

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS**  
**#24-01-16 R01**  
**MONDAY JANUARY 16, 2024 @ 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 Metsker were present. Trustees Barker, Mitchell, and Ryan were absent. Clerk Sherry Koszesza and Public Works Director Derick Fisher were also present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2023, #23-12-18 R12
2. Approval of Disbursements #24-01-16 D01
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #24-01-16 BR01
  - A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Kaufman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

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

**Department Reports:**

1. Village Staff Reports. Deputy Carmody – there has been not much new. A few minor traffic accidents. The board has notice speeders on North Street. Public Works Director Derick Fisher- #2 pump is down. Derick has a quote of \$21,000 to have it rebuilt. Then for \$8K we could buy a brand new one. It is from a company in Peoria. The lead time is 2 weeks for the new one. Trustee Metsker told Derick to call Bradford. We need to have the pump up and running ASAP. The board directed Derick to get a new pump. The backwash system needs to be rebuilt. There are three hydrants that are leaking bad. They need replaced and valves put in for them. The hydrants are \$3000.00-\$5000.00 each. He will put valves in now at around \$18,000.00. Then we can put the hydrants in when the weather is better. The board directed him to fix everything as soon as he can get it scheduled. Someone has dumped lumber at the burn pile. Sherry will address this on the village Facebook page.
2. Mayor's Report. The Resident at 300 N North paid the bill for the cleanup of the brush/trees on her property. The second door and the openers at the farm shed will be installed tomorrow. Ron Grider is still working on the desks. Derick got called out Sunday for a frozen meter. He got it thawed and insulated. Mayor Luedke got called out to a possible water main break, but it was just someone's sump pump. Regarding Utility Service Company, the last correspondence was from 12-21-23. They would take off the water trucks

but wanted us to pay the 2022 invoice. We do not owe that and are waiting on their response.

3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

**Old Business:**

➤ Discuss/Vote to put a hold on the Safe Routes to School grant program. There are three easements that we need. IDOT is making this way more expensive than it needs to be. We would also need an appraisal. IDOT will not let you change the scope of the project or let you request more money. They can also change your project and we would have to pay for it. Matt Foster suggested that we back out of the program and reapply in 2025. Trustee Berry said that this project is getting out of hand. We could use this money on other things.

➤ A motion was made by Trustee Berry with a second by Trustee Metsker to put a hold on the Safe Routes to School grant program.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

➤ Discuss/Vote to invest \$1,000.00 in the SVCEO program. Mayor Luedke explained the program.

➤ A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Metsker to invest \$1,000.00 in the SVCEO program.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

➤ Discuss and set the date for the Appropriations meeting. March 6 at 5pm. Dinner will be provided.

**New Business:**

**Closed Session:**

**Open Session:**

**Adjournment**

➤ A motion was made by Trustee Kaufman with a second by Trustee Berry to adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.