

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2013**

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 Dave Walker, Members Linda Jones, Casie Rowe, Mark VanDerWeele, Town Attorney Derek Jones and Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones.

MINUTES

Minutes from the August 21ST Regular Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Jan Heuer inquired about "No Parking" signs by the American Legion during the fair. Owen Fluckey expressed his concern again that children could get hurt due to drivers not stopping at the 4-Way stop at Indiana and Yearick. There was a suggestion of seeing if some signs should be replaced with flashing signs. Also, there was discussion about putting lines across State Road 10 and Michigan for the school crossings.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones said that he received notice that a lawsuit against one of our police officers had been dismissed. Also, the utility easement for the North Michigan Street Project has been drawn up by Plymouth Land Surveying & Design, Inc.

Council Member Rowe moved to accept the Attorney Report and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2013-10/ 2014 Salary Ordinance:

There was a brief discussion about not being prepared to make a decision one way or another on the ordinance at this meeting so Council Member VanDerWeele moved to table the issue and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion passed unanimously with Vice President Walker stating that he would like the Council to act on this ordinance at the next meeting.

North Michigan Street Project:

The following three quotes were received for the storm water project on North Michigan Street: JD Excavating LLC at \$5,400, Lewis Backhoe Inc at \$6,900 and Thomas Excavating at \$6,895. After a brief discussion Vice President Walker moved to accept the quote of \$5,400 by JD Excavating and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried four to one with President Null opposing.

Paving/ Chip & Seal:

After reviewing quotes of different options for paving and chip & sealing Council Member Rowe moved to use Option 3 with E & B Paving that provides for chip sealing Woodlawn Trail, Broadway by the tracks, Grove and West streets in the amount of \$30,940 and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried four to one with President Null abstaining.

Plan Commission Opening:

Clerk-Treasurer Jones said that she had talked to a couple of people but no commitments as of the time of the meeting. Continue to advertise for position.

NEW BUSINESS

Argos Halloween Night:

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to set Halloween Trick or Treat time for Thursday, October 31ST from 5pm to 7pm and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones presented the September 4TH claim docket in the amount of \$41,099.71. Council Member Rowe moved to accept claims 890 through 897 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 8:03 PM.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer