

PROCEEDINGS - VILLAGE OF ARGYLE - MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Argyle Village Board was called to order by President Thomas Moore on April 2nd, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken with Fransen absent. Proper posting of the meeting was acknowledged. King made a motion for approval of the minutes, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried. Helfvogt made a motion to approve the agenda, Johnson seconded, motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENT There were no citizen comments presented.

OLD BUSINESS The Plan Commission recommended that the Village look into funding for a Smart Growth Plan. Currently there are two estimates presented, Vierbicher for \$30,000, Southwest Regional Planning Commission for \$20,000. SWRPC also includes a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan along with the Smart Growth Plan. The plans are both required for various grants and funding opportunities, such as funding for new playground equipment at the park and downtown improvements. The plan term is for ten years, and the latest plan is currently out of date. Funding will have to be investigated before moving forward with either plan. Helfvogt motioned to approve moving forward with investigation of funds for a Smart Growth and Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried. The Plan Commission recommended the approval of the Certified Survey Map to Divide lot 4 into two sections to build a future parking lot and daycare. King motioned to approve the CSM, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried. The Village has received two quotes for the Dam Spillway project. First National Bank quoted 7.25% fixed interest for a 1-year interest only loan for the entire project cost. Woodford Bank quoted for a 3-year payback or less loan at 4.5% for the first part of the project costs with the ability to re-finance and add in the second part of the project costs later to avoid paying interest on the entire amount up front. Johnson motioned to approve the quote from Woodford Bank, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried. The Village of Argyle planned to review bids for mowing the Old Argyle Cemetery. No bids were received, so McGuire suggested reposting the ad and taking bids for another month. The ad will be re-posted for another month, and a decision will be tabled until the May meeting. The Final Resolution Authorizing Curb & Gutter Improvements and Levy Special Assessments against Benefitted Properties was presented, Helfvogt motioned to approve, Webster seconded, motion carried. The Village Insurance with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Municipal Insurance is up for renewal. They provided options this year to up the liability from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000, and for additional crime insurance. Helfvogt motioned to approve the additional insurance and renew, King seconded, motion carried. The Argyle Public Library has hired a new director, Bailey Watson, who will be starting with the library on March 25th. She will be graduating with a degree in Library Science in May. Everyone is encouraged to visit the library, introduce themselves, and welcome Bailey to our community. The library is continuing to look at options for a new building. Helfvogt motioned to approve the hiring of the new Library Director, Johnson seconded, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS The Plan Commission recommended approving the Conditional Use Permit for Dennis Lancaster's property located on River Street. He will be renovating the old Red Front Lumber building into a storage facility with bays and trailers for rent, along with replacing the electrical work in the building, and replacing the batten on the outside of the building. Hinojosa motioned to approve the permit, King seconded, motion carried. The St. Joseph's Church has asked for a variance request to split the house from the church. The variance will be for the side and back lots of the home, as they will not meet the Village ordinance measurements. Helfvogt motioned to approve, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried. McGuire updated the Park Committee that she updated the contracts for the Argyle Beavers, Mud Volleyball Tournament, and Flywheelers Thresheree. They will be shared with the Park Committee and approved at a future meeting. The WEDC Engagement letter from Johnson Block was presented, which will be a continuation on the CDI project and the approval will allow them to work on the CDI project through 2025. Helfvogt motioned to approve, King seconded, motion carried. Open Book will be held on May 22nd from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, and Board of Review will be June 5th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS The Water Department is still adjusting the new chlorine pumps to get them to operate appropriately. They will be checking service lines by hydro-jetting on North Street for Lead Service Lines in accordance with the LSL Replacement project to make sure that all lead lines are removed and replaced. The Electric Department had completed maintenance on the boom truck. Tree-trimming will be done at various locations throughout the Village to keep the power lines clear. The street sweeper requires maintenance; a new spinning brush and a new water pump will be needed for it to operate properly. Johnson updated on the new Argyle Community Parks Foundation; they are looking into getting new playground equipment for the park as well as other updates and improvements to our park to make it more inclusive for people of all ages. You can find information on this group at argyleparks.org.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Schutte updated more information about implementing online bill-pay with Argyle Municipal Utilities through the new Village website. Online payment company Doxo offers free service for anyone using an e-check or bank account transfer. The only fees incurred would be a surcharge if a card was used for payment instead of a bank account transfer payment. Schutte and McGuire hope that this will help make it more accessible for everyone to pay their utility bills. Johnson made a motion to approve of moving forward with setting Doxo online payments up, King seconded, motion carried. The shelter house improvements will be completed soon, and a celebration event will be held on July 19th in conjunction with Christmas in July. A full day of activities is being planned to entertain all ages.

PRESIDENT BUSINESS The payroll report for March 2025 overtime paid to full-time: Johnson – 2.38 hours, Ritschard – 4.61 hours, Flannery – 12.95 hours, McGuire – 3.00 hours, Saalsaa – 3.86 hours. King made a motion to approve overtime, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried. The results of the Spring Election were: King – 177 votes, Hinojosa – 171 votes, Helfvogt – 186 votes.

CLERK BUSINESS There were no building permits to be approved. McGuire had questions on the job posting for the Part-Time Seasonal Park Mowing position. McKibben, who runs the Recycling Center, previously was handling the mowing of the park, however he has resigned from the mowing portion. This will be investigated at a future meeting. The water rate case has been submitted to the PSC by Johnson Block. Public Fire Protection costs will need to be decided on at a future meeting. The Village's insurance claim for the damages to the sub-station and wastewater treatment plant fence will be submitted once we receive a police report for the accident on March 18th. Johnson made a motion to approve total March 2025 accounts payable checks \$85,175.26, April 2025 invoices paid to date \$24,013.45, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th, at 7:00 pm. King made a motion to adjourn at 8:32PM, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried.

Mallory McGuire
Deputy Clerk