

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#18-11-19 R19
MONDAY NOVEMBER 19, 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 Barker, Crowder, Kaufman, Hanna and Pagel were present. Trustee Logan was absent. Also in attendance were Deputy Wendell, Street Superintendent Ken Smith, and Clerk Sherry Koszesza. Residents in attendance were Michael Ryan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2018 #18-10-15 R18
2. Approval of Disbursements #18-11-19 D19
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #18-11-19 BR11
 - Trustee Barker moved and Trustee Pagel seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Logan =	Absent
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. Deputy Wendell had nothing major to report. Trustee Barker asked how the speed trailer went. Deputy Wendell thought it went well.
2. Village Staff Reports. Street Superintendent Ken Smith said that we had to plow snow already. Trustee Crowder asked about the sidewalk thing that is going on. Ken said that the concrete company did several places where the sidewalks had been dug up and not replaced. They were here to do the pad for the generator. Ken will try to get Christmas lights up tomorrow also.
3. Mayor's Report. Update on the solar farm. We have all of the paperwork in. There will be a lottery in January. We have asked for reimbursement for attorney fees. Dec 8th is the visit with Santa and the Oreana parade. Mayor Luedke asked the Board to think about setting aside \$500 per year for the next 3 years for the CEO program. She said it is not a donation but an investment in the community. She is going to ask Oreana if they would go in with us.
4. Attorney's Report. There is nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Discuss water deposit ordinance. Trustee Crowder asked if there is any way to do something as a hardship for this particular instance. Trustee Crowder had a few questions regarding the wording of “new applicants”, requiring a greater amount than stated above and refunding deposits after 1 year. He asked if we are refunding the deposits. We are. Trustee Crowder thinks this is making the village look bad. Trustee Crowder would like us to waive the fee. Mayor Luedke told the Board that they should use caution when waiving a fee. Trustee Crowder thinks that we waive ordinance violations for certain individuals. He said maybe we could have guidelines to have the fee waived. Trustee Barker thinks that if they move from one house to another that there should be no fee. Mayor Luedke said that now the deposit is \$100. Trustee Barker doesn’t think we should charge this individual. Trustee Pagel asked how we protect ourselves from multiple rental properties. Mayor Luedke said that over the last couple of years 12 homeowners have skipped out on their bill and only 1 renter. Some were long term residents. Trustee Kaufman asked what happens if someone passes away. The money goes to the estate. Trustee Hanna asked if we could amend the ordinance. Trustee Barker said that it would cost money. Mayor Luedke said that we used to just charge renters because the cost would go back on the landlord if the renter left without paying the final water bill. Trustee Pagel said to save another 20 minutes discussion, do not collect the deposit in this case. They will leave the ordinance as it is for now.

New Business:

- Discuss/Vote on Ordinance #18-11-19 Ord 06, adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Argenta.
 - Trustee Barker moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to approve Ordinance #18-11-19 Ord 06, adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Argenta.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.
- Discuss/Vote on amending the Sexual Harassment Policy to reflect the reporting period to be 300 days (instead of 180 days).
 - Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Hanna seconded to approve amending the Sexual Harassment Policy to reflect the reporting period to be 300 days (instead of 180 days).

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Logan =	Absent
Barker =	Yes
Crowder=	Yes
Kaufman =	Yes

Hanna = Yes
Pagel = Yes

Motion carried.

Closed Session:

Open Session:

Adjournment Trustee Kaufman asked about the audit and why it took so long. Sherry told the Board that the audit was finished in June but the auditors had to wait on the Comptroller's office to submit the report. Mayor Luedke said that the Board needs to think about water rates. We lose about \$4000 per month on water. Trustee Pagel wants the water rates on the agenda for the next meeting – discuss/vote.

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

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza