

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#17-10-16 R20
MONDAY OCTOBER 16, 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 Barker, Crowder, Kaufman and Pagel were present. Trustees Bowman and Hanna were absent. Also in attendance were Deputy Wendell, Sgt. Atkins, Street Superintendent Ken Smith, and Clerk Sherry Koszesza. There were no residents in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2017 #17-10-02 R19
2. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of October 2, 2017 #17-10-02 E05
3. Approval of Disbursements #17-10-16 D20
4. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #17-10-16 BR20
 - Trustee moved and Trustee seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Public Comment: There was none.

Recognition of Visitors: There were none.

Department Reports:

1. Law Enforcement Report. Deputy Wendell said that the stolen vehicle was recovered and the suspect is in custody.
2. Village Staff Reports. Ken is in the process of getting the water plant roof done. There was a rain delay. It should be done by the end of the week. We will hold the check until the work is complete.
3. Mayor's Report. Oct 21st is a post prom fundraiser. Elm St will be blocked off from noon to 5. Bargenta will be having a Halloween party on 28th and again Elm St. will be blocked off for the evening. The veterans' parade is Nov 4th at 11. Mayor Luedke explained about the meter reader being lost in shipment and that Ken had negotiated a lower price with Schulte. We have 2 options for payment. We can pay \$3000.00 now and rest after the new fiscal year. Or we can pay it all now from Supplies/Meters/Water Mains. We have money to pay it all if we want. She explained the portable equipment and the insurance payment. The insurance rep will be here Thursday to make sure we are covered like we need to be. Trustee Kaufman asked if there was a set amount in that line. It is for meters and main breaks as needed. Trustee Pagel asked when we typically spend the bulk of that line item.

Ken said it depends. Ken said that the new reader is up to date. Trustee Crowder asked if UPS paid for the loss. Mayor Luedke said yes, they paid \$2000.00. That was all it was insured for. Trustee Kaufman said that maybe we could just wait until April and see how we are on money. Trustee Pagel said it should go to the appropriate line item this year. Trustee Kaufman agreed. Trustee Pagel wants to defer it until spring. Trustee Crowder asked how long this unit will last. Ken said it should last us at least 5 years. Mayor Luedke said Nov 2nd we will be hosting a Macon Co Mayor's Meeting. It will mostly be small town mayors. They will try to have it about every 6 months.

4. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

- Discuss/Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Argenta-Oreana Community Unit School District #1 for snow plowing Bus Barn lot and High/Middle School parking lot. Mayor Luedke pointed out the price increases. Trustee Barker said that it pays for our snow plowing for the year. She thinks it has worked out well.
 - Trustee Barker moved and Trustee Pagel seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with A-O School for snow plowing. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.
- Discuss/Vote on Intergovernmental Agreement with Argenta Fire Protection District for mowing. There is no pricing on the agreement. Sherry will add the fee of \$40. Ken said it would take 1 to 1.5 hours.
 - Trustee Barker moved and Trustee Crowder seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with AOFPD for mowing. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.
- Discuss/Set Tax Levy. Mayor Luedke said this is the standard levy that we have had every year. It has a 5% increase. Trustee Pagel asked if we had increased service in any of the areas. Mayor Luedke said that these levies are not for services that we provide they are for services that we have to pay for. For Police and Street Lighting we don't get even close to paying what we are charged. Trustee Crowder said that we need to look at our spending to see if we can start saving money. Trustee Pagel said that property taxes are pretty high here. Mayor Luedke said that what we don't cover by taxes, we have to take out of the

general fund. She said that the cost of business keeps going up. Trustee Crowder said the average citizen doesn't understand why taxes need to be raised. Trustee Barker said that the residents wouldn't be happy if we told them that they wouldn't have street lights or police protection. She said that most residents don't understand how much we have to pay for basic services. Sherry reminded the board that if a tax levy is not passed, the village will not receive any tax money from the County.

- Trustee Barker moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to set the Tax Levy.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Closed Session:

Open Session:

Adjournment

- Trustee Kaufman moved, and Trustee Pagel seconded, to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza