

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:37PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President Dustin Johnson, Members Juli Stauffer, Suzanne Umbaugh, Charles R. Snead, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones. Vice President Null was absent.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the December 7th Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Snead moved to accept the minutes with the word "more" removed from the Citizen input section and Member Umbaugh seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

None

MCEDC REPORT:

Council Member Umbaugh read the report for the month of November thru December.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones presented to the Council Conflict of Interest forms for Ed Barcus and Jon VanDerWeele. Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the Conflict of Interest forms. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously. Attorney Jones then opened two sealed bids to lease the 75-acre farm ground. The first one was from Mr. Procno for \$220.00 per acre and was received Dec. 19th at 2:05 p.m. The second was from Mr. Voris for \$240.27 an acre and was received Dec. 19th at 11:47 a.m. Attorney Jones stated both bids were valid. Member Snead motioned to award the contract to farm the 75 acres for 2017 to Mr. Voris at \$240.27 an acre. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously. Member Stauffer motioned to accept the Attorney report. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Board Openings/ MC Tourism, Cemetery Board, BZA and Plan Commission:

Openings still available for the MC Tourism, Plan Commission, Redevelopment and BZA.

Other Old Business:

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NEW Business:

Heminger House:

Last year the Council donated \$5000.00 to the Heminger House. This year Member Stauffer motioned to donate \$2000.00 to them. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Holiday Light Decoration Contest Winners:

Businesses:

- 1st Place – Images Hair Salon
- 2nd Place – Country & Primitive Blessings
- 3rd Place – Argos Public Library

Residential:

1st Place- Gina and Robert McMillen

2nd Place – Vicki Crum

3rd Place – Brandon Shafer

12 Days of Christmas Holiday Contest Winner:

1st Place –David Alderfer

2nd Place – Lacey Clark

3rd Place – Debi Scott

Salary Ordinance 2016-16-

Member Snead made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2016-16 – Salary Ordinance for 2017. Member Umbaugh seconded motion carried unanimously.

Park Board Appropriation Balance –

Member Umbaugh motioned to give the Park Fund up to \$20,000.00 to cover a negative balance and the Park Board would repay the Council for that money out of their 2017 budget. Member Snead seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business –

None

Department Head Reports:

Chief Bowman presented his monthly report to the Council. Chief Mark Dean gave a report for the Fire Department.. Member Stauffer motioned to accept the Department Head Reports. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the December 21st claims which totaled \$109,509.28. Member Snead moved to accept claims #1481 through #1537 and Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Employee Years of Service Recognition:

President Johnson read a list of employees who have worked for the Town of Argos and had an anniversary date in five year increments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer