

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
2014 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Vice President Dave Walker, Members Linda Jones, Casie Rowe, Mark VanDerWeele, Town Attorney Derek Jones and Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones.

PUBLIC INPUT

Clerk-Treasurer Jones discussed certain areas of the budget with the public and Town Council. Ms. Jones mentioned some changes moving forward to working on next year's budget process while noting that the budget increase this year is mainly due to a combination of insurance premiums the town pays. Also, Ms. Jones talked about the max levy and amounts to be distributed to the taxpayer funds. The overall budget increase was just under \$9,000 from the previous year.

CLOSE OF HEARING

With no more 2014 Budget questions brought up for discussion President Null closed the hearing at 7:40 PM.

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George Null, President

ATTEST:

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Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Vice President Dave Walker, Members Linda Jones, Casie Rowe, Mark VanDerWeele, Town Attorney Derek Jones and Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones.

MINUTES

Minutes from the September 4<sup>TH</sup> Regular Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Vice President Walker moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Rowe seconded with a correction from President Null to a statement Vice President Walker said on the Salary Ordinance section as follows; "The motion passed unanimously with Vice President Walker having the Council agree that there would be a final vote on the ordinance at the next meeting" to read "The motion passed unanimously with Vice President Walker stating that he would like the Council to act on this ordinance at the next meeting." The motion carried unanimously with the change.

CITIZEN INPUT

Bryan Spaulding introduced himself as a representative of Congresswoman Jackie Walorski and would be available after the meeting to talk to the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Jones said that he was waiting on the utility easement to be returned for the North Michigan Storm Water Project. Council Member Rowe moved to accept the Attorney Report and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 2013-10/ 2014 Salary Ordinance:**

Council Member Rowe moved to give all full time employees including the Clerk-Treasurer a two percent pay increase for 2014 and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion failed two to three with President Null and Members Jones and VanDerWeele opposing. Council Member Rowe then moved to give all full time employees a two percent pay increase excluding the Clerk-Treasurer and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried three to two with President Null and Council Member Jones opposing. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept Ordinance 2013-10 with the two percent increase on the first reading and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried three to two with President Null and Council Member Jones opposing.

**North Michigan Storm Water Project:**

Utilities Superintendent John Archambeault said that JD Excavating was ready to start the project first thing next week.

**Plan Commission Opening:**

No letters of interest as of this meeting. The opening will continue to be advertised.

**Chip & Seal Project Amendment:**

Doug Middleton discussed some issues that arose with the accepted bids for paving and chip & sealing since the previous meeting. West Street has drainage problem areas that would be better handled through grading and paving rather than chip & sealing so he recommended holding off on West Street

until next year and adding East Marshall Street for chip & sealing instead. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the change request and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried four to one with President Null opposing.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### **Resolution 2013-8/ ADA Transition Plan:**

Council Member Rowe moved to accept Resolution 2013-8 and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

##### **Shovel Ready Project:**

Council Member VanDerWeele gave an update on the Shovel Ready Project for the development land. The town portion of the cost will be around \$9,000 and it was briefly discussed what funds the money could come from. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to go forward with the Shovel Ready Project process and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**Utilities-** President Null said that he spoke with INDOT and they have no problem with our Street Department painting the lines for the school crosswalks.

**Police-** Police Chief Rodney Rudd briefly discussed that he was looking into trying an 8 hour work day for his officers for a trial period beginning at the first of the year.

**Fire-** There were no questions this meeting.

**EMS-** EMS Director Rich Miller was not at this meeting.

Council Member Jones moved to accept Department Head Reports and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones read the top five claims totaling \$277,541.42 which represented 79% of the total docket. The claim docket totaled \$349,953.03. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept claims 898 through 980 and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board, Council Member Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President Null thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

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George Null, President

ATTEST:

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Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer