

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS**  
**#17-12-04 R23**  
**MONDAY DECEMBER 4, 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 Polo Seevers.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2017 #17-11-20 R22
2. Approval of Disbursements #17-12-04 D23
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #17-12-04 BR23
  - Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Pagel seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

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

**Department Reports:**

1. Law Enforcement Report. Deputy Wendell had nothing to report.
2. Village Staff Reports. Street Superintendent Ken Smith explained the need for Austin or Tom for water main breaks or snow plowing. Trustee Bowman asked if Ken wasn't able to get things done. She asked if we had asked anyone that has experience. Ken said that they both have experience. He said that they both have a class B license. Trustee Crowder asked what the wage would be. It would be \$12.00 per hour. Trustee Crowder asked if insurance covers them driving. Trustee Hanna asked about Worker's Comp Insurance going up. It should not go up. Trustee Pagel said that it would be much cheaper to hire them than get a contractor. Trustee Crowder asked if we should put out a help wanted ad. He asked if we have a list of duties. Trustee Crowder said that this caught him off guard. He asked if they need to talk about this in a committee meeting. Ken said that he has been asked if he has enough help. Trustee Bowman asked if we would have a big problem if there was a big snow with all of the contract work. Mayor Luedke said we can't expect the 2 guys to work 24/7. She said we would only need them if Gary isn't available. Trustee Hanna doesn't see anything wrong with having them on standby. Trustee Pagel asked what we were offering

these guys. Ken said nothing. Trustee Pagel thinks that we need to put them on the payroll for as-needed work.

3. Mayor's Report. Mayor Luedke said that Oreana had a wonderful Christmas parade. The visit with Santa is Saturday. February is the Ice Fest. A Blues, Brews and BBQ event for Memorial Day weekend downtown is in the works in the downtown area.
4. Attorney's Report. Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business:**

- Discuss/Approve Austin Welker and Tom Luedke for alternate street assistants. Mayor Luedke said it is just fill in for Gary when he isn't available or if we have a huge snow. Trustee Hanna asked if there was a list of volunteers that we could call. Ken said that Austin has volunteered for the last couple of water main breaks. Trustee Kaufman said that it is good to have someone close by in case we need them. Trustee Hanna said that he might be able to help in a pinch. He can run a backhoe.

- Trustee Pagel moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to approve Austin Welker and Tom Luedke for alternate street assistants.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Approve Sexual Harassment Ordinance 17-12-04 Ord 05.
  - Trustee Pagel moved and Trustee Crowder seconded to approve Sexual Harassment Ordinance 17-12-04 Ord 05.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Trustee Crowder said that he would like to get the committee meetings going again. He thinks that getting involved more would make them more comfortable in the appropriation meetings. He thinks that it would help him to be more informed especially on the money side of things. Trustee Pagel said that he can call either Sherry or Mayor Luedke to find out anything that he doesn't know. He said that the inmates aren't running the asylum. Trustee Crowder said that he isn't implying that at all. Trustee Crowder said that he has been approached by residents asking if something had been discussed in a committee meeting. He thought this would help everyone. Trustee Crowder said it doesn't make sense that we need 3 street assistants suddenly. Mayor Luedke and Trustee Bowman said that Scott White, Shannon White and Ken had all been helpers before. Mayor Luedke said that it was hard to get people to get to come to committee meetings. Trustee Bowman said that

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when they stopped paying for committee meetings that people stopped coming. Trustee Hanna asked if there was a list of who is on what committee. Mayor Luedke said that there is a list.

**Closed Session:**

**Open Session:**

**Adjournment**

- Trustee Bowman moved, and Trustee Pagel seconded, to adjourn at 6:23 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