

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS**  
**#17-12-18 R24**  
**MONDAY DECEMBER 18, 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 Crowder, Kaufman and Hanna were present. Trustees Bowman, Barker and Pagel were absent. Also in attendance were Deputy Wendell, Street Superintendent Ken Smith, and Clerk Sherry Koszesza. Residents in attendance were Danelle Binkley and Pete McRoberts.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2017 #17-12-04 R23
2. Approval of Disbursements #17-12-18 D24
  - Trustee Hanna moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Mr. McRoberts asked why the Village wanted to hold back the money for demolition of the house at 175 E Prairie Street. The house is being repaired and the owner, Mrs. Binkley, stated that she isn't going to have the house torn down. The insurance company insisted that the Village sign a form saying that they (State Farm) will hold back the cost of demolition until the work is completed. Mayor Luedke explained what had happened with the insurance. She said that she decided that the Village should have the insurance hold \$10,000 back. Mrs. Binkley said that she doesn't have a way to get \$10,000 to do the work. Mr. McRoberts said that the mortgage company is holding money to the end and most of the work is well underway. He suggested that maybe the rest be released next month when the work is further along. Mayor Luedke asked if the Board would be comfortable releasing a percentage of the money as work is completed. Mr. McRoberts said that it will probably be a \$100,000 project when it is all said and done. He asked if we would be willing to release the money at the end of January. Trustee Crowder asked if we were holding the money back. Mayor Luedke said that we don't have the money; it is something that the insurance made us sign and State Farm is holding the money back. Trustee Crowder said that we should try to help them out and release the money. Mayor Luedke said that she had just said that and had already talked to the claims agent. Mayor Luedke said that no one wants to hold this money from them. Danelle said that the insurance wouldn't even release the first check until we signed that paper. Mr. McRoberts said that the insurance company seems to be dragging their feet

anyway and hasn't even gotten back with them on some add on items. Mayor Luedke said that she will talk with the claims agent in the morning. Danelle said that she has to send the checks to the mortgage company before they will release it to the contractor. She said it is all very frustrating.

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

**Department Reports:**

1. Law Enforcement Report. Deputy Wendell didn't have much to report. He has been doing traffic enforcement and has issued several citations.
2. Village Staff Reports. Street Superintendent Ken Smith said the siren is out of order. Parts are on order. We have new lights on top of the water tower now. Ken has put up NO TRUCK signs to keep the trucks going to the High School from being on Main Street. Trustee Kaufman asked what was wrong with the siren. Ken said that the batteries and some of the electrical work needed to be replaced.
3. Mayor's Report. Mayor Luedke explained the rules for having a committee meeting.
4. Attorney's Report. There was no report.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business:** There was none.

**Closed Session:**

**Open Session:**

**Adjournment**

- Trustee Kaufman moved, and Trustee Hanna seconded, to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza