

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS**  
**#17-11-06 R21**  
**MONDAY NOVEMBER 6, 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 Bowman, Crowder, Kaufman, Hanna and Pagel were present. Trustee Barker was absent. Also in attendance were Deputy Wendell, Street Superintendent Ken Smith, and Clerk Sherry Koszesza. Residents in attendance were Chief Logan and Val Logan.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2017 #17-10-16 R20
2. Approval of Disbursements #17-11-06 D21
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #17-11-06 BR21
  - Trustee Pagel moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Bowman =	Yes, but abstain from Minutes
Barker =	Absent
Crowder =	Yes
Kaufman =	Yes
Hanna =	Yes, but abstain from Minutes
Pagel =	Yes

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

**Recognition of Visitors:** There were none.

**Department Reports:**

1. Law Enforcement Report. Deputy Wendell said that there was a residential burglary last week and arrest was made. Trustee Kaufman said that his mom said that someone was knocking on doors at about 1:45 last night. She was told to call Macon County. Trustee Crowder said that in Oreana they have speed signs and asked about us getting some. Deputy Wendell said that they are about \$2000 each. Trustee Crowder said that it gives your speed and a message. Mayor Luedke will check with Mayor Keathley.
2. Village Staff Reports. Street Superintendent Ken Smith said that we had another water main break. He had to have Bliss Leak Detection come out to find it. He said that we have some leaking fire hydrants. The water plant has a new roof. Street Superintendent Ken Smith said that the ceiling in the water plant fell in. It is cleaned up. He took the wall out in Mary White's old office.
3. Mayor's Report. Mayor Luedke said that last Thursday was a mayor's meeting here. It was a good meeting. 8 of the 11 Macon county mayors were here. They have similar problems. Several have TIF districts. Several have automatic 3% water rate increases. Several have abandoned properties. All pass a 5% tax levy increase every year. The wind farms near

Maroa and Warrensburg get about \$15,000.00 per year. The company that is considering putting a wind farm north of Argenta will meet with Mayor Luedke, Ron Grider and Street Superintendent Ken Smith. They met with Oreana residents a couple of months ago. Trustee Pagel asked if they were pulling in the township as well for the meetings. Mayor Luedke didn't know. Trustee Crowder said that the roads in the other areas by the wind farm are really bad. He said the out of state companies bring in the out of state workers and so local guys don't get the work. Street Superintendent Ken Smith said that united prairie has been running through town a lot lately. That hurts our roads also.

- 4. Attorney's Report. There was no report.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

**New Business:**

- Approve Resolution in Support of Illinois Bicentennial Celebrations.
  - Trustee Pagel moved and Trustee Crowder seconded to approve the Bicentennial Resolution.  
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:  
Bowman = Yes  
Barker = Absent  
Crowder = Yes  
Kaufman = Yes  
Hanna = Yes  
Pagel = Yes  
Motion carried.
- Discuss/Approve Ordinance #17-11-06 Ord 03, Supplement to the Code of Ordinances.
  - Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Bowman seconded to approve Ordinance #17-11-06 Ord 03.  
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:  
Bowman = Yes  
Barker = Absent  
Crowder = Yes  
Kaufman = Yes  
Hanna = Yes  
Pagel = Yes  
Motion carried.
- Discuss/Approve Tax Levy Ordinance #17-11-06 Ord 04. Mayor Luedke said that there are 0-5% increases in the packet. There are also current tax rates and what the increases would be. She has a sheet with the money that we have spent over the last few years. We have been trending down on the spending. Trustee Kaufman asked what we did last year. Trustee Pagel said that we had a special meeting to raise it more than 5%. Mayor Luedke said that most places raise it the 5% so that they don't have to make a big raise like that. Mayor Luedke said that the cost to run the village increases every year. We still have time to think about it. Trustee Pagel said that he understands that we are upside down on police and street lights. He doesn't think that we should raise the levy. Mr. Logan asked for a copy of the info that the board has. Trustee Kaufman said that when you raise taxes it does hurt some people. Trustee Crowder said that his opinion is that when we do appropriations we just seem to spend money. He thinks that we should look at everything to save money.

Mayor Luedke said that the numbers show that we have been trying to be conservative. Trustee Crowder said that he didn't understand how the spending limit is set. Trustee Pagel said that it has already been appropriated in April and if it has a code then they have approved it. Trustee Pagel said that he doesn't want to see it turn into not spending money for things that need fixed.

- Trustee Pagel moved and Trustee Hanna seconded to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance, #17-11-06 Ord 04, with a 0% increase.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

- Information: Certificate of Commendation to Argenta Water Department.

**Closed Session:**

**Open Session:**

**Adjournment**

- Trustee Kaufman moved, and Trustee Pagel seconded, to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza