PROCEEDINGS - VILLAGE OF ARGYLE - MONTHLY MEETING
November 4th, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Argyle Village Board was called to order by President Joe Schutte on November 4th, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Argyle Community Building located at 321 E Milwaukee Street. Roll call was taken with none absent. Proper posting of the meeting was acknowledged. King motioned to approve the minutes from the October 14th, 2026 village board meeting, Ploessl seconded, motion carried. Helfvogt motioned to approve the agenda, Monahan seconded, motion carried.

Appointments Don Nelson appeared to fill the vacant village board trustee seat, King motioned to approve, Monahan seconded, motion carried.

Citizen Comments None.

Old Business Revisions to the recycling ordinance were presented as Ordinance 12-2026 to amend definitions in Chapter 550, Article III of the village code, Nelson motioned to approve, King seconded, motion carried. Schutte asked the board their opinions on the bid process for remodeling the government building and clerks' new office area. This would make the office ADA compliant and more accessible for the public and provide a meeting area and records area for the police department. Schutte stated that windows and other repairs would be needed to the structure of the building to prevent water damage from windows that need replacing. Chief Saalsaa stated that she received a grant for a new drug drop-box that could be added into the building as the old one is no longer serviceable. King motioned to begin the bidding process, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried.

New Business Ben Heidemann of Town and Country Engineering appeared to discuss action on water trading. Water quality based effluent limits went into effect statewide in 2010 and the village has been operating under a variance for the past five years. Recently the DNR changed the variance requirements, so chemical treatment was implemented to help get to 0.1 part per million, however 0.01 part per million is the goal level to get to for phosphorus levels. Water quality trading could help get to these limits, but there would be costs, agreements, and plans to discuss before executing the project. Stormwater diversion at the Gabioud farm barnyard could be an option to help with this. Storm sewer construction would be needed to implement this. Heidemann suggested creating an agreement with as long of a term as feasible to help with the management as long as possible. The DNR approves plans based on a 5-year term, so the agreement would need to be renewed with them. Heidemann requested authorization for Town and Country Engineering to work with the village attorney to prepare a draft water quality trading agreement and present to the Gabiouds for review and comment, King motioned to approve, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried. Ploessl motioned to authorize Town and Country Engineering to finalize and submit water quality trading plans to the DNR after the execution of the contract, Nelson seconded, motion carried. The Argyle Public School has replaced their old camera system and donated their old system to the Argyle Public Library, minus their outdoor cameras that were no longer good. The library board has approved installing this system inside the library and paying for half of the network video recorder and installation. They requested the external cameras be paid for by the Village from the vendor for safety outside the library and downtown area which would be 4 cameras, one on each corner of the building. This will be an in-house stored system rather than a cloud based. The total cost of the project would be around $2,765 which includes the cameras, NVR, materials for installation. GeekPowered would donate their time to the library for the installation of this system. King motioned to approve the payment of $2,765 and installation, Helfvogt seconded, Schutte recused himself from voting, motion carried. Johnson Block presented an engagement letter for the 2026 audit services to be completed in 2027 with a cost of $36,750 for the general, water, sewer, electric, EMS, and other departments as well as TIF reporting and state submissions and reports. Flannery stated she requested other quotes but was informed that other companies would take significantly longer to complete the audit. Rossing motioned to approve the contract, King seconded, motion carried. Flannery recommended poll workers for the 2027 elections that have completed their training: Karen Johnson, LouAnn Golackson, Bonnie Vlasak, Nichole Webster, Mallory McGuire, and Sandra Flannery, Ploessl motioned to approve, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried. The board held discussion on and reviewed the Preliminary Budget for 2026 Payable 2027. Bonding for $170,104, look to consolidate other debt to save on taxpayers etc. King motioned to approve preliminary budget and levy of $416,506.00, Schutte seconded, a roll-call vote was taken with no opposition, motion carried.

Community Development The 2026 Welcome the Holidays event will be held on Friday, December 4th. The tree-lighting and caroling will be at 6PM in front of the Government Building with Santa and friends meeting up with families for pictures and snacks at the Argyle Public Library community center after. The Annual Holiday Lighting Contest will be on December 12th from 6-8PM. There will be first, second, and third places for residents with prizes of $100, $50, and $25. There will be one winner for businesses with a prize of $100. These are awarded as a credit to the December 2026 Argyle Municipal Utilities electric bill. Community Development Director Frakes will work with Schutte and McGuire on the 2027 Calendar of Events that will be mailed out to all residents with their utility bills. The Chili Cook-off had 14 entrants this year with a higher attendance than the previous years. Kim Pink and Mallory McGuire won the Open Class with their chili "Don't Tell Smokey Bear" and Chuck Bredeson won the Business/Organization Class with their chili "Good Friends of the Argyle Park". A special thanks to The Argyle American Legion Post 251 who assisted the event by providing food and drinks to guests, Brooke at Hometown Haven for running the market, Argyle Public Library for pumpkin painting, Argyle Community Parks Foundation for face painting.

President Business The payroll report was presented with overtime reported as follows: Johnson - 1.30, Koch - 2.27, Falsey - 1.25, Flannery - 3.39, and Saalsaa - 15.88. Monahan motioned to approve the overtime, Helfvogt seconded, motion carried.

Clerk Business There were no building permits issued. Helfvogt motioned to approve October invoices $605,676.21, November invoices paid to date $35,237.11, Monahan seconded, motion carried. The budget public hearing will be held on Wednesday December 2nd at 6:45PM with the regular monthly meeting following at 7:00PM at the Argyle Community Center located at 321 E Milwaukee Street.

Closed Session Ploessl motioned to enter closed session for discussion on water quality trading contract pricing, Monahan seconded, motion carried. A roll-call vote was taken with all in favor. Wastewater Operator Jared Johnson and Ben Heidemann of Town and Country Engineering were in attendance for the discussion. Helfvogt motioned to return to open session, Schutte seconded, motion carried. A roll-call vote was taken with all in favor. Helfvogt motioned to approve Ben Heidemann to proceed with negotiating water quality trading option one to not exceed the amount agreed upon in closed session, Monahan seconded, motion carried. Monahan motioned to enter closed session for discussion on employee contracts for 2027, Rossing seconded, motion carried. A roll-call vote was taken with all in favor. King motioned to return to open session, Schutte seconded, motion carried. A roll-call vote was taken with all in favor.

Adjourn Helfvogt motioned to adjourn at 8:54PM, King seconded, motion carried.

Mallory McGuire
Deputy Clerk