes

Barker = Yes
Bowman = Yes

Motion carried.

Open Session: Open session resumed at 6:29 p.m.

- Discuss/Approve Matt Kaufman to fill vacant Trustee position
 - Trustee Bowman moved and Trustee Pagel seconded to approve Matt Kaufman to fill the vacant Trustee position.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Hanna = Yes
Crowder = Yes
Pagel = Yes
Barker = Yes
Bowman = Yes

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Vote on Resolution #16-08-01 Res03, Closed Session Minutes
 - Trustee Pagel moved and Trustee Crowder seconded to approve Resolution #16-08-01 Res03, Closed Session Minutes.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Hanna = Yes
Crowder = Yes
Pagel = Yes
Barker = Yes
Bowman = Yes

- Motion carried.

Trustee Barker asked if the residents that might open a new bar would be requesting the new liquor license from the Board or just Mayor Luedke. It will be just Mayor Luedke. Trustee Hanna asked what we were going to do about the mowing. Mayor Luedke said that we still have a little time. We will discuss it at the next meeting

Adjournment

- Trustee Hanna moved, and Trustee Pagel seconded, to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Hanna = Yes
Crowder = Yes
Pagel = Yes
Barker = Yes
Bowman = Yes

Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza