**MINUTES**

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

**#20-11-16 R11**

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2020 @ 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 (via phone), and Ryan were present. Trustees Pagel, Mitchell, and Logan were absent. Clerk Koszesza and Attorney Ed Flynn were also present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2020 #20-10-19 R10
2. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2020 #20-11-10 SM03
3. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of November 10, 2020 #20-11-10 E04
4. Approval of Disbursements #20-11-16 D11
5. Approval of Bank Reconciliations #20-11-16 BR11
   * Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Ryan seconded toapprove the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = Absent Berry = Yes, via phone

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Absent

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

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

**Department Reports:**

1. Village Staff Reports
2. Mayor’s Report. Mayor Luedke told the Board that the Village received the EPA inspection report. She asked the Board if Larry or Perry was needed at the next meeting. No. The public works director position was offered to Derick Fisher. The Village Hall will be closed to the public until further notice. Sherry will be there to answer the phone or make appointments when necessary. Mayor Luedke to the Board that the used rack and pinion for the police car was not able to be programmed. Macon County Highway Department was able to get a new Ford part from Jackson Ford at wholesale cost. We should have the car back at the end of the week.
3. Attorney’s Report. There was none.

**Old Business:**

* Discuss/Vote on Area Disposal Contract. Trustee Kaufman and Trustee Berry really like the electronic recycling program. Trustee Berry asked if there was room in one of our buildings. Trustee Kaufman said that we should be able to find a place. Maybe we could use the township shed or the cemetery shed. We could have it a couple of times a year.
  + Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Berry seconded toapprove the Area Disposal Contract.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = Absent Berry = Yes, via phone

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Absent

Motion carried.

* Approve the 2020/2021 Tax Levy Ordinance 20-11-16 Ord04.
  + Trustee Kaufman moved and Trustee Ryan seconded toapprove the 2020/2021 Tax Levy Ordinance 20-11-16 Ord04.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = Absent Berry = Yes, via phone

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Absent

Motion carried.

* Discussion regarding Village property. Attorney Ed Flynn has been involved in many development projects in Decatur. Dealing with storm water is always a hot topic. He is sensitive to the engineering aspects of storm water. Ed reached out to Phil Cochran to look at our ditch issue. Mr. Cochran was involved in many projects in Decatur. Ed likes to look at the end result and work his way back. He said that they all spent probably an hour looking at the area. In the end, Mr. Cochran said that the rip rap would cause some slowing of the water but how much would be hard to quantify. It is hard to say if the flooding would be caused by rip rap or by the slope of the street. There are houses that are built over water lines because there were no building inspectors until recently. Many things were not built like they should have been. If we went to court right now, he would fight hard but he is confident that he would not have enough evidence to win the case. There would be no ordinance violation. Trustee Berry asked if we could take the rip rap out if the tenant moves. Ed said that maybe the homeowner’s property line goes to the middle of the road. If it is a dedicated right-of-way, we could take it out right now. Ed said that they even discussed digging out more of the ditch but that was not a feasible option because there would eventually be a backup of water and some flooding. Ed found out that the person living there is a tenant. He would talk to the homeowner after the renter moves and have the rip rap removed. Trustee Ryan asked if we should do something to keep this from happening again. Ed said that it would depend on what alterations were made to the property. Trustee Ryan asked if we should write an ordinance to keep people from making any changes to the boulevards. Ed thinks that our ordinance that states they cannot create a nuisance would cover that. You cannot cause a health, safety, and welfare problem. Ed said that in most yards or boulevards there is not much room for these sorts of changes.

**New Business:** Trustee Kaufman asked if the December meeting will be Zoom. Mayor Luedke said we will decide closer to the meeting.

Mayor Luedke said we should know by May or June about the sidewalk grant.

Trustee Ryan asked about the backup call for Deputy Burgener on October 5th.

The street and water committee will meet on December 9th at 5:00 pm to work on items required by Chastain.

**Closed Session:**

**Open Session:**

**Adjournment**

* Trustee Kaufman moved, and Trustee Berry seconded, to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Pagel = Absent Berry = Yes, via phone

Kaufman = Yes Ryan = Yes

Mitchell = Absent Logan = Absent

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza