

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16,2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Snead called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Vice President Charles R. Snead, Shawn Harley, Eric Partin, , Angela Resendez, Attorney Derek Jones and Clerk -Treasurer Lisa Mullaney.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the June 2,2021, 2021, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Harley moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

President of the Marshall County Fair Association requested permission to spread the manure and hay from the 4-H fair on the ground the town owns off of Kenilworth Rd. The Council did not think that could be done because of the survey stakes on that ground. They agreed to investigate it and or another place to dump it.

Karen DeMont wrote a letter requesting permission to hold a walk for epilepsy. The letter outlined the route which they would like to take. The Council has no problem with this and supports this. They only caution walking along State Road 10 as INDOT frowns upon that. The Clerk Treasurer will respond to Mrs. DeMont's letter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones gave an update on the court proceedings for 311 West St. There will be a compliance hearing on June 29 2021.

Attorney Jones then stated as far as he was aware the vehicle at 300 W. Walnut St has been removed. The Council agreed.

Attorney Jones then asked the Council how to proceed with 326 W. Church. St,. Member Harley said it was 60% cleaned up but they want the rest cleaned up. Attorney Jones stated they had a judgement to get bids to clean up the property if that is what the Council decided. Member Harley made a motion to let the clean up of the property out for bids. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Topp Industries tax abatement was presented for review to the Town Council. Member Harley motioned to approve the CF-1 for Topps Industries. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

With no more business to present to the Council, Member Harley motioned to accept the attorney's report. Member Partin seconded; motioned carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

Café' 1852 presented their completed paperwork to the Town Council for the Building Incentive Program. The Council discussed future plans with the owners. Member Resendez motioned to grant Café'1852 \$8,000 under the Building Incentive Program guidelines. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

NEW Business:

Resolution 2021-04 US 31 and State Rd. 10:

Marshall County Commissioners requested the Town of Argos join them in passing a Resolution requesting a solution to US 31 and State Rd 10 intersection. Member Harley motioned to pass the resolution as written. Member Resendez seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-05 TIF 4 Deer Field Meadows-

This resolution creates a TIF area for the 21 acres that Deer Field Meadows subdivision will be built on. Member Resendez motioned to accept the Resolution as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2021-09 Salary Ordinance 2021-5-

This Ordinance revises the EMT pay for full-time EMT's. Member Harley motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2021-09 as written. Member Resendez seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2021-10 Employee Handbook Update-

The employee handbook was updated to include benefits for the new full-time EMT's. Member Harley motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2021-10 as written. Member Resendez seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

Bids for the Downtown Square project will be opened at the next Council meeting on July 7th.

Edward Lytle has not complied with the BZA rejection of variance to have a fence in his front yard. Member Harley motioned for Attorney Jones to write a letter and start compliance actions. Member Resendez seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Travis Pugh has not removed the old shed (garage) from his property and has not kept in contact with the town. Member Harley motioned for Attorney Jones to write a letter and start compliance actions. Member Resendez seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mark VanDerWeele asked for a \$6,000 donation for all the festivals including October Fest. He stated \$8,000 was budgeted but they only need \$6,000. Member Harley motioned to give the Summer Festival Committee a donation of \$6,000. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mark VanDerWeele also mentioned that Kerri Langdon-Martin from Red Door Marketing is wanting to do an updated promotional video for Argos. It will cost around \$4,500. The Council had a discussion and tabled this for more information.

Department Head Reports

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

Chief Bowman presented his report.

Superintendent Lindstrom presented his report and gave updates on the new buildings, the Community Crossing Grant Road work and hiring of a new full-time employee. He also stated Adam Brinkhoff is now a Journeyman Lineman.

Chief Mark Dean presented report.

EMS Director McCallum presented her report.

Mark VanDerWeele gave the Economic Development report.

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

CLAIMS

The June 16, 2021, claims which totaled \$165,147.92. Member Harley moved to accept claims June 2, 2021, through June 14, 2021. Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Harley moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Resendez seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer