

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the February 4TH Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President Walker moved to accept the minutes and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLAR PARK

Dan Worl from the Indiana Municipal Power Agency and Eric Walsh from H.J. Umbaugh & Associates discussed the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) program for consideration of the sale of property designated for the solar park. The town board is currently going through the process of annexing the town owned property located off of Linden Road near the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Dan and Eric fielded questions from the board and town attorney Derek Jones on projected revenue over several years. The Council thanked them for coming.

CITIZEN INPUT

Resident Ed Barcus asked the board several questions about claims. Chuck Calhoun talked about the legalities associated with the claims. President VanDerWeele read a public statement summarizing the employee health insurance lapse which is attached as a part of the official minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones said that the farm lease between the town and William Voreis has been signed. Also, Derek was contacted by the owners of the farm land abutting Grove Street and the donation of the forty foot utility easement is not going to materialize.

Vice President Walker moved to have Derek work on the documents for tax abatement and the sale of land to IMPA for a solar park and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried four to one with Council Member Null opposing.

Council Member Rowe moved to accept the Attorney Report and Council Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Plan Commission Opening:

No letters of interest this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Marshall County Homemakers and Argos Girl Scouts requested the use of the B&R building for their 2015 meeting schedule. Council Member Null moved to allow all of the nonprofit organizations that used the building in 2014 to use it for 2015 and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones read the top five claims totaling \$229,220.39 which represented 82% of the total docket. The claim docket totaled \$276,805.98. Council Member Umbaugh asked about manual check #34714 missing from the December docket. Clerk-Treasurer Jones will look into the matter. Council Member Rowe moved to accept claims 140 through 190 and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Utilities- There were no questions for Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs.

Police- There were no questions for Police Chief Rodney Rudd.

Fire- Council Member Null discussed giving retiring fireman their helmets. Replacement cost is \$250.

EMS- There were no questions for EMS Director Rich Miller.

Vice President Walker moved to accept the Department Head Reports and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board, Council Member Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer