

Minutes of March 6, 2012 Argyle Village Board Meeting

The Argyle Village Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 6 at 5:30 PM at the Firehouse.

Present: Mayor Wes Clark, Trustees Joanne McDowell, Joe Lohret, Peter Bailey, and Cher McCotter, Trustee candidate Jonathan MacKenzie. Absent Clerk Joyann Stimpson(due to illness)

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Initial discussion included a motor vehicle accident in front of the bank about 4PM, and the Argyle boys and girls basketball sectional playoff games being played tonight in Potsdam.

On a motion by Trustee McCotter, Seconded by Trustee McDowell and carried, bills included in the March warrant were approved for payment. One exception was the Dig Safely invoice, which appeared to be a credit balance.

On a motion by Trustee McCotter, seconded by Trustee McDowell and carried, the minutes of the February 7 meeting were approved as presented.

Trustee McDowell briefed the Board on the progress of the Front Porch Forum, which now has 134 members. She would like help in recruiting to reach the 200 member mark.

Mayor Clark updated the Board on the Village elections scheduled for March 20 at the Town Hall. Jonathan MacKenzie has filed a petition for the seat currently held by Peter Bailey, so all positions are uncontested.

Trustee Bailey reminded the Board that the canvas voting booth was damaged by animals prior to last year's election, and had to be destroyed. Perhaps a cardboard divider could be used this year.

On a motion by Trustee Lohret, seconded by Trustee McCotter and carried, Kaaren Evens, Tom Smith, and Marge Madsen were appointed election inspectors.

The proposal to purchase flowers for the bank staff was discussed. The Town has done this in the past as a way of expressing appreciation for tax collection duties. Water rents are now being collected. The Arrangement Shop suggested bud vases at a cost of \$10.00 each. On a motion by Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee McDowell and carried, the purchase of 4 bud vases was approved.

Mayor Clark requested that the next meeting be rescheduled for Tuesday April; 3 at the Firehouse, again due to a conflict with a school budget workshop at the Greenwich school. This was agreed to by the Board.

Mayor Clark asked the Board to be prepared to discuss the budget for the 2012-13 year at the next meeting. He is preparing to file the newly required tax cap form with the Comptroller's office before the March 31 deadline.

Mayor Clark updated the Board on his recent conversation with Mike Stella of the NYS DOT Albany office. Mr. Stella believes that local potential contractors for the sidewalk project will not qualify to bid based on strict federal financial requirements.

Trustee Bailey updated the Board on recent events at the Argyle apartments. There have been recent evictions and law enforcement visits.

On a motion by Trustee McCotter, seconded by Trustee Bailey and carried the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM

Wesley Clark
Mayor