

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Vice President Charles R. Snead, Members Erica Partin, Shawn Harley, Robert Byers and Attorney Derek Jones. Clerk /Treasurer Lisa Mullaney was absent for training.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the October 2, 2019 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Harley moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Resident Val Harley and Jane Hall thanked the Town for the help with the TGIFridays downtown. They would like to know if the Town would support it next year. Member Harley motioned to support the TGIFridays for next year. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Jane Hall stated the Christmas Tree lighting would be December 3, 2019 at the Argos Library.

Jon VanDerWeele would like to thank everyone who is helping to move Argos forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated the civil suit against Mr. Kunwar has been filed.

Attorney Jones also requested detailed information on the MCEDC invoice and is waiting for that information.

Attorney Jones spoke about the farm lease. He will advertise 35 acres for lease due to 7 acres being used for soil mining. Public Hearing will be set for Nov. 6th at 7:25 pm. Bids due by December 4th and opened at the Town Council meeting that night. Member Harley motioned to move forward with the farm lease. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones presented Ordinance 2019-21 Interconnection Standards. This ordinance gives an interconnection agreement for renewal energy specifications. Member Harley motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2019-21 as written. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones presented a quit claim deed for the property at Pond Park. This would transfer the property to the Argos Parks Department. After discussion Vice President Snead motioned to transfer the property to the Argos Parks Department. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Member Byers motioned to accept the attorney report. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Board Openings:

President Null stated there are now openings on the BZA. President Null also appointed Member Partin as Park Board Liaison.

Update on B&R Building (Chuck DeWitt)-

Chuck DeWitt gave a detailed explanation of what could be done to convert the building to house the EMS. After discussion Member Byers motioned to move forward with design plans. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Excavator & Loader Quote–

After a discussion Vice President Snead motioned to allow Superintendent Lindstrom to purchase both pieces of equipment for \$112,000 which includes a trailer to haul them. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

President George Null stated large item pickup would be Wednesday, October 23rd.

NEW Business:

Interlocal Agreement –

Mandy Campbell explained this agreement. It is for Stellar and Regional Cities. Member Harley motioned to accept and sign the interlocal agreement as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mandy Campbell also briefly explained the need for people to be on the Regional Development Committee in case anyone would be interested.

Federal Grant for Walking Trails -

Jon VanDerWeele talked about a grant opportunity through INDOT for walking trails. The grant would be for 2025 and application deadline is December 4, 2019. The council will consider applying.

Other New Business: -

The need for housing was discussed. A new house is being constructed on Plum St. and the contract to build houses at Colonial Estates has been signed.

Department Head Reports –

Police – Chief Bowman gave his report which included the Ordinance violations that were just written.

Utilities – Assistant Superintendent Middleton gave his report.

Fire –. Chief Dean sent his report.

EMS –Director McCallum submitted the EMS Report.

Member Byers motioned to accept the Department Head Reports. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

The October 16th claims which totaled \$188,190.75. Member Harley moved to accept claims #1107 through #1161 and Vice President Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Vice President Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Byers seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:54P.M.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer