

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#21-08-16 R08
MONDAY AUGUST 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 Barker, Kaufman, Mitchell, Berry, Ryan, and Logan were present. Public Works Director Derick Fisher was absent. Clerk Sherry Koszesza and Matt Foster with Chastain Engineering were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2021 #21-07-19 R07
2. Approval of Disbursements #21-08-16 D08
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #21-08-16 BR08
 - Trustee Barker moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker =	Yes	Berry =	Yes
Kaufman =	Yes	Ryan =	Yes
Mitchell =	Yes	Logan =	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 could not be here. He is quarantined. He has a child that has COVID.
2. Mayor's Report. We have used \$9,000.00 for sidewalks from the Rebuild Illinois Funds. We will schedule another \$9,000.00. We will have about \$42,000.00 left to use in MFT. We are eligible for ARPA money. It is approximately \$119,000.00 paid once this year and once next year. There are about 5 areas that it can be used for. We will probably have to use it for water main replacements. We have had 3 main breaks since last meeting; 2 on Park Street and one across from the firehouse. We have received the permit from the EPA for the mixer for the water tower. Trustee Ryan asked if we have a paint scheme – blue tower with orange letters. The building at 159 N North – their 90 period is up Sept 15. The water is off for public safety. 178 N North – the attorney has started the process to eventually have it demolished. It has been posted in the newspaper. We are down by 2 deputies.
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business: There was no old business

New Business:

- Discuss/Vote to authorize Chastain to assemble and submit a Safe Routes to School Grant. Matt Foster was here to go over the information on SRTS. There is a hand-out that he supplied to the Board. Since we have a middle school, we are eligible for the grant. The

maximum out of pocket for the Village could be up to \$250,000.00. There is a graph with all of the amounts listed. Trustee Ryan asked what our share of the ITEP would be. About \$107,000.00. With SRTS you must start the project at the school and work your way out. Trustee Berry said that the sidewalk on East Street that is in front of the school is in really bad shape. He thought it would be a good idea for the grant. He also said that the school kids walk from the school to the park down Warren Street. Matt asked if the Village wants to proceed. Trustee Kaufman found on the IDOT website that it looks like we did not get the ITEP grant. Matt said we will probably have to cut out about 1/3 of the total grant allotted for SRTS. It is an 80/20 grant, but some things are ineligible. Trustee Kaufman and Trustee Ryan asked if we could use the MFT funds for our part. Matt Foster thought we could. He will check. Trustee Barker thought that we could spend up to 4125,000.00 as our portion. Trustee Berry agreed. Matt asked if the board is OK with he and Mayor Luedke having a meeting with the middle school principal. Trustee Barker and Trustee Berry would like to have 2 options presented. The next item is to have a public input. We will need to have student/parent surveys, school admin input, get fliers out, etc.

- Trustee Barker moved and Trustee Berry seconded to approve to authorize Chastain to assemble and submit a Safe Routes to School Grant.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Vote to create a Cannabis Committee. Trustee Logan did some research and gathered some information. Mayor Luedke said that she talked to the mayor of Harristown, and she has not had any interest from anyone wanting to open a dispensary. Trustee Logan doesn't know why Argenta was not mentioned in the paper or on WAND. He asked why the Village is afraid of getting our name out. Trustee Berry doesn't feel it is the Board's place to form a committee. He thinks it should be up to residents. Trustee Kaufman said that we don't have any property to offer. He said there is very little the Board can do to promote this. He thinks a community group would be a better choice. Mayor Luedke said that at least 2 groups have approached the Board regarding a dispensary and a craft growing spot. Trustee Kaufman said that the Village could maybe set up a TIF or offer some other incentives. Trustee Barker said the permits are costly. Trustee Berry thought that it would be great if a community group wanted to do something. Trustee Logan asked if the Board wanted to do something like the article that was in the Herald & Review. Mayor Luedke said if they want to interview her, she would be OK with that. Trustee Logan asked why the Village would want to pass up \$1 million dollars in tax revenue. Trustee Berry said that he has not seen any small towns getting dispensaries. Trustee Ryan said that anyone that wants to open a dispensary has done their research and knows that Argenta is available. Trustee Ryan said that the hand-out that Trustee Logan is referring to is an interview, not an advertisement. There was a heated exchange and Trustee Ryan asked if he could make a motion.

- Trustee Ryan moved and Trustee Logan seconded to approve the formation of a Cannabis Committee.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Barker	=	Yes	Berry	=	No
Kaufman	=	No	Ryan	=	No
Mitchell	=	No	Logan	=	Yes

Motion denied.

Closed Session:

- Semi-annual review of Executive Session Minutes
 - Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Barker seconded to approve to go to Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Open Session:

- Open Session resumed at 7:21 p.m.
- Approve Resolution #21-08-16 Res02, Review of Executive Session Minutes
 - Trustee Barker moved and Trustee Berry seconded to approve Resolution #21-08-16 Res02, Review of Executive Session Minutes

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Adjournment

- Trustee Kaufman moved, and Trustee Ryan seconded, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza