

**PROCEEDINGS - VILLAGE OF ARGYLE - MONTHLY MEETING**  
**July 8th, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of the Argyle Village Board was called to order by President Joe Schutte on July 8th, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Argyle Community Center located at 321 E Milwaukee Street. Roll call was taken with Hinojosa and King absent. Proper posting of the meeting was acknowledged. Helfvogt made a motion for approval of the Village Board minutes, Ploessl seconded, motion carried. Helfvogt made a motion to approve the Joint Review Board minutes, Schutte seconded, motion carried. Helfvogt made a motion to approve the agenda, Rossing seconded, motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENT** None.

**OLD BUSINESS** Resolution No. 5-2026 amending Sections 685-10(G) through 685-10(J) of the Village Code of Ordinances regarding campgrounds was presented. The amendments updated regulations pertaining to campgrounds within the Village. Helfvogt motioned to approve Resolution No. 5-2026, Monahan seconded, motion carried. The agreement for the 2026 Thunderbridge Flywheelers Thresheree was presented for their event which will be from September 11th through September 13<sup>th</sup> in the Argyle American Legion Park. The Argyle FFA Alumni will obtain the picnic license for the event. It was noted that the new playground equipment should be installed before this event as it is expected to be installed prior to the start of the school year on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Helfvogt motioned to approve the agreement, Rossing seconded, motion carried. Construction updates were provided for the Argyle Community Center, the future home of the Argyle Public Library. Furniture has been ordered from Demco and additional building improvements and projects are being completed prior to opening. Restroom renovations are underway to provide ADA accessibility and changing tables for families. Rossing stated that community feedback gathered during the previous library open house closely matched the library's planned improvements. Rossing also reported that more than \$400,000 has been pledged toward the library and Argyle Community Center project to date. Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Johnson updated the board on phosphorus removal plans after meeting with Ben Heidemann of Town and Country Engineering. Johnson stated the initial chemical addition system would cost approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000 to begin phosphorus treatment. Monahan motioned to approve moving forward with the project, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** Operator License applications were presented by Good Fellas Tavern for Aaron Jorenby, Allison Blum, and Kayla Paulson. Ploessl motioned to approve, Monahan seconded, motion carried. The proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance was presented for its first reading. President Schutte explained that the ordinance has been in development for several years to establish regulations for short-term rentals and bed-and-breakfast establishments within the Village, including Airbnb and Vrbo rentals that are not otherwise regulated under existing campground ordinances. The ordinance outlines definitions, permit requirements, operational standards, communication requirements, reporting procedures, violations, fees, and references applicable state licensing requirements. Attorney Jacob Gardener stated that enforcing a room tax would be difficult, but licensing fees could provide revenue for administration of the program, with those funds designated for community development purposes. Helfvogt motioned to approve the first reading and place the ordinance on the next meeting agenda for further consideration, Ploessl seconded, motion carried. President Schutte proposed establishing regular committee meetings to improve communication between board members and Village staff. The last Wednesday of each month was suggested as a standing committee meeting date when business requires discussion, while allowing committee chairs to call additional meetings as needed. Helfvogt motioned to establish committee meetings beginning July 29th on the last Wednesday of each month with the tentative schedule of Electric and Streets at 6:00 pm, Grants, Residential, Community, and Government at 6:30 pm, Recycling and Landfill at 7:00 pm, Water and Sewer at 7:30 pm, and Parks and Recreation at 8:00PM, Monahan seconded, motion carried. Meetings will follow in this order; if a committee meeting finishes early, the next will also begin early until all committees have met. The Clerk's Office will confirm and post meetings the week prior as needed. President Schutte discussed existing parking regulations within the downtown area, noting that the restrictions are currently unenforceable until signage is installed. The matter was tabled for a future meeting. President Schutte presented updates regarding the Village's telephone and internet services. The current monthly cost through Brightspeed and Lumen is approximately \$1,458 for all departments together. Switching to Verizon internet service and RingCentral phone service would reduce the monthly cost to approximately \$866.52. Helfvogt motioned to approve changing the Village phone and internet services to Verizon and RingCentral, Ploessl seconded, motion carried. The Street Department Bad Boy mower has been repaired for approximately \$1,500; however, the Dixie Chopper mower requires additional repairs due to its age and hours of operation. Street Operator Falsey recommended purchasing a Hustler FasTrak Kawasaki mower for \$7,332.85 and possibly selling the Dixie Chopper through Wisconsin Surplus Auctions. Helfvogt emphasized providing proper employee training before operating the new equipment. Helfvogt motioned to approve the purchase of a new mower and sale of the old mower, Rossing seconded, motion carried. Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Johnson reported difficulty locating approved land application sites for sludge. Two farms have expressed interest, but the DNR requires a soil evaluation before approval can be considered. The soil evaluation would cost \$9,750 but would be significantly less expensive than hauling sludge to another facility. Johnson noted Village equipment could be utilized to reduce future costs if approved. Ploessl motioned to approve the soil evaluation, Monahan seconded, motion carried.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS** President Schutte presented a quote from Erickson Siding and Home Improvement totaling \$3,700 for repairs to Park Department buildings, including \$1,500 for the softball building, \$1,400 for the baseball building, and \$800 to replace the double-hung window on the Beaver storage shed. Erickson Siding and Home Improvement was the only contractor to submit a quote. Helfvogt motioned to approve the repairs with the costs split equally between the Park Fund and Recreation accounts, Rossing seconded, motion carried.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** President Schutte stated participation has declined this season at the Argyle Open Market and suggested it may be best to put them on hold as the event is being handed over to Library Director Jen Detra. He suggested considering moving the event to a Wednesday or Thursday evening in future years to improve attendance from vendors and visitors. The Fish Fry Market, organized by Hometown Haven, was very successful and remained open throughout the entire Fish Fry event due to strong attendance. Park Palooza remains scheduled for August 15th and is hopeful to include the ribbon cutting for the new playground equipment and restored airplane. They will host a kickball tournament, live music, kids games, food and drinks, and more.

**PRESIDENT BUSINESS** The payroll report for June overtime paid to full-time employees was presented as follows: Johnson – 6.53 hours, Koch – 1.18 hours, Falsey – 0.05 hours, McGuire – 0.17 hours, Saalsaa – 2.49 hours. Helfvogt made a motion to approve overtime, Monahan seconded, motion carried. President Schutte reported that the Comprehensive Plan and Outdoor Recreation Plan continue to be developed and will be presented to the Plan Commission prior to appearing before the Village Board at the August 5th meeting. The Plan Commission will also discuss additional planning items during their meeting on August 3rd. Schutte also reported that all playground equipment sold through Wisconsin Surplus Auctions will be removed by July 17th to allow preparation of the site before installation of the new playground equipment, which is currently scheduled for delivery the week of August 10<sup>th</sup> from Boland Recreation. They will provide a supervisor for the community build.

**CLERK BUSINESS** Building permits were issued to Hollie Ehorn for installation of a new HVAC system at 101 East Street and Dennis Lancaster for a new sign at 102 River Street. Stone Guardian has scheduled cemetery restoration work for late July or early August at the Old Argyle Cemetery. The property owner at 811 Monroe Street has removed the previously cut decking from the yard and will work with the Village Building Inspector to obtain a new building permit after the previous permit expired. A front porch railing will also be installed to bring the property into compliance while completing the original project. Helfvogt made a motion to approve total June 2026 accounts payable checks \$206,884.51 and July 2026 invoices paid to date \$53,122.60, Monahan seconded, motion carried. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5th, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Argyle Community Center Community Room. Helfvogt made a motion to adjourn at 9:31 pm, Monahan seconded, motion carried.

Mallory McGuire  
Deputy Clerk