

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, February 7, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Erica Partin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present for the meeting: President Erica Partin, Vice President Ed Barcus, Members Charles R. Snead, Robert Byers, Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk -Treasurer Lisa Mullaney. Shawn Harley was absent due to illness.

**OPENING OF BIDS FOR SALE OF VEHICLES:**

Attorney Jones opened all the sealed bids for the four vehicles. After all bids were opened and read, Attorney Jones read the highest bidder for each vehicle.

2005 Ford F150 – Highest bid was \$868.00 from Chris Myers. Vice President Barcus motioned to accept the bid. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

2006 Ford E45 – Highest bid was \$1,655.00 from Dave Long. Vice President Barcus motioned to accept the bid. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

2000 International Dump Truck- Highest bid was \$6,500.00 from Earl Betz. Vice President Barcus motioned to accept the bid. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

2000 Ford F250 – Highest Bid was \$5,750.00 from Tim Thompson. Vice President Barcus motioned to accept the bid. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Winners will be contacted for payment and pickup.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from the January 17, 2024, Regular Session were presented for approval. Member Byers moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Barcus seconded; motion carried 3 to 1 with Member Snead abstaining.

**CITIZEN INPUT :**

Jon G. VanDerWeele stepped down from being the Town of Argos MCEDC appointment and introduced Ron Lee as the new representative. The Council thanked Jon for his service to the town and welcomed Ron Lee as the new representative.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Jones stated he heard from an attorney that works for Mediacom but stated they still needed a contract. He has not heard from them since.

Attorney Jones stated he is still working on the water ordinance with Jamie and Baker Tilly.

Attorney Jones then discussed the bid for the cemetery mowing contract. He will publish the bid twice no more than 10 days apart. Bids will be due by 4pm on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Bids will be opened at the

March 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. The contract would then be awarded at the March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Vice President Barcus motioned to allow Attorney Jones to publish the bid. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

With no more business to present to the Council, Vice President Barcus motioned to accept the attorney's report. Member Snead seconded; motioned carried unanimously.

**Other Old Business:**

Vice President Barcus brought up revisiting the contract presented by HWC. Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney explained we could not get how much the town spent on service fees to HWC for the end of last year. President Barcus then stated they could revisit this in the fall.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 2024-01 Trash Rates:**

After a short discussion about the towns trash services going up by 4%, Vice President Barcus motioned to suspend the rules and allow Ordinance 2024-01 to pass on all three readings. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously. Vice President Barcus motioned to accept Ordinance 2024-01 as written. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Territory Building Lease:**

Attorney Jones presented an updated lease for the Argos Fire Territory to lease the EMS Building. After review Vice President Barcus motioned to accept the new lease for 2024 as written. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Other New Business:**

Superintendent Lindstrom stated there is grant money available to complete the town's water lead/copper study. Abonmarche Engineering will apply for the grant on our behalf and complete the work. After a short discussion Vice President Barcus motioned to allow Superintendent Lindstrom and Abonmarche Engineering to apply for the grant and complete the study. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney asked the Council to have Attorney Jones look over a contract for Med-Stat services with Saint Joseph Immediate Care. Attorney Jones will look at the contract and discuss it at the next meeting.

Representatives from One Marshall County attended this meeting but since there is a workshop scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with the Marshall County Council, it was tabled until then.

**CLAIMS:**

The February 05, 2024, claims which totaled \$563,164.53 were presented for approval. Vice President Barcus moved to accept claims January 16, 2024, through February 05, 2024. Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The top five claims are as follows:

INDIANA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY	\$220,387.11
PAYROLL #2 With Longevity and Clothing	\$68,712.55
PAYROLL#3	\$52,210.54
AIM MEDICAL TRUST	\$36,644.03
ABONMARCHE CONSULTANTS, INC	\$25,000.00

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business brought before the board, Vice President Barcus moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

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Erica Partin, President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer