

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:

Member Snead nominated George Null for President. Member Partin seconded. With no other nominations motion carried unanimously.

Member Partin nominated Charles R. Snead for Vice President. Member Harley seconded. With no other nominations motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN ATTORNEY:

Member Harley motioned to retain Attorney Derek Jones. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the December 18,2019 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President Snead moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Partin seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Citizen Mark Umbaugh read a statement on how he felt the sale of the Colonial Estate lots were badly handled by the Redevelopment Commission.

Citizen Suzanne Umbaugh read a statement on the Summer Kick Off Festival did not pay a bill in a timely manner. Since the Town donates money to the Festival, in her opinion the public needed to know. She feels the Town should reconsider their donations in the future.

Citizen John Thacker inquired about a driveway for his storage units he purchased out on Marshall St. President Null asked him to get with Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney so he could present to the Plan Commission.

Citizen Rob Hurford informed the council that the Summer Kick-Off Festival also received a loan from the Argos Community Development Commission. President Null asked if the loan had been paid. Mr. Hurford replied that it had.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones informed the Council that they would have representatives from IMPA speaking at the public workshop on Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30pm.

With no more business to present to the Council, President Null motioned to accept the attorney's report. Vice President Snead motioned carried unanimously.

Board Openings:- Plan Commission & BZA-

Plan Commission and BZA has openings.

Other Old Business:

None

NEW Business:

2020 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 7:15 pm every month. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Utility Clerk-

After a brief explanation as to why this position is appointed every year Vice President Snead 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 Gibson volunteered for Redevelopment Commission. Vice President Snead volunteered for EMS. Member Partin volunteered for Park.

Appointment of Economic Director –

Vice President Snead 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.

Fire Department Grant –

After a discussion about the DNR grant being a 50/50 match for \$5000, Vice President Snead motioned to allow the Argos Fire Department to apply for the grant. Member Partin seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

Authorization of Payment of Budgeted Donations:

After a discussion Vice President Snead motioned to pay all budgeted donations. Member Partin seconded motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

The January 8, 2020 claims which totaled \$352,065.80 Member Harley moved to accept claims #1477through #1494 and #1 through #54. Vice President Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer