

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: George Null (Virtual), Charles R. Snead, Shawn Harley, Erica Partin, Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk /Treasurer Lisa Mullaney.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:

Member Partin motioned that all officers should stay the same from 2020 to 2021. Member Harley seconded. Member Null stated he would accept the role of President of the Argos Town Council. Member Snead stated he would accept the role of Vice President of the Argos Town Council. With no other nominations motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN ATTORNEY:

Member Harley motioned to retain Attorney Derek Jones. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the December 16,2020 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Harley moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Partin seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

President Null thanked the utility workers who worked so hard over the weekend due to an ice storm. They put in long hours to keep our utilities going.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones asked if Mr. Voreis signed the farm lease yet. He said he would send an email reminder.

Attorney Jones is working on starting the legal proceedings on 311 West St.

Attorney Jones just received the affidavit for 326 W. Church St that was signed by Chief Bowman. He will be getting that served.

Attorney Jones then presented a contract for legal services for the Fire Territory. He stated this attorney would work for the Town of Argos. Member Harley motioned to allow Vice President Snead to sign the contract on behalf of the Town Council pending approval from Attorney Jones. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

With no more business to present to the Council, Member Partin motioned to accept the attorney's report. Member Harley seconded; motioned carried unanimously.

Board Openings: Plan Commission & BZA-

Plan Commission and BZA has openings. Commissioner Umbaugh sent a letter of resignation from the Argos Police Commission. These openings will be posted on the town sign and letters read at the next meeting.

Other Old Business:

None

NEW Business:

2021 Meeting Schedule-

After a short discussion Member Harley motioned to have the Council Meetings on the First and Third Wednesdays of the month at 7:30p.m. with a Public Workshop to be held on the Third Wednesday of every month at 6:30p.m. and Cemetery meeting held at 7:00 pm on the Third Wednesday of every month. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Utility Clerk-

After a brief explanation as to why this position is appointed every year Member Haley motioned to appoint Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Mullaney to this position. Member Partin seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Department Liaisons -

Member Harley volunteered for the Police Dept. President Null volunteered for Fire Dept. Utilities will be split between Vice President Snead and Member Harley. Member Partin will be the Park Board liaison. Vice President Snead volunteered for EMS.

Appointment of Economic Director -

Member Harley motioned to appoint Mark VanDerWeele as Economic Director. It is an unpaid position that answers directly to the Council. Member Partin seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2021-01 - The 2021 Trash Rates:

After a discussion Member Harley motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2021-01 as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-01- Power Tracker:

After discussion President Null motioned to accept Resolution 2021-01. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

After a discussion about the contract for planning and BZA services from the county Member Partin motioned to end the interlocal agreement with Marshall County. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously. Attorney Jones will send a termination letter to the county.

After a discussion about the contract between the town and Chuck DeWitt. Member Harley motioned to raise Mr. DeWitt's compensation from the town from \$8,000 to \$11,000 and require Mr. DeWitt to purchase appropriate liability insurance for the work he will be performing.

Authorization of Payment of Budgeted Donations:

Member Harley asked for a workshop to go over budgeted donations. It will be discussed at 6:30pm on January 20,2021.

CLAIMS

The January 6, 2020 claims which totaled \$484,178.04 President Null moved to accept claims December 15,2020 through December 31, 2021. Member Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Partin moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer