

PROCEEDINGS - VILLAGE OF ARGYLE - MONTHLY MEETING
January 7th, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Argyle Village Board called to order by President Thomas Moore on January 7th, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken with Hinojosa and Rossing absent. Proper posting of the meeting was acknowledged. King made a motion for approval of the minutes, Webster seconded, motion carried. Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENT Albert Gard questioned a Facebook post from November 24th regarding the purchase of the First National Bank & Trust building and the transparency of posts. Gard asked if the school was considered for a new or shared library, and if the Village planned to move the library and keep the village hall where it's currently located or if they plan to move the village hall as well. President Moore stated that the purchase did come up fast because the Village met with Bank First CEO to find out the plans of the building, and Bank First offered to donate \$500,000 towards the purchase of the building for the Village during this meeting. The village hall will be staying in the Waddington building. Gard stated concern about operational costs of this building and purchase costs as a taxpayer burden. Steve Engles of the Friends of the Argyle Public Library stated they have already contracted with the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin to launch a capital fundraising campaign to help with operational, purchase, and remodeling costs. Former School Board member Keith Ritschard spoke up stating that liability and logistics prevent the Village from using the school's library such as location and safety. Jeff Monson, owner of Monson Septic, had questioned the choice of not allowing septage or holding tank haulers to dump in the wastewater treatment plant. Due to a load in August that was received, the wastewater plant biology was compromised, and the village has been working to control the phosphorus in the plant. Monson requested this to be on the February agenda to discuss options.

OLD BUSINESS The board reviewed the proposal from Kleinschmidt to repair the Argyle Dam & Spillway. King motioned to approve the proposal and submit with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for further approval, Johnson seconded, motion carried. Once FERC approval is received, bids would be put out for this repair project.

NEW BUSINESS The Friends of the Argyle Public Library requested a picnic license for the 2nd Annual Murder Mystery Dinner for Sunday, January 25th at the Legacy of Argyle Building, the former LA Rossing Building. This will be a fundraising event split between the Friends of the Argyle Public Library and the Argyle Community Parks Foundation. Helfvogt motioned to approve, Johnson seconded, motion carried.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS King mentioned the plow truck required additional maintenance after the pump broke; the pump was recently replaced and will be under warranty for repair. Johnson inquired about the status on the window installation of the Recycle Plant, this will be looked into. President Moore also mentioned that Recycle Attendant McKibben would like to change the hours at the Recycle Center on Wednesdays as the later times there are no customers. Helfvogt suggested 11:00AM to 5:00PM to close earlier but also allow people to stop after work, keeping Saturday hours the same, 8:00AM to 1:00PM. King motioned to approve the change, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried. Webster updated that the school has appointed Asha Whitney, a high school student, to the vacant library board school representative chair. State Statute requires a school representative, and accepting Asha puts the library board at 3 non-residents when the allowed amount is 2 non-residents. President Moore stated the newest member to join the board as a non-resident, Sarah Gallagher, should be removed to comply with state ruling. Webster motioned to approve of the addition of Whitney and removal of Gallagher to the library board, King seconded. A roll-call vote was taken, King – yes, Helfvogt – yes, Johnson – yes, Webster - yes, motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McGuire updated that the purchase of the First National Bank building will be pushed back from January 15th to early February. McGuire stated as well that Schutte is working on the 2026 Calendar of Events; a few organizations would be deciding on their 2026 dates at their January meetings so it will be done for February bills. A WEDC Round Table discussion will be held at the Legacy of Argyle on Thursday, February 5th beginning at 8:30AM. The discussion will be on Business Support and Retention and Placemaking/Creating a Welcoming District, and all members involved in these areas are welcome to attend. Attendees should sign up at tinyurl.com/argyleroundtable.

PRESIDENT BUSINESS The payroll report for December 2024 overtime paid to full-time: Johnson – 17.12 hours, Koch – 15.93 hours, McGuire – 0.67 hours, Saalsaa – 0.02 hours. Webster made a motion to approve overtime, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried.

CLERK BUSINESS A building permit was approved for the \$800,000 daycare building located at 105 S Broad Street, and an HVAC permit for 907 Bluff View Court. A liquor license will be presented at the February 2026 meeting for the Legacy of Argyle. Vierbicher has sent an agreement for 2026 services, however it was not budgeted for, so the services will need to be reviewed before paying. King made a motion to approve total December 2025 accounts payable checks \$127,769.19, January 2025 invoices paid to date \$60,110.42, Johnson seconded, motion carried. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th, at 7:00 pm. Helfvogt made a motion to adjourn at 7:52PM, Johnson seconded, motion carried.