

December 5, 2016

The Argyle Village Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Monday, December 5 at 5:30 PM at the fire house.

Present: Mayor Wes Clark, Trustees Joanne McDowell, Joe Lohret, Jonathan MacKenzie, and Cher McCotter, Water Commissioner Garry Robinson. Absent: Clerk Joyann Stimpson (due to mother's health)

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

Mayor Clark reported on a meeting he attended regarding an update of the flood zone maps. These are being done to account for elevations in predicting future floods, and should more accurately reflect risk to property owners. This will allow flood insurance to be more accurately priced, and require construction to prevent damage to buildings in the event of high water. There is a link to the draft new maps on the county website.

Two calls were received about the sign at the old IGA which was apparently hit by a truck. It was bent 90 degrees, but still is held by its brackets. Mayor Clark installed caution tape to warn pedestrians not to get too close, and called the building owner to advise him of the issue.

Most of the Village office supplies and records have been moved out of the privy at the Stiles house. Some has been moved to the basement of the main house, and some to be sorted to Mayor Clark's house. It is hoped this will encourage restoration of the building already begun by the Stiles house committee.

A letter from the New York State Department of Health was discussed. This was received from Maria O'Connell, PE, and was previously forwarded to the Trustees and Water Commissioner. It states that the Village is not permitted to use Summit Lake as a drinking water source due to the possible presence of blue green algae, septic effluent, and zebra mussels. Water Commissioner Robinson elaborated on other aspects of the situation and issues raised during the inspection relating to locating an additional well. Commissioner Robinson will advise Town Supervisor Bob Henke of the water quality risks to users of Summit Lake, since this is located in the Town.

Water Commissioner Robinson advised of requests to shut off water service to two homes before winter. The problem is that neither of these shut offs is functional. He will arrange to have them replaced and shut off in the next week.

Mayor Clark reported on his visit to the proposed new well site located in Don McWhorter's pasture. This had the advantage of being closer to existing water mains and electricity, but appears to be very close to a large storm drain that handles a large portion of village run off. This, as well as pasturing, is prohibited at a well site. Mayor Clark will contact other land owners of identified well sites.

On a motion by Trustee MacKenzie, seconded by Trustee McCotter and carried, bills included in the December warrant were approved for payment.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday January 2 at 5:30 at the fire house.

On a motion by Trustee MacKenzie, seconded by Trustee McDowell and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Wesley Clark  
Mayor