

**PROCEEDINGS - VILLAGE OF ARGYLE - MONTHLY MEETING**  
**January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Argyle Village Board called to order by President Thomas Moore on January 8th, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken with no absentees. Proper posting of the meeting was acknowledged. King made a motion for approval of the minutes, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried. Caucus was held on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, King, Helfvogt, and Hinojosa were nominated for the three two-year seats up for election. Spring Election to be held on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. King motioned to approve, Fransen seconded, motion carried. King made a motion to approve the agenda, Fransen seconded, motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENT** There were no citizen comments presented.

**OLD BUSINESS** Wisconsin DOT has scheduled two meetings in February to discuss the Pavement Replacement Project for Highway 78 and 81. The first meeting will be for Officials, such as the Fire Department, School Board, and Village Board, and will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00PM to 5:00PM in the Community Building. The second meeting will be for Public Involvement and will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00PM to 6:30PM in the Community Building.

**NEW BUSINESS** The Addendum A for WISVOTE with Lafayette County for the 2025 year has been approved. This allows Lafayette County to maintain and enter data into WisVote for the Village of Argyle. This assists the Village with Voter Registration, Absentee Ballots, and Elections Management. Helfvogt motioned to approve, King seconded, motion passed. A Proclamation of Appreciation was presented to the board by Schutte honoring Dallas Augustine for outstanding contributions to the Economic and Community Development of the Village of Argyle. Augustine has played a pivotal role in creating events such as the Argyle Open Market, the Annual Lighting Contest, the Chili Cook-Off, and Welcome Holidays. He has donated his expertise with operating the website for the Village of Argyle and provided his support and expertise to organizations such as Historic Argyle. A key to the Village was suggested to present to Augustine for his contributions and dedication to the Village of Argyle. Helfvogt motioned to approve, Hinojosa seconded, motion passed. Resolution No. 1-2025 was presented to amend the responsibilities of the Community Development Director to include oversight of the Village of Argyle website. All State and Local governments are to assure their websites comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act Title II Web and Mobile Application Accessibility Rule starting in April of 2027. King motioned to approve, Helfvogt seconded, motion passed. Schutte will take over management of the Village of Argyle website as soon as possible to ensure it can be updated to compliance before 2027.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS** Hinojosa spoke on the water testing. Chemical feed was implemented and will be monitored, and meter testing is to be done. The electric flow gate is to be worked on this summer, which will allow repairs to be done in a safe manner at the plant. Kleinschmidt has presented a quote for engineering services for spillway repairs at the Argyle Dam. The cost is \$78,000, and it includes the engineering services, project bidding services, and construction phase services. The objective is to raise the crest, which will create more power in the generator. The cost of financing this repair will be reviewed and discussed in more detail at a future meeting. The expected completion date of the project is by January of 2026. Electric superintendent Koch is currently looking into grants to help with the costs of the Dam repair. Kleinschmidt will guarantee 50 years of use on the repairs, and will assist the entire project from start to finish. Helfvogt motioned to move forward with the FERC and Kleinschmidt dam project, Webster seconded, motion passed. The street department has implemented See Me Flags at the four corners of Milwaukee Street and State Street as well as a set at the crosswalk down by the park. These were purchased with the \$600 League of Municipalities 2024 Safety Equipment Grant. The Park and Rec Committee updated on the memorial tree that is to be planted for Johanna Chenous. The spot has been selected with the Village and the family, and they are able to plant the tree when the time is right for the family. A placard will be researched by the Village to add to this location as an informational memorial for the family. The Library is still searching for a Library Director. It was brought to the Board's attention that their website was not currently active; it will be investigated to bring it back online and find out the issue.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** Schutte presented that the winners of the Lighting Contest had been awarded and presented in the Pecatonica Valley Leader. This year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event, so he will inquire about possibly including more people into the contest or changing some of the categories. Advancing Argyle will be meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Community Building. Schutte plans to get businesses and organizations together to see what they can do to plan more events and grow business in Argyle. Letters have been mailed to all the businesses and organizations inviting them to join in helping advance our community.

**PRESIDENT BUSINESS** The payroll report for December 2024 overtime paid to full-time: Johnson – 7.0 hours, Ritschard – 7.07 hours, Koch – 7.33 hours, Tyler – 0.28 hours. Fransen made a motion to approve overtime, Webster seconded, motion carried. A new Assessor, Philip "PJ" Rein, was assigned to the Village of Argyle by Associated Appraisal Consultants.

**CLERK BUSINESS** There were no building permits to be approved. Johnson Block has scheduled their audit for four days in February. Flannery suggested the possibility of creating a resolution to move \$53,000 from the sale of the lot for the daycare to the 2025 Budget, and stated the TID Boundary would need to be amended. It was also noted that a Budget Resolution for unused street repair funds moved to the 2024/2025 Budget will be on the February agenda. Flannery has updated the Village of Argyle PTO policy to clarify hours and days both rather than showing just days. This is to clarify in the payroll system more clearly as it uses hours as an increment and the policy previously only stated days. King made a motion to approve total December 2024 accounts payable checks \$175,720.67, January 2025 invoices paid to date \$30,432.36, Johnson seconded, motion carried. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Helfvogt made a motion to adjourn at 8:03PM, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried.

Mallory Tyler  
Deputy Clerk