



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS**  
**#21-07-19 R07**  
**MONDAY JULY 19, 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 (via Zoom), Mitchell, Berry, Ryan, and Logan were present. Trustee Barker was absent. Clerk Sherry Koszesza, Public Works Director Derick Fisher, and attorney Ross Munsterman were also present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes June 21, 2021, 06-21 R06
2. Approval of Disbursements #21-07-19 D07
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #21-07-19 BR07
  - Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Berry seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** There was none. Michael Stephens was here to see what was going to be discussed regarding his property at 178 N North Street.

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

**Department Reports:**

1. Village Staff Reports. Deputy Lilly said there is nothing going on out of the ordinary. Public Works Director Derick Fisher is trimming bushes and had Jack-A-Slab here doing sidewalks. They will be here for 4 days. He said they are doing a great job. Trustee Kaufman asked for some before and after pictures. Trustee Berry asked about how long it is taking. Derick said they are going very quickly.
2. Mayor's Report. 159 N North – bricks pulling out from the front of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor exterior - the owner has until the beginning of August to do repairs or demolish the building. Any damage caused by the building will be the owner's responsibility. We have a chance with IDOT for the ITEP grant because of a glitch. We are waiting on IEPA for a permit for the mixer for the water tower. The Farmer's Market has been very successful. There have been a lot of residents putting junk out. We will have to get a handle on that.
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

**Old Business:**

- Discuss/Vote on further action for 178 N North Street. Attorney Ross Munsterman said that the municipality can demolish a property that is unsafe. Ross explained the process to the Board. Costs would be recorded on a lien. Michael Stephens said that the house is still under investigation. He said that he cannot do anything with the property. Trustee Berry

asked if they have ever come to look at the house. Samantha Stephens said they have. Trustee Berry asked if we proceed, would the insurance company move faster? Ross did not know. Trustee Logan asked if they are waiting to settle with the insurance. Samantha does not know what is going on. Trustee Logan asked if they could send a certified letter to the insurance. Ross said that Michael and Samantha would have to do that. Michael said that he would be willing to take the chimney down. Trustee Kaufman said that there is not a finalized timeline if we do initiate the process. And it may get the insurance moving faster. Trustee Logan said that we could start the process. Samantha asked what would happen if the insurance company does not respond. Trustee Berry said that we would tear it down. Trustee Berry asked who would be responsible if someone got hurt there? Ross said that it would be the homeowner. Michael asked if there was an estimated cost. 4-5 hours attorney time, \$35 inspection fee. Michael said that we should at least start the process to show that the Village is taking steps to take care of the problems.

- Trustee Ryan moved and Trustee Berry seconded to approve to start the process to demolish the house at 178 N North St.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

**New Business:** Trustee Logan said that the newspaper is saying that there is a lot of action in the cannabis business. He would like the Village Board to take out an ad in the Herald & Review asking for parties that are interested in building a cannabis dispensary. Trustee Ryan said that Attorney Ed Flynn told us not to advertise. Trustee Ryan said that the companies applying for the license must have a location. Trustee Logan said that Aaric Kendall has a spot. Trustee Logan wants to start a committee to investigate this. Trustee Ryan does not think forming a committee would be in the best interest of the Village. Trustee Logan would like this on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Closed Session:**

**Open Session:**

**Adjournment**

- Trustee Mitchell moved, and Trustee Ryan seconded, to adjourn at 6:51p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.