

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:37 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 October 2<sup>ND</sup> Regular Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the minutes as submitted and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MCEDC

Jay Bahr, Marshall County Economic Development Corporation Director, gave the Council an update of the projects in the county. Mr. Bahr also talked about the "County Development for the Future" meetings and how Argos and several communities have made much progress. The Council thanked Mr. Bahr for coming.

TOWN INSURANCE UPDATE

Greg Miller from Miller Norcen Insurance gave the Council an update on the premium renewal for workman's comp coverage and the town liability and equipment package. Mr. Miller went over the numbers and how they compared with previous years and also discussed changing the deductible to help save money.

CITIZEN INPUT

Barney Beers talked about his concerns with sidewalks and street lighting in town.

OLD BUSINESS

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Jones talked about a person that paid an ordinance violation ticket after it had been filed with the court and if the Council wants this person to still have to pay the filing fee and attorney fees. After discussion Council Member VanDerWeele moved to have Derek pursue getting the filing fee only and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried three to two with President Null and Vice President Walker opposing.

Derek also discussed the process in leasing the farm ground owned by the town. There can be a public hearing set for the November 6<sup>TH</sup> meeting and the Council can decide what the specs will be for the bidders.

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

**North Michigan Street Project:**

The project is complete except for the landscaping.

**Plan Commission & BZA Opening:**

Both positions are to be filled by a republican living in the town limits. There were no letters of interest as of this meeting.

**Town Insurance:**

Based on the information Greg Miller presented earlier Council Member VanDerWeele moved to increase the deductibles and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution 2013-11/ Transfer of Funds:**

The State Board of Accounts recommends that the Council pass a resolution approving the transfer of \$630,000 from the Electric Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund and make it retroactive back to the time of transfer. Vice President Walker moved to pass Resolution 2013-11 and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2013-12/ PD Employment Hour Change:**

After a brief discussion Vice President Walker moved to table the issue until further information could be gathered and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion to table carried unanimously.

**Shovel Ready Project Financing:**

Clerk-Treasurer Jones recommended that the Electric Depreciation Fund be used to pay the Shovel Ready invoices. The Indiana Municipal Power Agency will reimburse the town half of the expenses up to \$10,000 in an effort to help promote the town owned development land. Vice President Walker moved to use the Electric Depreciation Fund to pay for the Shovel Ready Project invoices and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**Utilities-** Utilities Superintendent John Archambeault discussed adding poles and lighting on State Road 10 by the park for added safety.

**Police-** Chief Rodney Rudd was not at this meeting.

**Fire-** Chief Mark Dean was not at this meeting.

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

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones read the top five claims totaling \$293,820.03. Those claims represented 88 percent of the total docket which was \$332,773.23. Council Member Rowe moved to accept claims 993 through 1026 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 8:39 PM.

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George Null, President

ATTEST:

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Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer