

PROCEEDINGS - VILLAGE OF ARGYLE - MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, June 4th, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Argyle Village Board was called to order by President Thomas Moore on June 4th, 2025 at 7:00 pm. A roll call vote was taken by President Moore to appoint Garry Rossing to the vacant trustee position held by Delton Fransen with no opposition, motion carried. Roll call was taken with no one absent. Proper posting of the meeting was acknowledged. Helfvogt made a motion for approval of the minutes, Webster seconded, motion carried. Helfvogt made a motion to approve the agenda, King seconded, motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENT Jerry Gerber and Kim Hendrickson from the Argyle American Legion Post 251 updated the board on the upgrades at the Shelter House. They are currently working with the Park Committee on adding an additional storage room in the back of the shelter house mirroring the current storage room for chairs and tables, and are working on building a half-wall of some sort on the West side of the building to help with wind control. Gerber also noted that the airplane in the park needs repainting, and he will investigate contacts he has for donations and groups that help cover the cost. Brandy Armendarez appeared before the board to request a multiple dog license. A roll-call vote was taken for approval of the multiple dog license, none opposed, motion passed. Haylee Dole appeared before the board to request a multiple dog license. A roll-call vote was taken for approval of the multiple dog license, none opposed, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS Licenses were presented for Class B Beer and Liquor for Good Fellas Tavern, Corner Pub and Deli, and Sportz Page Bar and Grill and for Class A Beer and Liquor for Blanchardville Co-op Oil Association. Helfvogt motioned to approve, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried. The SWWRPC Smart Growth and Comprehensive Outdoor Plans will soon begin, Clerk Treasurer Flannery suggested the Village pay for half of the \$25,000 fee this year with funds from the state trust LGIP Sub Account #8 and budget the second half in next year's budget. This will allow SWWRPC to begin the plans right away which will help the Village be eligible for state funding and grants. Helfvogt motioned to approve the funding, King seconded, motion carried. The Park Committee met to discuss the cost of the shelter rentals, which are around half the cost of nearby Villages and parks. With the upgrades to the shelter house, the rates were suggested to be \$35 plus a \$25 refundable deposit for the new shelter house near the baseball field, \$50 plus a \$25 refundable deposit for the old renovated shelter with the bathroom, \$100 plus a \$50 refundable deposit for the old shelter with the kitchen also included, and \$150 plus a \$50 deposit per day for the entire park. There will be deals for the entire park for the weekend or for the maximum rental of 3 days. The Park Committee provided a list of items still needed at the shelter house, such as a sharps container and changing station for the bathroom that Deputy Clerk McGuire will research and purchase for the shelter house. The park rentals are currently all managed in a paper schedule, but McGuire will investigate updating an online schedule that reflects all ball games and a bulletin board that would list who has the shelter rented. The Park Committee also has looked into a request for a driveway behind the baseball field to the Beaver shed, however this area is in a marsh and in the floodplain, so it could be difficult to get the approval to put a driveway in with the appropriate departments. The contracts for the Fire Department Mud Volleyball 2025 was presented, Helfvogt motioned to approve, Johnson seconded, motion carried. Thunderbridge Flywheelers Thresheree contract for 2025 was presented. Johnson motioned to approve with the cost increase for the entire park rental, Webster seconded, motion carried. Resolution No. 4-2025 Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) Project was presented. This will begin the bond for the SDWLP. King motioned to approve, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried. McGuire updated that there are still many dog owners who need to follow up with dog registrations and a few that need to obtain multiple dog licenses. A list will be handed over to Chief Saalsaa after June to pursue compliance. McGuire announced that online payments will be now live for Argyle Municipal Utilities. Residents can now visit doxo.us/amu to pay their bill for free with an e-check or for a fee with a card. More information is available on the Village website.

NEW BUSINESS Operator Licenses were presented for Charles Bredeson, Allison Blum, Kyleah Mick, Chloe Schraepfer, Aaron Jorenby, Alexandria Carter, Breann Flannery, Diane Garrison, Camie Peterson, Jakob Ploessl, Todd Wirtz Jr, William Severson, Larry Kraus, Tracy Hagen, Amber Corning, Julie Webber, Nathan Schlafli Sr, Shirley Haglund, Tonia Kastner, Cristi Stietz, Robin Schuetz, Lynette Winchell, and Steve Pence. King motioned to approve, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried. Tobacco License was presented for Blanchardville Co-op Oil Association, Helfvogt motioned to approve, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried. King updated the board that the cameras installed have proven helpful already; Chief Saalsaa updated that the cameras have captured vandalism at the park on multiple occasions that she has been able to send citations for. Additional cameras and wifi implementation at the park were discussed to have remote access to the cameras, it has been tabled for a future meeting. The Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the Wastewater Treatment Plant was presented for 2024. The plant received an overall grade point average of 3.72 and received an A in all categories except for Influent Flow and Loading which received a D. Helfvogt motioned to approve the CMAR, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried. Operator Ritschard is looking into a handheld dissolved oxygen meter to check the clarifier, he currently does not have a portable meter. The 2025 Recycling Grant was sent in and the Village was awarded a total of \$4666.40.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS Hinojosa quoted that new water meter replacement would cost \$120,000 in 2028. These will be the same system we have; in order to switch to a new radio meter system, electric would have to be switched at the same time. Well inspections will be completed on Well 2, Well 3 will be inspected in 2027. The 5-year tower inspection will also be completed in 2026. President Moore spoke with Reg Gill about updating the antennas on the water tower, these are for the 911 Emergency system. This update will help reach further distances with 911 calls. King updated that there will be "Children at Play" signs put up on Spruce street. After the removal of parking spots in the main intersection, it was suggested to remove the parking spot behind where the previous "compact car" spot previously was located on the South side of Milwaukee Street. A roll call vote was taken with Rossing abstaining from the vote, motion carried. The diesel generator in the power plant had a malfunction with its interface and shut down, a new interface was purchased for \$6,820.26 to come back in compliance. If the generator is offline, the Village could receive a fine. Electric Superintendent Daniel Koch was elected to the MEUW (Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin) Board for District 8 Board of Directors. The design for the raising of the dam is around 90% done currently. Adjacent land owners will be contacted for a meeting for the raising as it will raise the water level of the river. There are 12 adjacent land owners affected. A ground vacuum will be investigated for the Village to help with emergency line breaks after a temporary fence post broke a line in the park. Blanchardville assisted with the repair and use of their ground vacuum. Helfvogt mentioned that parking in the intersections in the park is becoming congested and visibility is low. Intersections will be painted to help prevent people from parking too close to the park entrance and intersections. Webster updated that the executive order that was preventing the Library from regular functions has been put on hold for now which has returned functionality to the Library system.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Schutte has updated that the Open Market will be happening as planned. He has managed to get up to 15 vendors that will come to sell a variety of products such as vegetables, flowers, honey, crafts and more. He suggested the street be closed for the market between State and Broad Street to make a safer environment for market-goers, which was approved by the Village Board. It was suggested to have music in the future at markets as well. The Christmas in July event is having a large overhaul this year. With the shelter house improvements, the Village is kicking off the celebration with the First Annual Park Palooza. This will include the Christmas in July themed Argyle Open Market with craft vendors included, a kickball tournament, food served by the American Legion Post 251, a beer garden, a live DJ, a water fight from the Fire Department, and the first annual Squish Games, a relay-style mini-game competition sponsored by local businesses. This will be held on July 19th starting at 9AM. The Village is looking for more craft vendors currently, kickball team signups, and Squish Games teams. More information can be found at argylewi.gov or on the Village of Argyle Facebook page. Schutte updated that the Argyle Community Parks Foundation has gained 501(c)(3) status from the State of Wisconsin and can officially start fundraising. They will be hosting a kids area during the Argyle Fish Fry between State and Broad Streets on Milwaukee Street which will be blocked off during this event.

PRESIDENT BUSINESS The payroll report for March 2025 overtime paid to full-time: Johnson – 4.62 hours, Ritschard – 5.60 hours, Koch – 9.90 hours, McGuire – .08 hours, Saalsaa – 3.68 hours. King made a motion to approve overtime, Webster seconded, motion carried. President Moore updated the board with committee assignments and information.

CLERK BUSINESS There were no building permits approved. TID# 3 Joint Review Board meeting will be held Monday, June 9th at 2:30PM. The Village will be working with Historic Argyle to discuss an anniversary celebration for the Waddington Community Building which will be turning 100 in October 2025. Helfvogt made a motion to approve total May 2025 accounts payable checks \$93,973.13, June 2025 invoices paid to date \$26,852.91, King seconded, motion carried. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 2nd, at 7:00 pm. Webster made a motion to adjourn at 9:19PM, Hinojosa seconded, motion carried.