

**PROCEEDINGS - VILLAGE OF ARGYLE - MONTHLY MEETING**  
**May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Argyle Village Board called to order by President Thomas Moore on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Roll call taken with all members present. Proper posting of the meeting acknowledged. Copies of the monthly meeting from 4/03/2024 emailed to board members for review. King made a motion to approve minutes, Fransen seconded, carried. Green made a motion to approve the agenda, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENT** Jerry Gerber & Kim Hendrickson of the Argyle American Legion Post 251 were present to discuss updates to the older shelter house in the American Legion Park. They approached the village on repairs needed to the concrete floor and suggested modifications to make the shelter house more user friendly and completing these improvements in phases. In phase one the village will re-do the concrete floor and install plumbing for handicapped restroom. In phase two a kitchen area could be added, windows and door on south end, and storage area at north end for youth sports equipment storage. The American Legion will assist with monetary donations as possible for part of the project and labor if needed with the project. The village had two concrete bids for the project for the first phase with three (3) different options they reviewed. Keystone Custom Concrete in Monroe and Keith Helfvogt in Argyle. After reviewing both bids, the board decided to proceed with phase one on updates of the shelter house. King made a motion to approve bid option #1 from Keith Helfvogt to concrete floor/flatwork 102 ft x 45 ft total cost with labor and materials \$18,360.00, Johnson seconded, motion carried. This will complete the floor, and prep for any future plumbing. The board needs to determine the best time to start and fund the project will be determined. Neale Tollakson & Monica Hodgson came before the board with updates on the grant for a new library and community center. The project they are applying for will hopefully bring in better connectivity for broadband, educational services, and healthcare monitoring. These three items need to be on the grant application. There is no minimum match for the grant. They are working with Rick Rolfmeyer of Hollandale to assist with writing the grant. They had members of the group sit in on a two hour zoom call training on the grant May 10<sup>th</sup> to learn more about it. They explained only governments are eligible for this grant, we will need to identify a lot that is suitable for a library, the Village will need to make the offer to purchase (contingent on the grant being awarded), the Village will need to provide a funding source, most recent financial audit, sign the grant application and submits it via the federal system for Award Management (SAM), application is due by July 11<sup>th</sup>. The DOA will award the grant on October 1<sup>st</sup>, this contract will need to be signed before the end of the year, and all construction must be complete by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**OLD BUSINESS** The village received three (3) bids this year for the Old Argyle Cemetery. Travis Segner of Fresh Air Lawn Care bid \$150.00 per mowing, Jacob Scoville bid in the amount of \$300.00 per mowing, McKeon Landscape bid in the amount of \$165.00 per mowing. Fransen made a motion to approve the bid from Travis Segner of Fresh Air Lawn Care for \$150.00 per mowing, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried. Chris Guthrie would like to hold a tractor pull in the lower end of the park on July 27<sup>th</sup> this year and use the Beaver concession area if available to serve food & beer so he would like a picnic license for the event. He has contacted Mike Godfrey with the Argyle Beavers, and they have no issues with them using the building for the event. King made a motion to approve the Picnic License for the day, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried. President Moore reviewed findings from Attorney Ralph Farrell on the possible abandonment of a portion of Mill Street lying east of Lafayette Street in the Village of Argyle. King made a motion to have Attorney Ralph Farrell complete a title search on the property to determine which lot or lot(s) the property came from, Green seconded, motion carried.

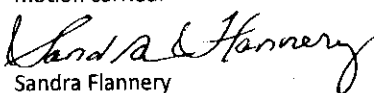
**NEW BUSINESS** The board reviewed the premium renewal summary from Baer Insurance and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, for Liability & Auto, Workers Compensation, Property & Crime insurance, with this year's premium decreasing \$2,635.00 overall. Helfvogt made a motion to approve the renewal of coverages, Green seconded, motion carried. Liquor licenses filed at the Clerk's office for renewal starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024; Class B Beer-Class B Liquor; Good Fellas Tavern LLC, Sportz Page Bar & Grill, The Corner Pub & Deli LLC, Class A Beer-Class A Liquor; Blanchardville Co-op Oil Association. Kathy Olmstead has given the village her notice of resignation. Her last day as Economic Development Coordinator will be Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Sarah Kyrie asked if the board would consider dividing the position with the library position to make it full time. They may need to re-post that position if that were to happen. The board will need to consider it.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS** King reported on the status of the HydroCorp cross connection inspection process for the Water Department. Jared Johnson & Sandra Flannery met with Jon Strehlow & Matt Hetrick in late April to determine what they needed for each customer that will have inspections. Flannery has completed the spreadsheets with our customer information. Johnson will assist with the inspections as completed. He will be able to complete inspections on any other customers that may need these inspections in the future. For the Electric Department, Dan Koch passed his second year Lineman hands-on written exams last month and is now considered a third-year apprentice. We received the official response back from FERC on the proposed path forward with our dam repairs. FERC is requesting more of a stability analysis from our engineering firm. Dan has heard from Kleinschmidt; they will put together a response with all the findings report stating the dam is not going anywhere including a teleconference with FERC. King made a motion to pay Kleinschmidt \$3,500.00 to complete the reporting. Pay Hydro Consultants will receive \$125.00 per hour to see what grants are available to repair the dam once approved. Helfvogt seconded and motion carried. He would like the board to give clarification on tree trimming going forward and a policy when people ask for bucket truck favors, ranging from photography to gutter repairs and flagpoles. The Electric Committee will review the ordinance and discuss different situations, what other communities do, and create a policy that works for our community size. There have been suggestions that the parking stall on the corner of Milwaukee Street & State Street in front of the old Rossing clothing store should be NO Parking due to visibility issues, especially with large trucks turning right. The intersection has two highways meet and can be extremely busy at various times of the day. The board made the decision to make the stall compact cars only at this time and see if it helps with the situation, since we have limited parking in our downtown area. Helfvogt reported we had new more efficient flushing toilets installed in the newer shelter house by Andrews. All board members received an email this past month, due to one toilet that was not working. Funds came from the Park & Recreation account.

**PRESIDENT BUSINESS** The payroll report for April 2024 had overtime as follows: Johnson-16.41 hours, Ritschard-12.07 hours, Koch-15.75 hours, Flannery-4.92 hours, Saalsaa-2.63 hours. King made a motion to approve overtime, Green seconded, motion carried. Board of review will be May 16<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm to 5 pm. The Argyle EMS & Fire Department held a mock accident held in the park on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Participating in the drill included the Argyle Police Department, Erickson Funeral Home, Med Flight & students from the Argyle school. All responding units used lights & sirens. After the mock accident, all students then went into the school gym for thoughts and conclusions. The village met with Janelle Rucker of Woodford Bank to discuss starting an Argyle Chamber of Commerce. This would be a group of business owners in our community who form a network to promote local business. She will be contacting local businesses to determine if there is interest. The Garthwaite's have sold ½ of the first duplex on the old school lots.

**CLERK BUSINESS** Total Inspections approved a building permit for Justin Erickson for a raze permit for 801 E Milwaukee Street. Board members all received a copy of the 2023 Focus Annual Participation Report. The village had two local businesses receive the 2024 Launch Lafayette County Grant. The clerk's office is going to start the process of hiring a full-time Deputy Clerk, Shirley Cannon will assist in training, then she will retire. The village will advertise for the position and hold interviews in June. Flannery informed the board her computer is over 10 years old and there have been issues lately. Fransen made a motion to replace her computer with a one from Computer Know How, cost of \$1,319.00, Helfvogt seconded motion carried.

Fransen made a motion to approve total April accounts payable checks \$160,695.47, May invoices paid to date \$22,334.71 King seconded, carried. The next monthly meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Helfvogt made a motion to adjourn at 8:57 pm, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried.

  
Sandra Flannery  
Clerk