

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS**  
**#18-08-20 R16**  
**MONDAY AUGUST 20, 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 Logan, Crowder, Kaufman, Hanna and Pagel were present. Trustee Barker was absent. Also in attendance were Matt Foster from Chastain Engineering, Street Superintendent Ken Smith, and Clerk Sherry Koszesza. Residents in attendance were Ken Ferguson and Jim Boose.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2018 #18-08-06 R15
2. Approval of Disbursements #18-08-20 D1
  - Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Pagel seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Ferguson asked about the light on Claremont Street. Mayor Luedke told him that the board decided not to replace it. He asked why. Mayor Luedke told him that it was too expensive. Trustee Pagel said that it was unanimous. Mr. Ferguson left the meeting.

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

**Department Reports:**

1. Law Enforcement Report. Deputy Wendell was off duty. There was no report.
2. Village Staff Reports. There was nothing to report. Zoning changes will be voted on at the next meeting. Trustee Crowder asked about the fire hydrant repair. He said that Ken had explained the process in more detail. He asked if we were to send out a letter to everyone affected, would we still be liable for any damage to homes. Mayor Luedke and Ken said no. Ken thought that we might be more susceptible to water main breaks on Rt. 48 if we did not install the line stop. Trustee Crowder asked about closing off that section. Ken said that we can't create dead ends. Ken asked Matt Foster about that. Matt said that you have to maintain a minimum water pressure and closing that could be an issue. Trustee Crowder asked how many dead ends we have. There are 9. Trustee Crowder understands why Ken wants to do this. Trustee Crowder asked who across 48 has water service. Trustee Pagel thought it would be the better way to go, repairing with the stop and spend the extra money. Trustee Kaufman thought it would be better to spend the money on the line stop.

Trustee Hanna asked what the chances are of having a water main break if we don't do the line stop. Ken said there are about 14 prior breaks in that area. Trustee Logan said that he is all about preventative maintenance. Ken will put in the line stop.

3. Mayor's Report. August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> are the first games on new turf at the high school. There will be events uptown those nights. The Fall Festival is September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Church. Blues, brews & barbeque will be that evening at Bargenta. There were 2 citations given since the last meeting. Trustee Pagel asked about barricades. He wanted to know if we have the correct barricades to block off the uptown area. Mayor Luedke said that we have barricades. Trustee Pagel said that there are probably specs for barricades for events like this. Ken said that some towns make the event planner supply their own barricade. Trustee Hanna asked if they were using our barricades to block the street for their event. Yes, they have always used ours. Trustee Kaufman asked about using the township's barricades.
4. Attorney's Report. There was none.

#### **Old Business:**

- Discuss/Vote on Safe Routes to School Grant/Application. Matt Foster said that the program is open again. It is a way to get funds to build sidewalks and try to get kids to walk to school. It is for smaller sidewalk projects. Right now the state is requiring that the preliminary cost is paid for by the requesting agency. After that the grant is \$200,000.00. It is a federally funded grant program. The village would have to come up with a phase one plan that would have to be approved. Then it can be bid out. He reviewed the different ways that we could do the planning phase. Mayor Luedke asked about the eligible sponsors or could this be co-sponsored. The municipality can apply for the infrastructure programs but the school could not. Trustee Kaufman said that we could ask the school to help with the engineering costs. Matt Foster thought that they weren't allowed to spend money if it wasn't on their property. Mayor Luedke asked how much money is available. \$5-\$6 million for the entire state. Trustee Hanna asked if it was per year. Matt said that within 2 years your project must be complete. Matt Foster hopes that this will be open every other year and your reports can be submitted in the next application cycle. He said that you must get the phase one report in to get the ball rolling. Trustee Kaufman asked how long the phase 1 report can be used. Matt Foster said that the only thing that would need updated were the cultural and conservation items. Matt Foster said there would be minimal cost to refresh the reports. Trustee Pagel asked if we had the money for phase 1, how long is our money paid for the engineering fee good. He asked if we would have to pay the fee again in a year or so. Matt Foster said no, the fee would be good for the SRTS, ITEP and other things that the village could do on their own. Trustee Crowder asked about the up-front costs. He asked if the cost would be \$75,000.00. No, it would just be either the \$25,000.00 for a small section or \$50,000.00 for a phase 1 for the entire town. After that is approved, you have to develop construction plans to go out for bid. The preliminary engineering would be \$55,000.00 at the least. There would be additional engineering costs for every plan we would apply for. Trustee Crowder asked about the total for the grant. It is \$200,000.00 and will only get us 1 mile of sidewalk. Trustee Crowder said that we could spend the \$50,000.00 and not get the grant. Matt Foster said that the phase one report is good for multiple projects but there

would be additional charges for additional projects. Matt Foster said that you have to look at the phase one costs as a 10-15 year cost. Trustee Pagel asked about the figures and using the grant to pay for some of the engineering costs. Matt Foster said that usually it is an 80/20 grant. If the village didn't want to pay anything after we got the award, they could design a project that was about \$175,000.00 and the rest would be for the design phase. Matt Foster said that to boost our chances of getting the grant, we would pay for the engineering and spend the entire grant for the construction. Ken asked how much money would be spent this fiscal year. Matt Foster said we would have to spend \$50,000.00-\$60,000.00. Trustee Crowder asked how we come up with that money. Mayor Luedke said that we do have 2 CDs. We could cash one in. We could use the money that we appropriated for sidewalks. And the Presbyterian Church would like to donate \$10,000.00 for a long-term project. Trustee Pagel said that the small CD wouldn't even touch the costs. Matt Foster said that the award is in March and then you have 6 months to finish up the planning. Then it goes on to a state letting, We would be looking at January 2020 as a possible start date. If the construction goes over budget, the village would be liable for the balance. Trustee Hanna asked were we stood on the well pump, the village hall roof and the generator. He asked how many villages have done the entire village engineering plan as a project. We are the first. Trustee Crowder said we should call Seever. Ken didn't know he did sidewalks. Mayor Luedke said that we need to make sure that we are in ADA compliance. Trustee Hanna asked if the new sidewalks have to be 5'. Matt Foster said that 4' is the bare bones minimum. If you do a 4' sidewalk, you have to have 5' passing zones. Trustee Hanna asked if the sidewalks that we have now would have to be replaced. Matt Foster thought that we couldn't be made to change them. He said that as soon as you do anything to a section, you have to make it ADA compliant. The board agreed that they do not want to pursue the SRTS.

**New Business:** There was none.

**Closed Session:**

- Semi-Annual review of closed session minutes.
  - Trustee Crowder moved and Trustee Hanna seconded to approve going to closed session at 7:09 p.m. for the semi-annual review of closed session minutes.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

**Open Session:** Open session resumed at 7:18

- Approve Resolution #18-08-20 Res03
  - Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Pagel seconded to approve Resolution #18-08-20 Res03, Semi-annual review of closed session minutes

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

- Trustee Pagel moved, and Trustee Hanna seconded, to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Logan = 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