

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President Dustin Johnson, Vice President George Null, Members Suzanne Umbaugh, Charles R Snead, Juli Stauffer, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the August 17th Regular Session were submitted for approval. After consideration Vice President Null moved to accept the minutes with changing "Vice President Umbaugh" to Member Umbaugh" under the Christmas Decoration section, and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Carol Arnett asked Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney who purchased the mum's that were planted uptown and who is responsible for watering them. Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney stated the money came from the flower budget that was passed in the spring and the business owners were again asked to water them. Vice President Null brought up about Argos Citizens who had received the propaganda notice thru the mail last year about the former Clerk/Treasurer Jones to report it to the Prosecuting Attorney.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

No attorney report was given as everything Attorney Jones worked on is covered in the next section.

REMC Territory Dispute:

Attorney Jones explained the dispute between REMC and Argos Electric for service territory and stated REMC is looking for a resolution on this matter. After discussion Member Stauffer made a motion for Attorney Jones to contact REMC's Attorney and let them know we would settle for the dividing line to be Heritage St. and REMC would swap part of solar park property for the property marked by a red circle and "X" currently being served by Argos Electric on the map. Member Snead seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD LIBRARY:

Vice President Null stated he still had not received quotes from Chester Gamble and would try for next meeting.

Greenslope Monument:

Vice President Null made a motion to only pour the concrete needed to set the monument, cut down a tree and remove flag pole and store it till next spring. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously. The Council agreed to present this to the Park Board at their next meeting.

Cemetery Board:

Attorney Jones stated after reading the State Statutes on the Cemetery Board, it was created by an Ordinance and therefore if the Council wished to abolish it would have to do so with an Ordinance. After much discussion the Council decided to table this till next meeting and see if their might be anyone interested in serving on the Cemetery Board.

Hoosier S.T.A.R.T:

This is a 457b retirement plan brought before the Council to see if there was any interest in letting the town employees participate. Member Stauffer motioned to allow the employees to participate and Vice President Null seconded. After a discussion Member Umbaugh stated she would like to have a workshop to learn more about the program. Motion failed 4 to 1. The Council will set up a workshop to discuss this program.

Board Openings/ MC Tourism, Cemetery Board, BZA and Plan Commission:

Openings still available for the MC Tourism, Cemetery, Plan Commission and BZA.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW Business:

Mark Umbaugh for MCEDC-

Mr. Umbaugh gave the August report for the MCEDC.

Other New Business -

Town Sign:

Member Umbaugh asked who was in charge of what was displayed on the Town sign. Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney stated that she is the one who puts the messages on the sign. Member Umbaugh wanted to know what criteria had to be met to be on there. Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney stated she normally put community events, meetings, school activities and other non-profit events on there. Member Umbaugh stated she did not think the "Concerned Citizens for Argos Schools" group meeting should be advertised on the town sign.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the September 7th claims which totaled \$342,002.76. Member Stauffer moved to accept claims #979 through #1059 and Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Stauffer moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer