

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 07, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:31PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Members Suzanne Umbaugh, Dylan Colburn, Charles R. Snead, Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones. Vice President Dustin Johnson was absent.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the October 17, 2018 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Umbaugh moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Colburn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

None

TGIFridays and Library Request-

Jane Hall and Val Harley are putting together the TGIFriday's and need to know if the Town is going to provide water and electric for the vendors that participate. After discussion the Council assured them that they would do what is necessary to provide those things to help in making the event a reality.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones state the contract for fire billing services was sent to Accu-Med and we are waiting for their signatures.

Attorney Jones stated that the Inter - Stellar Agreement was sent to Attorney Sean Surrisi.

Attorney Jones received an email from Bill Voreis stating he was only able to farm 56.5 acres and not the full 60 acres outlined in the 2018 Farm Lease. Member Umbaugh motioned to pay Mr. Voreis \$706.13 for the acreage lost. Member Umbaugh motioned to reimburse Mr. Voreis \$706.13 for the lost acreage. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones inquired as to plans to lease the farm ground next year. He told them the town now only owns 54 acres and that is all he would recommend advertising for. Attorney Jones stated if they proceed with the farm lease for 2019 they could have a public hearing on November 21st 7:15 pm. with bids to be accepted until Dec. 17th and opened on Dec.19th at the regular Council meeting. Member Snead motioned to advertise the 2019 Farm lease with the dates that were mentioned. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was had about adding UTV's to the existing Golf Cart Ordinance. Attorney Jones would like clarification of what the Council would like the ordinance changed to. He advised that it be clearly defined. After discussion it was tabled for further research. A public workshop will be held on November 21st at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the matter.

Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the attorney report. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

EMS Director Letters –

Two letters of interest were received for the position of EMS Director. After a discussion the Council agreed to table the decision until they could meet with the current director.

Board Openings-: Plan & Police Commission-

Plan Commission still has openings.

Other Old Business:

Member Umbaugh stated that the oral presentations for the Stellar Grant is November 15th at 10:00 a.m. in Indianapolis.

President Null discussed what could be done about people riding skateboards and bicycles on the sidewalk uptown. Librarian Jane Hall said it is very dangerous for people exiting the Library. After a discussion it was suggested that the town put up more signs and that it be put in the spring newsletter.

NEW Business:

Ordinance 2018-06 Authorization of ACH payments -

Member Colburn motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2018-6 on all three readings. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2018-7 Salary Ordinance-

This ordinance increases part-time police officer pay and corrects other employees and their raises. Member Snead motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2018-7 on all three readings. Member Colburn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2018-8 Employee Handbook –

With the help of New Focus HR the Council was presented with the new Employee Handbook. Member Umbaugh motioned to suspend the rules and adopt the new Employee Handbook on all three readings. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Health Insurance Rates 2019 –

The Council was provided the new rates for employee health insurance. After a discussion Member Colburn motioned to accept Plan 1 rates for 2019. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

Superintendent Lindstrom told the Council that Phase 1 of the Westview Ct project is now complete. Phase 2 will begin next spring. He also informed the Council that the Town of Argos was awarded 100% of the money that was applied for in the Community Crossing Grant. This amount that was applied for is around \$1.2 million dollars. The grant portion is \$926,970.24 this is 75% of the money applied for.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the November 7,2018 claims which totaled \$436,170.30 Member Umbaugh moved to accept claims #1309 through #1410 and Member Colburn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

President Null introduced and welcomed Officer Bradley Howe to the Town of Argos. He is the newest officer hired. With no more business brought before the board Member Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Colburn seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer