

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from the May 17, 2017 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President Null motioned to accept the minutes and Member Snead seconded. Motion carried 3 to 2 with President Johnson and Member Stauffer abstaining due to absence.

Minutes from the May 22, 2017 Special Meeting were also submitted for approval. Vice President Null motioned to accept the minutes as written. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN INPUT –**

Jim Davis voiced concerns about water in West View Court. He has stated that for many years the Council has promised to look into fixing the problem and nothing is being done. Vice President Null and Superintendent Burroughs assured him it is being looked into.

**MCEDC Annual Report –**

Mr. Chavez gave the annual report of the MCEDC.

**Chris VanDuyne – Non-Profit Match-**

Mr. VanDuyne gave a presentation of his plan to match the Town to help revitalize the downtown area. After a discussion, it was decided that Member Snead would be a project manager of sorts and that before the Town would put any money toward this an agreement would have to be drafted between the Town and the non-profit Stic Corporation. Mr. VanDuyne will be working with Member Snead and they will present to the Council.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Jones presented the Council with Conflict of Interest forms for Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney and President Johnson. Vice President Null motioned to accept the forms as written. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones presented the signed Real Services Contract which he received. Member Snead motioned to accept the contract as written. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones he is still waiting on Chuck DeWitt to give him a report for 405 S. Michigan St. once he gets the report he will proceed as needed.

Attorney Jones stated he received the letter of commitment from Lake City Bank regarding the MCEDC lease agreement. He also received a completion date of December 15, 2017. Attorney Jones also stated the terms of the lease need to be changed from a 24-month to a 36-month lease per Mr. Chavez's request. Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the lease with all the changes. Vice President Null seconded, motion carried 3 to 2 with Members Snead and Stauffer opposing.

Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the Attorney Report, member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Board Openings/ MC Tourism.**

Openings still available for the MC Tourism. President Johnson announced there would be an opening on the BZA starting in July.

**EMS Building –**

Bids have been sent out and it is moving forward.

**Other Old Business:**

President Johnson thanked Member Umbaugh for her dedication in representing Argos during the Yellow River Festival. She put in a lot of time and energy into creating flyers and talking to people about Argos's good qualities.

**NEW Business:**

**New Lawn Mower –**

Superintendent Burroughs presented a quote for a new lawn mower for \$4,999.04. Council members agreed it was needed. Member Snead made a motion to allow Superintendent Burroughs to purchase the new mower. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Burroughs also thanked Doug Middleton and Clerk/Treasure Mullaney for attending the Community Crossings Grant meeting in LaPorte.

**Resolution 2017-8 CD Authorization for Umbaugh-**

This Resolution is a renewal of one signed two years ago allowing Umbaugh to bid CD rates with banks outside of Town as well as ones in Town. Vice President Null motioned to accept Resolution 2017-8 as written. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Reinvestment of Funds –**

A CD the Town had invested \$300,00.00 total or \$100,00 from each fund of General Fund, Sewer Debt Reserve and CCI fund came to maturity. Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney asked Council how they would like to reinvest these funds. Vice President Null motioned to allocate the interest and re-invest only the money from the sewer debt reserve and the CCI funds totaling \$203,315.12. The rest will revert back to the General Fund. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2017-10 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Power Tracker –**

Member Snead motioned to accept Resolution 2017-10 as written. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Other New Business:**

Vice President Null stated the contract between the Fire Department, the Town and both Townships needs to be rewritten. The Town will initiate the meeting to take place.

**CLAIMS**

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the June 7th claims which totaled \$351,829.38. Member Snead moved to accept claims #586 through #663 and Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business brought before the board Member Stauffer moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

---

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

---

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer