

PROCEEDINGS - VILLAGE OF ARGYLE - MONTHLY MEETING
April 1st, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Argyle Village Board was called to order by President Thomas Moore on April 1st, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken with Hinojosa absent. Proper posting of the meeting was acknowledged. Helfvogt made a motion for approval of the minutes, Rossing seconded, motion carried. King made a motion to approve the agenda, Johnson seconded, motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENT Jacob Gardener introduced himself to the board. He explained his previous municipal experience and thanked them for considering him as the village attorney.

OLD BUSINESS Johnson stated that she has not spoken with the recycle center attendant since the last time on the operating hours, but that he was open to having someone work later hours part-time to keep the center open for residents during the normal hours. The hours will be tabled for the next meeting. Bids were received and opened for mowing the old argyle cemetery. One bid was received for mowing the cemetery from Bryce Slater for \$200 per mow with 12 mowings per season. Helfvogt motioned to approve the bid, King seconded, motion carried. Helfvogt requested that a village employee does a walk-through of the cemetery with Stone Guardian to get an estimate on the repair and restoration of stones. Street operator Falsey will contact them and perform the walk through. The homeowner at 811 Monroe Street has removed the non-compliant portion of the deck. Inspector Jelle contacted the village clerk to update that he will follow up on the compliance of a railing when he returns. Helfvogt questioned if an inspection has been completed on the house or if follow up is needed. The clerk will look into building permits taken out and follow up. McGuire presented an example driveway permit application for residents to use to go with the ordinance process. There is a property currently interested in building a driveway. President Moore suggested using this application and amend it if there are changes needed to move their process along. King motioned to approve the application with a \$30 fee, Rossing seconded, motion carried. Discussion on the Argyle Public Library director position has been tabled for the next meeting after their board seats change. The village received an email from Keith Ritschard stating the daycare building is coming along quickly, and Davis Foundation will be pouring a concrete retaining wall with the village portion being \$52,470. Ritschard researched a few other options, but a stack-brick wall would have cost around \$90,000 just for the village share and this option was the most practical and affordable. A fence will be put on top of the wall for safety. This will be included in the loan for the daycare parking lot. Heidemann from Town and Country Engineering is working on the parking lot plan, which the Village employees will be assisting in construction.

NEW BUSINESS Ryan Burns of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities' League Mutual Insurance spoke on the League and Baer Insurance policy renewal. The policy not only insures the village, but also provides resources such as online trainings, safety grants, legal services, and other programs to policy holders. An assessment and appraisal occur every five years with the policy. King motioned to approve the policy, Webster seconded, motion carried. Library board president Detra presented library plans drawn up by Demco as an example of their possible floorplan layout. She stated the plan for the space emphasizes flexibility and community. They will be updating the bathrooms for ADA compliance, performing minimal remodeling, and removing the counters to open up the space in the building. King motioned to approve their construction plans, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried. Community Development director Schutte requested the installation of two TVs in the community room for board meetings, library, and room rental use funded by Community Development. This would allow engineers and meeting visitors to join meetings via video and save on travel expenses when needed. Helfvogt motioned to approve, Johnson seconded, motion carried. The 2026 Soccer Coordinator contract was presented, listing Randy Russell as this year's coordinator. Helfvogt motioned to approve, Johnson seconded, motion carried. The 2026 Argyle Beavers Home Talent contract was presented, Helfvogt motioned to approve, Johnson seconded, motion carried. The Memorandum of understanding was presented for legal services with Jacob Gardener. Current village attorney McNaughton at Duxstad and McDaniel Law stated they don't have the time needed to work with our municipality and suggested Gardener, a former employee of theirs. Gardener currently works with Argyle Police chief Saalsaa. Helfvogt motioned to approve, King seconded, motion carried. A letter for transition of legal services and transfer of village files was also presented for Jacob Gardener, King motioned to approve, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS King presented a quote for street sweeper brushes at a total of \$1,115.31. King motioned to approve, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried. King also mentioned that the gear box in the snow blower has broken and it is currently out of commission. The repair will be around \$5,000 and will need to be fixed before next snowfall. Johnson requested that the village employees give some attention to raking the woodchips in the park and repairing the sand box digger. Rossing shared a reminder that the UW Platteville student engineers will be presenting at 6:00PM to the plan commission as practice for their engineering project before the next board meeting on May 6th.

PRESIDENT BUSINESS The payroll report for March overtime paid to full-time employees was presented as follows: Johnson – 1.50 hours, Koch – 3.30 hours, Falsey – 8.07 hours, Flannery – 5.23 hours, Saalsaa – 5.38 hours. King made a motion to approve overtime, Rossing seconded, motion carried. President Moore shared a thank you to the village for allowing him to be president for the past 8 years. He has served on the board for 10 years and was a village employee for 28 years. He also thanked the village board and clerk's office and stated it has been wonderful working with them. He also shared a thank you to chief Saalsaa for always being here when we need.

CLERK BUSINESS A building permit was issued to Brian Ritschard for a \$40,000 renovation at 204 E Milwaukee Street. Clerk Flannery requested that McGuire and herself attend the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association meeting held in Verona on Thursday, April 30th. It includes training for board of review, ethics, website ADA compliance, and liquor licensing. King motioned to approve, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried. Helfvogt made a motion to approve total March 2026 accounts payable checks \$138,218.43, April 2026 invoices paid to date \$26,523.22, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Helfvogt made a motion to adjourn at 8:51PM, King seconded, motion carried.

Mallory McGuire
Deputy Clerk