

July 11, 2011 Argyle Village Board Meeting

Those in attendance: Mayor Wes Clark; Trustees Peter Bailey, Joseph Lohret, Cher McCotter, Joanne McDowell; Clerk Joyann Stimpson; Debbie Newsome; Sherm Hammond; and Town Councilman Richard McClenning

Meeting called to order at 5:32 P.M.

Debbie Newsome addressed the Board with concerns about her neighbor

- pit bull got loose and chased her mother
- has chickens but does not take care of them
 - has them close to house
 - does not clean up their waste
- seems to be putting up a storage unit without building permit
- code enforcement officer was called and sent letters to home-owner but the landlord(Steve Reid) has not responded back

Trustee Lohret asked what were the Villages responsibility

- local law states 5 chickens allowed per household member
- as long as no foundation as been poured temporary units are allowed
- Village of Argyle does have a leach law

Mayor stated that the Village could pass laws governing how people take care of their properties and is going to contact attorney Radner about what can be done. Mayor will also be in contact with Dave Armondo. Trustee McDowell offered to draft a letter to be sent to Village residents asking for their co-operation in cleaning up their properties. Trustee McDowell stated that the Dixon's on Sheridan Street are having some issues with a neighbor who has not kept her property clean and feels there are issues serious enough to call DOH.

Town Councilman McClenning addressed Board stating that the Town Board would be willing to go forward with paying for Mr. Hammond to have water hook-up to village water if the Village were agreeable to extending the water line. Councilman McClenning stated that Town Board would be responsible for the cost of work and the legal cost. Mayor stated that Water Commissioner Robinson would have to be contacted and oversee project.

Trustee Lohret made motion to extend water service to Mr. Hammond's property; Trustee McCotter seconded Motion; all voted in favor of; motion carried.

Trustee McCotter made motion for Village Clerk to be able to pay warrants for month of August in the absence of a Board meeting; Trustee McDowell seconded; all voted in favor of; motion carried.

Trustee McCotter made motion to renew contract with Ed Holland as Animal Control Officer for Village; Trustee McDowell seconded; all voted in favor; motion carried.

Mayor addressed Board about Sidewalk Grant and what has to be done

- Mayor met with Ian Miller of DOT
- Village is not required to put in curbs
- residents need to be contacted about grades to properties

Mayor addressed Board about broken fence at well 2; stated that it not a major problem and can be easily fixed.

Mayor stated that they are now able to go forward with plans for a new back porch on their property. The Board said they had already approved it and he could sign that the plans meet zoning laws.

There were reports of a rabid fox in the Village on Thursday, July 9, 2011. An ENCON Officer was called and came to investigate. At time of Board meeting no one knew if the fox had been found.

Trustee McDowell stated that the Village of Salem had partnered with ACC and has a satellite school in Salem and wondered if the Stiles' House could be used for a similar purpose. Board was told that Chris Castrio had submitted a grant application to the Aged Women Fund(?) looking for monies to continue work on Stiles' House. Board felt that the community should be asked how they wanted to property to be used.

Mayor stated that the Battenkill Community Service Committee wanted the Board to pass a resolution for Clown Day; Trustee Lohret said no.

Trustee Lohret made motion to accept minutes as written; Trustee McCotter seconded; all voted in favor of; motion carried.

Trustee Bailey made motion to allow Clerk to pay warrants for month of July; Trustee McDowell seconded; all voted in favor of; motion carried.

Trustee McDowell would like to have Commissioner Robinson to investigate Webinar waste treatment system further.

Trustee McCotter made motion to adjourn; Trustee Bailey seconded; all voted in favor of; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 P.M.