

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS**  
**#21-02-16 R02**  
**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2021 @ 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 Kaufman, Berry, and Ryan were present. Trustees Pagel, Mitchell, and Logan were absent. Clerk Koszesza and attorney Ed Flynn were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2021 #21-01-18 R01
2. Approval of Disbursements #21-02-16 D02
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #21-02-16 BR02
  - Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Ryan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel	=	Absent	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
Mitchell	=	Absent	Logan	=	Absent

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

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

**Department Reports:**

1. Village Staff Reports.
2. Mayor's Report. We have had 6 water main breaks since 11/30/20. Compliments to Public Works Director Derick Fisher and Street Assistant Dan Askren for the snow removal. Mayor Luedke told the Board that Clerk Sherry Koszesza had submitted items for CURES, and they have all been paid in full. The total amount we received was just over \$27,145.00. The IceFest brought a lot of people to town over the weekend. Trustee Berry said that it was great PR for our town! We had great media coverage.
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

**Old Business:**

- Discuss/Approve the Employee Handbook revisions. Trustee Ryan said that they got rid of the personal days and vacation time will be accrued by the hour. There is a chart in the Handbook of the hours earned per years worked. Sick time will keep accruing but the vacation time will cap at 240 hours. Trustee Kaufman asked if we should just call it PTO instead of vacation time. It was agreed that it will stay as Vacation Time in the Handbook. Attorney Ed Flynn said that in case of accrued time at the end of employment the payout should be 45 days after the last day of employment. He also said that we need to put language in the policy stating that it is not a contract. He said he will be happy to look over our policy. The Board will review his suggested changes at the next meeting.

- Trustee Berry moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to approve the Employee Handbook revisions.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel	=	Absent	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
Mitchell	=	Absent	Logan	=	Absent

Motion carried.

- Discuss final decisions of 135 E Water Street with attorney Ed Flynn. Ed said that he had brought an engineer out as a favor. Putting the riprap in the ditch would slow down the water flow just a little but not enough to make a difference. The problem is when the water gets to Main Street it is then slowed down and causes the water to back up. The fix would be a \$1.5 to \$2M project. There has not been a flood in that area since 2009. Mayor Luedke said that the sewers have helped, and we have done a lot of drainage improvements in that area over the years. Trustee Kaufman does not want to have to call the attorney out here to talk about this again. Trustee Berry said that this area of discussion is getting to be a conflict of interest regarding Trustee Logan and his apartment building. Trustee Kaufman said that it will keep going back to the same conversations. Trustee Kaufman does not think we need to waste more time on this issue. Ed said that if he gets a written request to answer any questions from Trustee Logan, he will give a written response. Trustee Berry said that the Board does not need to discuss this any further.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

### **Executive Session:**

- Semi-Annual review of Executive Session minutes.
  - Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Ryan seconded to go to Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. to review prior Executive Session minutes.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel	=	Absent	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
Mitchell	=	Absent	Logan	=	Absent

Motion carried.

**Open Session:** Open Session resumed at 6:35p.m.

- Approve Resolution #21-02-16 Res01, Review of Executive Session
  - Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Berry seconded to approve Resolution #21-02-16 Res01, Review of Executive Session.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel	=	Absent	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
Mitchell	=	Absent	Logan	=	Absent

Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

- Trustee Kaufman moved, and Trustee Berry seconded, to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel	=	Absent	Berry	=	Yes
Kaufman	=	Yes	Ryan	=	Yes
Mitchell	=	Absent	Logan	=	Absent

Motion carried.

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Meeting adjourned.

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Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza

Village of Argenta