**MINUTES**

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

**#23-05-15 R05**

**MONDAY MAY 15, 2023 @ 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, Berry, and Ryan, were present. Trustees Kaufman and Mitchell were absent. Clerk Sherry Koszesza, Public Works Director Derick Fisher, and Sgt. Atkins were also present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Swearing-In of re-elected/new Trustees**

* James Berry, Michael Ryan, and Kevin Metsker were sworn in as trustees.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2023, #23-04-17 R04
2. Approval of Disbursements #23-05-15 D05
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #23-05-15 BR05
   * Trustee Barry moved and Trustee Barker seconded toapprove the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Absent Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

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

**Department Reports:**

1. Village Staff Reports. Public works director Derick Fisher said that Rise Broadband pulled up two service lines while they were installing the fiber. They will pay for the repairs. Elite paving will do the corner at Main and Elm and Pennsylvania Ave, and the parking area on the west side of the bank. The Neptune AMI is up and running. We should be able to read meters from the village hall in a day or so. The fire hydrant at Emerson and park needs repaired. Trustee Ryan asked about the damage to Broadway from the fiber companies boring under the road. Derick said we will try to roll it out. He is still waiting for his test results.
2. Mayor’s Report. The electronics recycling event went well. Two other solar companies are interested in our farm ground. We are locked in our contract for one more year. We will revisit this at a later date.
3. Attorney’s Report. There was no report.

**Old Business:**

* Discuss/Vote on options to proceed regarding 100 N North St (commonly known as 159 N North St)

**Closed Session:**

* + Trustee Barker moved and Trustee Ryan seconded to go to executive session at 6:22 PM to discuss 100 N North St.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = absent Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

**Open Session:**

**Open session resumed at 7:09 PM**

* + Trustee Ryan moved and Trustee Berry seconded to get two bids to repair the front of the building and to allow Attorney Munsterman to do a lien search.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Absent Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

**New Business:**

* Discuss the possibility of investing in IL Funds. Mayor Luedke told the board that the library and Warrensburg use Illinois Funds. Mt Zion used to use Illinois Funds, but they now use a different firm. She said that Mt Zion would still recommend Illinois Funds. Attorney Flynn told Mayor Luedke he would be very comfortable with the village investing $200,000 in Illinois Funds. We could cash out two of the CD's that we currently have at Gerber bank. The Mayor told everyone to look at the information that was given to them and we will have a vote at the next meeting.
* Discuss/Vote to give a donation to AIM for the sesquicentennial. The board was all in agreement to give a donation to AIM for the sesquicentennial fireworks. We will table this item until July so we can see what the need is at that time.

**Adjournment**

* Trustee Ryan moved, and Trustee Barker seconded, to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker = Yes Berry = Yes

Kaufman = Absent Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Metsker = Yes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza