

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS**  
**#21-10-18 R10**  
**MONDAY OCTOBER 18, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.**  
**VILLAGE HALL, 330 N WARREN STREET, ARGENTA, ILLINOIS**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Pro Tem Kaufman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Pro Tem Kaufman and Trustees Mitchell, Berry, Ryan, and Logan were present. Mayor Luedke and Trustee Barker were 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 of September 20, 2021 #21-09-20 R09
2. Approval of Disbursements #21-10-18 D10
3. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #21-10-18 BR10
  - Trustee Berry moved and Trustee Mitchell 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.

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

**Department Reports:**

1. Village Staff Reports. Public Works Director Derick Fisher put two new meters in this week. He needs new tires for the pickup. Trustee Ryan asked where we were on the backhoe. It will be on the agenda next month. Trustee Mitchell asked if Derick talked to Mayor Luedke about the holes across the street from her. Trustee Berry asked if they were going to do something to the sidewalk in front of Ruby Kaufman's house. Derick has been looking at it. Jack a slab will be here again. Put the backhoe on the agenda next month.
2. Mayor's Report. Mayor Pro Tem Kaufman said that the audit report is on everyone's desk. The Recycle event went very well.
3. Attorney's Report. There was none.

**Old Business:**

- Discuss/Vote to move forward with the demolition of 178 N North Street, pending the outcome of the insurance claim. Mayor Luedke told Ross that Samantha Stephens had been in contact with the insurance company. Attorney Ross Munsterman has been in contact with Safeguard Property. They have not been able to get into the property and make a report to Regions Bank. He also had a conversation with an attorney from the bank. The property is in pre-foreclosure. Ross said the Board could wait or go ahead and take action tonight pending the insurance or bank making a decision. Trustee Mitchell asked if Sam and Michael Stephens could go onto the property to get things. Ross said that the Village has no say in that. Derick said that we are waiting on three companies to get back with him with a bid. Ross suggests that they table this because there seems to be some movement. Austin, an attorney for Regions, will let the bank know where we are. Table this item.

**New Business:**

- Discuss/Vote to set the 2021-2022 Tax Levy. Mayor Pro Tem Kaufman explained the Levy. Trustee Logan did not want to put a burden on the residents. Mayor Pro Tem Kaufman explained that it would be an increase of around \$15.00, at the most, per household. This is not a monthly increase; it is once a year.
  - Trustee Berry moved and Trustee Mitchell seconded to set the 2021-2022 Tax Levy. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

**Closed Session:**

- Trustee Mitchell moved and Trustee Ryan seconded go to Executive Session at 6:22 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

**Open Session:** Open session resumed at 6:29 p.m.

- Trustee Ryan moved and Trustee Mitchell seconded to use Illinois Rural Water Association as the third water operator listed on the emergency protocol for the water plant. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaufman said that the Street and Water committee was looking into options for a new backhoe. It will be on the November agenda. Trustee Mitchell asked about noise at Bargeta. She said bands are playing too loud and too late. She wanted to know what the noise ordinance was. Clerk Koszesza told the Board that there is no noise ordinance. The Village has a disturbing the peace ordinance. If the bands at Bargeta are disturbing anyone at any time, that person may call the Sheriff's Office to report them.

**Adjournment**

- Trustee Berry moved, and Trustee Ryan seconded, to adjourn at 6:37 p.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.