

**Public Hearing for 2020 Farm Lease**

President Null called for a motion to open the public hearing for leasing town farm ground for 2020. Member Harley motioned to open the public hearing at 7:41pm. Member Byers seconded.

President Null asked for any comments. None were received.

Vice President Snead then motioned to close the public hearing at 7:43 pm. Member Byers seconded.

Public hearing closed at 7:43 pm.

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, October 2, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:44 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from the October 16, 2019 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Harley moved to accept the minutes as written. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

Citizen Jon VanDerWeele announced that State Senator Stacey Donato will be visiting Argos on 11-25-19 around 10 a.m. She will tour our small town at that time.

Council Member Byers congratulated the Argos Boys Soccer Team on their State Championship win.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Jones stated the detailed invoices for the MCEDC bill were received today. Member Harley motioned to table discussion until the invoices could be reviewed. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously. President Null set a public workshop to discuss the invoice for Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Attorney Jones then presented Resolution 2019-17 Farm Lease for 2020. Attorney Jones stated the farm ground to be leased would be around 38 acres more or less. Member Byers motioned to accept Resolution 2019-17 as written. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Member Harley motioned to accept the Attorney's report as given. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**EMS Building Update –**

Attorney Jones detailed the difference between a design build and getting an architect design the building then bidding the job. Attorney Jones also has been working with Chuck DeWitt on this and advised the Council to have Mr. DeWitt handle the details and then he can bring all decisions to the Council for approval. Mr. DeWitt agreed with Attorney Jones. The Council agreed to have Mr. DeWitt move forward with either the design build or bidding process.

**Board Openings – BZA –**

President Null stated if anyone is interested, to bring a letter of interest to the clerk's office.

**Community Crossing Paving Invoices-**

Superintendent Lindstrom presented the invoices for paving all streets included in the Community Crossing Grant. Some change orders were included and needed Council approval. Vice President Snead motioned to accept the invoices and to pay them in full. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Marketing for the Town for 2020-**

The Council thanked Kerri Martin from Red Door Marketing for the excellent job she has been doing for the Town. After discussion Vice President Snead motioned to extend the current contract with Red Door Marketing. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Walking Trail Grants-**

Jon VanDerWeele gave an update on the federal grants for walking trails that were discussed at the last meeting. Mr. VanDerWeele informed the Council that they would revisit applying for these grants for the 2026 year. Deadline should be next December 2020.

**Other Old Business:**

A discussion was had about exploring the possibility of buying more land for development of housing. Member Harley motioned to allow Mark VanDerWeele to talk to the landowner about price of one or two parcels. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

President Null thanked all downtown residents and business owners for adhering to the new parking requirements. He stated it makes keeping the streets downtown cleaner and should help with plowing this coming winter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Life Insurance Quotes for Employees:**

After reviewing the current limits for employees, Member Harley motioned to have Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney quote \$50k and \$100k for employees only. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Gym Membership for Town Employees-**

President Null would like to see a gym membership for employees and fire department. The EMS currently has this benefit. President Null stated it would mimic the contract that the EMS has. The employee or fireman would have to use the membership 4 times a month or repay the Town for that month's membership. Attorney Jones will look into getting a contract together.

**Employee Appreciation Dinner and Fire/EMS Dinner –**

After discussion Vice President Snead motioned to have the Employee Appreciation dinner same as last year and pay for the Fire/EMS dinner. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Christmas Light Decorating Contest-**

Member Byers motioned to have the Christmas Light Decorating Contest separate for businesses and residential. First place would be \$200.00 Second Place \$100.00 and Third Place is \$50.00. Judging will be done Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and winners announced at the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Other New Business:**

President Null congratulated Mary Gibson on winning the election. Mrs. Gibson will be the new Councilwoman starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. She will replace current Councilman Byers.

**CLAIMS**

The November 6, 2019 claims totaled \$399,806.16. Vice President Snead moved to accept claims #1162 through #1247. Member Harley 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 8:45 P.M.

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George Null, President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer