

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#17/05/15 R10
MONDAY MAY 15, 2017 @ 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, Kaufman, and Crowder were present. Trustees Hanna, Barker and Bowman were absent, as was Deputy Wendell (on a training assignment). Also in attendance were Street Superintendent Ken Smith, and Clerk Sherry Koszesza. Residents in attendance were Gary Nein.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2017, #17-05-01 R09
2. Approval of Disbursements #17-05-15 D10
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #17-05-15 BR10
 - Trustee Pagel moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Swear in Newly Appointed Officials. Trustee Hanna was absent.

Public Comment: Gary Nein asked if the lot next to his building will be up for sale. Mayor Luedke said that we haven't decided to sell it yet. Gary asked if he could get some rock in front of his house because it is very wet there because of the neighbor's sump pump. Street Superintendent Ken Smith said that the ditch needs to be wider. He will see if there is anything that can be done.

Recognition of Visitors: Matt Foster from BGM to discuss bid award for the oil & chip project and to give information on sidewalk grants. Matt said that we opened bids on May 4, 2017. There were 2 bids; Earl Walker and Dunn Company. They were both under the estimate. Earl Walker was the low bid.

- Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Pagel seconded to award the oil & chip project to Earl Walker.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Matt said that there are 2 grants for sidewalks that may open up this fall. They are federal dollars so it won't be held up by the state. They are competitive grants. The Enhancement grant is to fund projects that are for alternate ways to things and/or places, such as sidewalks, bike paths, etc. He said that some of the grants can be very large. There are a lot of strings attached with these kinds of grants. We would have planning, engineering, construction and such that would incur additional expenses. You can add those numbers into the grant. The second grant is Safe Routes to School. It is a smaller grant. It is to assure that children have safe sidewalks to a school. Matt said that he thought Ken and Mayor Luedke were leaning toward the Safe Routes. Trustee Pagel asked if it was based on traffic counts. He said that there are a lot of bigger towns that have more sidewalk traffic. Matt said that he didn't think it was based on that. You do have to start at a school and go out from there with the new sidewalks. He didn't think that the criteria had anything to do with traffic. Trustee Pagel asked if the first grant, ITEP, was for things like bike trails. Matt said yes it could be and that it could be for streetscapes where you park and then walk to your destination. He said that 3 main projects were bike paths, streetscapes and sidewalk interconnectivity. Trustee Pagel asked if there was a limit on the width of sidewalks. Matt said that there are guidelines for different sidewalks. He said that you wouldn't put a wider sidewalk in a residential area but it would be OK for a commercial area. Trustee Crowder said that the amount of kids that walk is pretty minimal here because of the bussing. He also said that it would be hard for the Village to come up with \$50,000.00 that might be our share of the grant. Matt said that if we decided that we could only come up with \$5,000.00, it would not be worth it. He said that it would be at least a 15 month time frame to get the approvals. He said that at the earliest, we wouldn't even know if we got the grant for several months. Mayor Luedke asked if we could use MFT for the 20% that we would have to come up. Matt said yes. Matt said if the Board is interested, he can send some information about it.

Department Reports:

1. Law Enforcement Report. Lt. Belcher was here. Deputy Wendell is at a week-long training in Georgia. Lt. Belcher said it has been quiet in Argenta. Deputy Wendell has been doing some bike patrols. There have been no big events in Argenta. The 19th is the Cop on the Roof Top event at the Dunkin' Donuts in Decatur. It is a fund raising event for the Sheriff's Office.
2. Village Staff Reports. Street Superintendent Ken Smith said that with the sidewalk grants it could possibly be 2 appropriation cycles for them. Trustee Crowder said if we could divide it up into 2 years it would be better for the Village. We have been having recurring issues with the bulk water. As the water pressure drops when people are getting bulk water it sets off the alarm at the water plant. The plant won't restart until the alarm is reset. We could potentially run out of water. Ken shut off the bulk water on Friday. He said that there are a couple of choices if we want to continue to have bulk water. We could build a new station by the water tower. Or we could revamp the current system. He said that water is only 2 cents per gallon at the bulk water or out of your garden hose. Mayor Luedke said that Cerro Gordo and Maroa have bulk water also. Ken said that we can pull water out of a hydrant for people who need large quantities - no swimming pools. Trustee Pagel said that cities that let haulers get bulk water have meter deposits and procedures that are business hours only, by appointment, with a meter. Trustee Crowder said that the small people in the country

with shallow wells worry him. He said that even without a drought they have to haul water. Ken said that it is the village taxpayers that pay for this system. Trustee Pagel said that it would not be those people that would pay for repairs. Ken asked if we would have a minimum amount that we would set for someone to get it from a hydrant. He said that most places discourage bulk water sales. Mayor Luedke asked if we should leave it off until we decide what we will do. Ken said that the local people are using it to fill swimming pools. Mayor Luedke said that for now she thinks that we should keep it off for the weekends. Trustee Crowder asked if we could post a sign about alternatives. Trustee Pagel said there is one at School Road and Rt. 51. Trustee Pagel said that if our water plant goes down it will be bad for the Village.

3. Mayor's Report: Mayor Luedke told the Board to think about the first meeting in July. It would fall on July 3rd. She said that we could go ahead and have the meeting, cancel it, or have it on Wednesday.

Discuss proposed Wind Farm construction in Macon County (map enclosed). Mayor Luedke found out last week that there are plans for a possible wind farm in the area. Larry Bennett told her about it. The current wind farm is going through Warrensburg and Maroa. Warrensburg has made a deal with the wind farm company for some compensation. The benefits would be added revenue for the schools, road and bridge improvements and drainage improvements. The concerns would be will it inhibit growth in the Village? The life span of the turbines is 50-60 years. What happens to them after that? This is what we know so far – there have been meetings with at least some land owners. No one has applied for permits although Macon County Planning Commission is aware of interest (public hearings). As a Village we cannot stop the construction. Land owners might be able to make it difficult for the company but it isn't likely. Many of the landowners are corporations, such as DMH, or are absentee landowners. It provides a nice income for landowners. As a Village, we need to be prepared for this. The Board needs to be thinking about if they will oppose it or support it and how they will do that. We can also try to negotiate to explore extending the territory to the farm ground and lease it for income. Ken said that it is about a 5 year process. Trustee Crowder said that the roads would not be an asset. He said that what they put on the roads eats the underside of cars, dust is horrible. Trustee Crowder said that in 50 or 60 years most of these companies will be gone and the towers won't be dismantled. Trustee Crowder said that it is very noisy. Trustee Pagel agreed. Trustee Crowder said the amount of local labor used for construction is only 10%. He said they are out to make money. Trustee Crowder said he agrees, if we have to look at it, we should get some money from them. Gary Nein agreed about the bad road conditions. There is a list of the ordinance violation notices that have been sent from the last meeting.

4. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business:

- Discuss/Approve nominations for Decatur Macon County Opportunities Corporation Board of Directors. There were no nominations.

New Business:

- Discuss/Approve Resolution #17-05-15 Res 01, Resolution to amend 2016/2017 Appropriations.

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- Trustee Crowder moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to approve Resolution #17-05-15 Res 01.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Hanna =	Absent
Crowder =	Yes
Kaufman =	Yes
Pagel =	No
Barker =	Absent
Bowman =	Absent

Motion carried.

Closed Session:

Open Session:

Adjournment

- Trustee Pagel moved, and Trustee Crowder seconded, to adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza