

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:37PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from the October 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Snead moved to accept the minutes and Vice President Null seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN INPUT –**

Citizen Ray Shepherd owner of The Bear's Den, asked the Council for his application of the Downtown Revitalization Project be reconsidered. He presented the fact that his application was filled out by another person who promised to do the work then backed out. Leaving Mr. Shepherd to hire someone else. He stated he was told by the person who was supposed to do the work that his building was good to go and he was approved to move forward. After hiring the second person to do the work he went to the Clerk's office and found out he needed an inspection to move forward. His building did pass inspection after the work was performed. Council stated they would address this later in the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Old Gas Station:**

Discussion was had regarding bidding on the old speedway gas station. After receiving an appraisal Member Umbaugh made a motion to have the Town bid \$800.00 less than the appraisal to purchase the gas station property. Member Stauffer seconded. Motion carried three to two with Member Snead and Vice President Null opposing.

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Fred Jones read from an email that Attorney Derek Jones had sent. In the email Attorney Jones stated the contract for Hyper Wave was sent and is ready to be signed but no word from them so far. Attorney Jones is considering the legality of tearing down the old library building and stated if the Council wishes to lease the 75 acres for farming next year they need to vote on that soon. After a discussion Vice President Null made a motion to lease the 75 acres for farming next year with the same terms as this year. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously. Vice President Null motioned to accept the Attorney report. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Revitalization Program.:**

Vice President Stearns of the Redevelopment Commission gave a presentation of the money awarded to business owners in the Redevelopment Program. To date the Redevelopment Commission voted and approved \$37,109.34 in funds to business owners that participated in the Revitalization Program. This program ended October 1<sup>st</sup>. A total of eight business owners benefited from this program and everyone agreed the downtown area is looking better.

Council then readdressed Mr. Shepherd's request from earlier. After establishing that there is \$2,890.66 in funds left from the \$40,000.00 budgeted for this program. Member Stauffer made a motion to award \$2,890.66 to Mr. Shepherd for his building since the work was performed. Vice President Null seconded. Motion was defeated 4 to 1 with Vice President Null, Members Umbaugh, Snead and President Johnson all opposing. Vice President Null then made a motion to award Mr. Shepherd the \$2, 500.00 that was on his application. Member Snead seconded, motion carried four to one with Member Umbaugh opposing.

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

Openings still available for the MC Tourism, Plan Commission, Redevelopment and BZA. President of the Redevelopment Commission Dylan Colburn resigned.

**Other Old Business:**

None

**NEW Business:**

None

**Other New Business –**

None

**Department Head Reports:**

Chief Bowman presented his monthly report to the Council. Jim Burroughs presented the Utility Department Reports in the report he outlined many projects that have been completed and some that are still being worked on. Vice President Null gave a report for the Fire Department. Member Stauffer motioned to accept the Department Head Reports. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**CLAIMS**

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the October 19th claims which totaled \$124,256.73. Vice President Null moved to accept claims #1168 through #1238 and Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**DOWNTOWN DECORATIONS:**

President Johnson wanted to thank all members of the Town Council for donating money to help decorate the downtown area with bales of straw and pumpkins.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business brought before the board Member Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

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Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer