

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the December 18TH Regular Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the minutes as submitted and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Resident Owen Fluckey stated that he felt the town employees have done a great job removing the snow.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones sent letters to the farm land bidders notifying them of the results and he is now waiting for the signed lease agreement from Mr. Voreis to be returned. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the Attorney Report and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Plan Commission and BZA Opening:

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to appoint Pam Bishop as a member of the Plan Commission and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously. As of this meeting there have been no letters of interest for the BZA position.

Cell Phone Stipend Ordinance Issues:

After a lengthy discussion about employee cell phone stipends Council Member Rowe moved to amend the ordinance by adding the full time park employee and the full time Deputy Clerk and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion was retracted after a second discussion and then Council Member VanDerWeele moved to amend by removing the police and adding the park employee and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion failed two to three with members Rowe, Walker and Null opposing. After further discussion Vice President Walker moved to remove the police officers from the cell stipend ordinance and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers for 2014:

Council Member Jones moved to keep George Null as Town Council President and Dave Walker as Vice President and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2014 Department Liaison Appointments:

President Null agreed with the rest of the council to keep liaisons the same as 2013.

Cemetery Board:

President Null briefly talked about some challenges facing the current Maple Grove Cemetery Board and asked attorney Jones to find out if the board can be abolished.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 Town Attorney Retention:

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to retain Derek Jones of Jones, Huff & Jones for the calendar year 2014 and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones presented the claim docket for End of Year 2013 totaling \$71,702.22. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept claims 1288 through 1303 and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion unanimously.

Clerk Jones then presented the claim docket for first of January 2014 totaling \$214,597.80. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept claims 1 through 33 and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried 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. President Null thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer