

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Council Vice President Dave Walker called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting: Vice President Dave Walker, Members Linda Jones, Casie Rowe, Mark VanDerWeele, Town Attorney Derek Jones and Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones. President George Null was absent for medical reasons.

MINUTES

Minutes from the January 8TH Regular Council Meeting were unavailable for approval at this meeting.

PRESENTATION

Argos Community Schools Superintendent Julie Lauck and Triton Community Schools Superintendent Donna Burroughs talked to the Council about Project Lead the Way. They praised the benefits of the hands-on approach to learning which greatly benefits students K-12. Implementing Project Lead the Way creates a vital partnership with respect to local businesses and economic development within communities to help meet workforce needs. The Superintendents are asking for a \$15,000 donation to the program payable over the next three years.

The Council thanked them for coming and assured them that the request will be added to the next meeting agenda.

CITIZEN INPUT

No citizens input at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones received the signed farm lease agreement from Mr. Voreis. Derek also reported that he did not find anything in Indiana Code preventing the town council from disbanding/ abolishing the cemetery board if they so choose. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the Attorney Report and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BZA Opening:

As of this meeting there have been no letters of interest for the BZA position.

Ordinance 2014-2/ Cell Phone Stipend:

Council Member Jones moved to accept Ordinance 2014-2 which removes police officers from the list of eligible employees for a cell stipend and adds full time park employee and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried three to one with Vice President Walker opposing.

Street Parking Issues Committee Update:

Council Member Rowe gave a quick update of the first meeting of the committee. They will be looking closer at the ordinances and will have a recommendation for the Council in February.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2014-1/ 2014 Trash Rates:

The ordinance is a \$.57 monthly increase for residents. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2014-1 on all three readings and Council Member Rowe

seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2014-1 & Resolution 2014-2/ Conflict of Interest:

Attorney Jones explained that the conflict of interest resolutions are annual. Council Member Rowe moved to accept Resolution 2014-1 and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried with three votes with Council Member VanDerWeele abstaining. Resolution 2014-2 was tabled until Jon VanDerWeele could sign the resolution prior to passage.

Overtime/ Comp Time for Police Chief:

After a brief discussion with Police Chief Rodney Rudd, Council Member VanDerWeele moved to table the issue until the February 19TH meeting so that the Police Commission could discuss it at their meeting on February 5TH and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Utilities- Electric Lineman Jim Burroughs talked about the snow storm and the water main breaks due to the severe cold temperatures.

Police- There were no questions for Chief Rudd.

EMS- No questions this meeting.

Fire- No questions this meeting.

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the Department Head Reports and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones read the top five claims totaling \$80,015.81. Those top five represented 76% of the total docket and the docket totaled \$104,126.86. Council Member Jones moved to accept claims 34 through 91 and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board, Council Member Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Vice President Walker thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer