

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS**  
**#18-04-02 R07**  
**MONDAY APRIL 02, 2018 @ 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 Grider, Barker, Crowder, Kaufman, Hanna and Pagel were present. Also in attendance were Street Superintendent Ken Smith and Clerk Sherry Koszesza. Residents in attendance were Polo Seevers and Chief Logan.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2018 #18-03-19 R06
2. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2018 #18-03-26 SM01
3. Approval of Disbursements #18-04-02 D07
  - Trustee Pagel moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Grider =	No
Barker =	Yes
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. There was the written report. There have been no major issues.
2. Village Staff Reports. Street Superintendent Ken Smith is still waiting on the parts for the pumps. The filters have been finished. Snow plows are still ready to go.
3. Mayor's Report. Sherry had Frontier remove one of the phone lines. It will save us about \$80 per month. We will switch from LOCIS to UBMax for utility billing. Residents can pay with credit/debit. It will save the Village around \$1000.00 per year. Sherry talked to other Villages that have UBMax and they like it. It should be up and running by the end of April. We will be switching to QuickBooks online also. It will save about \$350 per year.
4. Attorney's Report. There was none.

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

**New Business:**

- Discuss/Vote on 2018/2019 Appropriations. Trustee Crowder said that regarding the lawn mower, we could get several quotes that we could compare. Ken is also going to get a demo of them all. Mayor Luedke said that she talked to Perry about cutting his hours to weekends and holidays. He would like to continue as is until 6-25-18. Mayor Luedke would also like

the board to consider giving him a raise. She said that even with a good raise we would still save a lot of money. She would like to raise his salary to \$30 per hour. We would still be saving about \$12,000.00 per year. Trustee Hanna asked if he would work every weekend. Trustee Crowder asked what his current hourly rate is. It is \$25 per hour and he has never had a raise. Trustee Pagel said that that would be a 20% raise. Trustee Pagel said that it would cost us more to find someone else. Trustee Hanna asked if there would be a set number of hours. Trustee Crowder said that vacation days and comp days would also figure into that. Trustee Kaufman said we could make the raise effective in June. Trustee Crowder asked when the operator license change would take effect. It will take about 30 days. Trustee Hanna asked what the significance of June 25<sup>th</sup> was. Trustee Crowder asked if Perry was upset with getting his hours cut. Trustee Barker said that he knew it coming in. Trustee Hanna said that if Ken decides to leave that we would be stuck with someone at \$30.00 per hour. Trustee Barker said that maybe we could put an hour limit on it. She said that it is asking a lot to have one person do it on all holidays and weekends. Trustee Kaufman said that we can always readdress the salary if we need to on down the line. In the appropriations, under Water 2 of the line items could be adjusted. Trustee Pagel said that you can't cap the hours, just in case something comes up that needs done. The \$20,000.00 water assistant will be moved to commissioner. The \$16,000.00 commissioner would be adjusted and moved to assistant. Trustee Barker asked if Larry was in here. Larry only worked about 10 hours last year. He is included in the figures. Trustee Pagel asked if we could talk about this further at another meeting maybe in closed session. Trustee Pagel said that he thinks Perry would come in at just under \$10,000.00 per year. Mayor Luedke said that we will finalize his salary later.

- Trustee Pagel moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to approve the 2018/2019 Appropriations.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Grider =	Yes
Barker =	No
Crowder =	Yes
Kaufman =	Yes
Hanna =	Yes
Pagel =	Yes

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Vote on new bank account for electronic payments. Mayor Luedke explained that this will be a clearing house account for our electronic payments.

- Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Barker seconded to approve a new bank account for electronic payments.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Grider =	Yes
Barker =	Yes
Crowder =	Yes
Kaufman =	Yes
Hanna =	Yes
Pagel =	Yes

Motion carried.

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Trustee Pagel said that just to follow up, we will get updates on Perry and the mower and Trustee Crowder wanted to consider an RFP for the mower.

**Closed Session:**

**Open Session:**

**Adjournment**

- Trustee Pagel moved, and Trustee Kaufman seconded, to adjourn at 6:26 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Grider =	Yes
Barker =	Yes
Crowder=	Yes
Kaufman=	Yes
Hanna =	Yes
Pagel =	Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza