

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Charles Snead called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Minutes from the October 7, 2020 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Harley moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mark Cleary inquired about leaf pick-up for the mobile home park. Superintendent Lindstrom informed him they pick-up leaves almost everyday now if they are at the curb.

Amber Gardy complained about receiving a ordinance violation for speeding on Marshall St and asked for it to be forgiven seeing this was her first time. Chief Bowman said he would take care of it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones informed the Council that he had a lot of code violations pending court hearings but nothing definitive as of now.

Attorney Jones also stated after talking with Superintendent Lindstrom and Economic Director VanDerWeele they agreed the farm lease for 2021 should read 20 acres more or less. Member Harley motioned to have Attorney Jones send the bid notice for 20 acres more or less. 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 Gibson seconded; motioned carried unanimously.

Board Openings: Plan Commission & BZA-

Plan Commission and BZA has openings

Ordinance 2020-09 EMS Fees 2021:

Member Harley motioned to accept Ordinance 2020-09 on the second and third readings. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2020-10 Fire Billing Fees 2021:

Member Partin motioned to accept Ordinance 2020-10 on the second and third readings. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

Member Harley said that he met with Chief Bowman and Attorney Jones earlier that evening and a draft of the nuisance ordinance should be presented at the next Council meeting.

NEW Business:

Employee Health Insurance Renewal -

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney presented the Anthem renewal which had increased by 9.8% overall. After a discussion Member Partin motioned to accept Anthem plan PPO 3 RX E5. Member Gibson seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Increase to Longevity-

Member Harley brought up a discussion of increasing the employee longevity from \$100 per year of service to \$150 per year of service still capped at 30 years. After a discussion Member Partin motioned to raise longevity pay for town employees to \$150 for every year of service and capped at 30 years or \$4,500. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

None

Department Head Reports-

All department heads and the Economic Director submitted their reports for review.

Superintendent Lindstrom asked the Council's permission to sign the new contract with Ashbury to run the wastewater plant at a cost of \$6,750 a month. Member Harley motioned to allow Superintendent Lindstrom to sign the contract with Ashbury. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Member Harley motioned to accept the department head reports. Member Gibson seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Employee Appreciation Dinner-

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney stated they had reserved Christo's Banquet Center again for December 4th. Member Harley motioned to approve the Employee Appreciation Dinner for December 4th at Christo's Banquet Center. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

The October 21, 2020 claims totaled \$446,422.12. Member Harley moved to accept claims from 10/07/2020 through claims 10/16/2020. Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Gibson moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer