**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS**

**#22-03-21 R03**

**MONDAY MARCH 21, 2022 @ 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, Kaufman, Berry, Ryan, and Logan were present. Trustee Mitchell was absent. Sherry Koszesza, Public Works Director Derick Fisher, residents Barb Anderson, Bob Wilkinson, and Mel Wilkinson were also present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2022, #22-02-22 R02
2. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2022, #22-03-01 SM01
3. Approval of Disbursements #22-03-21 D03
4. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #22-03-21 BR03
   * Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Berry seconded toapprove the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Mel Wilkinson brought pictures of the house at 250 W Broadway. Bob also said that it is very bad. They have lived here for several years. They are complaining about the cars and other items that are in the yard next door. They would appreciate a response, positive or negative. They claim the owner of 250 had to take a fence down to get stuff his backyard. Trustee Berry would not like to live by that. Mayor Luedke did go by the house today to look at the property. We can send him a letter to clean up the items that are in violation of our ordinances. Mr. Wilkinson will get ordinances from other towns to bring to a committee. Trustee Logan would like to know what size building Mr. Smith was wanting to put up several years ago. Sherry will check the zoning records.

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

**Department Reports:**

1. Village Staff Reports. Public Works Director Derick Fisher had nothing.
2. Mayor’s Report. There is still no lead on the break in at the gun shop. Water tower painting is scheduled for June. Chastain will be out tomorrow to do GIS training. Mayor Luedke explained the EPA missing check issue.
3. Attorney’s Report

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

**New Business:**

* Discuss/Approve Appropriation Ordinance #22-03-21 Ord01
  + Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Barker seconded toapprove Appropriation Ordinance #22-03-21 Ord01.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Abstain

Motion carried.

* Approve date for electronic recycling. It will be April 30 from 9-11, limit of 5 items.
* Discuss plans for 159 N North Street. Mayor Luedke is going to send the owners a letter to find out their intentions for the building. They will have until May 1st to respond. After that, we will proceed with plans to demolish. Trustee Berry would like to see the building saved. Mayor Luedke said that there is reportedly a hole in the roof.
* Discuss options for new water plant/questions for engineers. The engineers want to start with a feasibility study. We will also do a water rate study. Rural water will do that for free. We will want to have a town meeting to help decide whether the Village wants our own water plant or if we want to buy water from another town. We will want to pursue money from the federal infrastructure bill. Michael asked if Forsyth was even willing to connect to us. They have said there is interest. The Board will send questions to Sherry.

**Executive Session:** Semi-annual review of Executive Session Minutes

* Trustee Barker moved and Trustee Berry seconded go to Executive Session at 7:03 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

**Open Session:** Open Session resumed at 7:07p.m.

* Approve Resolution #22-03-21 Res01, Review of Executive Session Minutes.
  + Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Berry seconded toResolution #22-03-21 Res01.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

* There was more discussion about 250 W Broadway. The Board will review some of the ordinances.

**Adjournment**

* Trustee Kaufman moved, and Trustee Ryan seconded, to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza