

PROCEEDINGS - VILLAGE OF ARGYLE - MONTHLY MEETING

June 5th, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Argyle Village Board called to order by President Thomas Moore on June 5th, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Roll call taken with Green arriving late, Helfvogt & Johnson were absent. Proper posting of the meeting was acknowledged. Copies of the monthly meeting from 5/30/2024 had been emailed to board members for review. King made a motion to approve minutes, Hinojosa seconded, carried. Fransen made a motion to approve the agenda, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENT Garry Rossing with the Friends of the Library group came to update the village board on the Library Grant. The village will be the applicant, if awarded, provide up to \$4.25 million to build a new building for the library. A group of volunteers is working on the application and plan to submit the application the week of July 3rd. They are working on several sites as options, and plan to make an offer on one within the next three weeks. The award is expected by October 1st, a contract with the state needs to be signed by December 30th. Scheduled work must be initiated by June 30th, 2025, and completed by September 30th, 2026. A sustainability plan to maintain and operate the building and library services needs to be submitted as part of the application; costs must be outlined for at least five years. No funds from the village will be figured into the site acquisition or construction cost estimates.

OLD BUSINESS Ben Heidemann & Nick Dorava from Town & Country Engineering reviewed the Fairview Avenue Street project that will take place in 2025. Dorava discussed the design of the project, it is a full water main replacement on Fairview Avenue from Milwaukee Street to North Street. They will be replacing all sanitary manholes and new street surface, there will be new full curb & gutter re-design and anticipation of fixing drainage problems in areas. There has been a big valley gutter between Highland & North Street that will be replaced with riprap to take the valley gutter out, and storm sewer will be replaced on the end of North Street. They will not be replacing any sewer, because it was re-lined 10 years ago. There will be new driveway replacements, curb & gutter and new fire hydrants. New copper services will be added to each curb stop. This project will take 6 to 8 weeks and will be publicly bid out. The project has nine homes that will be affected during the project. The village will apply for the Safe Drinking Water Loan program that needs to be submitted to the DNR by the end of June. Town & Country will submit the application on behalf of the village. The project cost is estimated to cost 1.1 million, the Safe Drinking Water Loan program will only pay for water main replacement up to 20 percent of the street costs, about \$340,000.00. All applications are based on a scoring system. We have used ARPA funds on inventory for the project. Heidemann needs to clarify using these materials for the project or saving for a future project and remaining funds. They will forward a list of items needed for the application. Heidemann reviewed the agreement between the Village of Argyle and Town & Country Engineering for Professional Services and Task Order No. 1 consisting of four pages reviewing the project, terms and conditions, payments to engineer, expense rates schedule and terms & conditions. Roll count vote was taken to approve, Hinojosa-yes, King-yes, Fransen-yes, Moore-yes. King made a motion to approve, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried. Roll count vote was taken to approve Resolution No. 1-2024 Appointing Authorized Representative to file Applications for Financial Assistance from the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund, Hinojosa-yes, King-yes, Fransen-yes, Moore-yes. Fransen made a motion to approve, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried. Roll count vote was taken to approve Resolution No. 2-2024 Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) Project, Hinojosa-yes, King-yes, Fransen-yes, Moore-yes. Fransen made a motion to approve, King seconded, motion carried. Chris Guthrie was present to discuss the Antique Tractor & Old Engines Show to be held in the park on the weekend of September 7th & 8th this year. King made a motion to approve the event and picnic license, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried. The group will need to work with any youth sports groups that may have games on the football field on Saturday morning if needed. Hinojosa made a motion to approve liquor licenses for the following: 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. King seconded and motion carried. King made a motion to approve operator's licenses as follows: Amber Corning, Nathan Schlafli, Shirley Haglund, Julie Webber, Aaron Jorenby, Kayla Paulson, Rebecca Vamstad, Daniel Marchesi, Charles Bredeson, Alexandria Carter, Kyleah Mick, Allison Blum, Jakob Ploessi, William Severson, Diane Garrison, Larry Kraus, Todd Wirtz Jr, Tonia Kastner, Lynette Winchell-Andrews, Jamie Berget, Cristi Stietz, Robin Schuetz, Bernadette Vlasak, Steve Pence. Hinojosa seconded and motion carried. Hinojosa made a motion to approve a Tobacco License for Blanchardville Co-op Oil Association, Fransen seconded, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS The Village of Argyle has received the 2024 Recycling Grant to Responsible Units in the amount of \$4,690.02. The library approached the village on the possibility of combining the Library Director position with the village's Economic Development position for 10 hours for a possible full-time position. They would then be eligible for benefits including retirement, health insurance, life & disability insurance, PTO time, and paid holidays. The starting wage for the position will be \$26.50 with a percentage split of all wages and benefits of 75% library and 25% economic development. King made a motion to approve combining the position, Green seconded and motion carried. The village has received four (4) resumes for the full-time Deputy Clerk position. The village board will hold interviews on Monday, June 17th starting at 7:00 pm.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS The village has completed blacktop patching around the village. King informed the board Dan Koch was part of a meeting with Scott Klabunde (our Hydro Consultant), Kleinschmidt (our Engineering Firm) and FERC. The purpose of the meeting was to convince FERC that our dam is stable and to please allow us to proceed with repairs without further investigation into the stability of our existing structure. This meeting went well and puts the village more in control of moving the project forward. The Regional Engineer that oversees our license agreed with our position and will not require any further structural analysis; he looks forward to seeing Kleinschmidt's repair proposal. This is a huge step forward for the dam project. We will not have to spend \$65,000.00 plus for coring samples to try and determine if the dam has pilings or if it is a simple gravity dam. We are now waiting for Kleinschmidt to complete the repair plan and submit it to FERC for approval and then get estimates from contractors for the estimated costs. Dan Koch has asked Scott Klabunde to investigate grant opportunities our project may qualify for. The village is going to investigate dumpster costs for scrap iron and getting rid of miscellaneous appliances. The appliance with freon we still need to have a record on them, and we will continue the current process. David Green do some more research for next month's meeting. There is lighting at the Recycle Center that needs to be looked at and repaired by Dan. King will contact him to have it added to their list.

PRESIDENT BUSINESS The payroll report for May 2024 included three payrolls, overtime paid to full-time: Johnson-30.16 hours, Ritschard-31.24 hours, Koch-32.70 hours, Flannery-12.42 hours, Saalsaa-18.70 hours. King made a motion to approve overtime, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried. Zeke Garthwaite has contacted the village to purchase lot #3 and proceed with additional duplexes. Received a thank you from Argyle Middle and High School Yearbook.

CLERK BUSINESS Total Inspections approved a building permit for Stephen Ableman 404 Park Avenue for a Pergola, Andrew Halvorson 611 Colfax Street for HVAC upgrade. The 2024 Launch Lafayette County Grant recipients in Argyle were Good Fellas Tavern & Driftless Tannery. Jen Detra completed the Argyle garage sale maps this year, and for the first time we asked anyone having a sale to stop and pick up a supply of flyers & balloons in the Argyle Public Library. We are filling the Community Development position and hopefully things will flow better next year. Flannery shared a picture and article of Platteville's new Inclusive playground. This is an amazing new playground built with grant funding and donations. She would like our village to reach out to the people that made this happen in the future to get some creative ideas to do something like this in Argyle on a smaller scale for our park.

King made a motion to approve total May accounts payable checks \$77,308.41, June invoices paid to date \$25,186.59 Hinojosa seconded, carried. The next monthly meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 3rd, at 7:00 pm. Hinojosa made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm, Green seconded, motion carried.


Sandra Flannery
Clerk