

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER –

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

ROLL CALL –

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

MINUTES –

Minutes from October 23, 2024, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President Barcus motioned to accept the minutes as written. Member Byers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Resident Frank Rickman informed the Council there is a meeting about the Pell study for US 30 on 11-15-2024 from 5pm to 7pm at Plymouth High School.

PUBLIC HEARING – Additional Appropriation for Fire Territory Equipment Fund-

Member Byers motioned to open the public hearing at 7:02pm. Vice President Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

President Partin explained that the Fire Territory paid off the new ambulance and is asking for \$28,000 in additional appropriation over their approved budget. She then asked for any public comment on the additional appropriation requested by the Fire Territory for its equipment fund. None was heard.

Vice President Barcus motioned to close the public hearing at 7:09 pm. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS -

Attorney Report –

Attorney Jones is working on a 50/50 sidewalk contract and will discuss more in the future.

Attorney Jones will mail out the nepotism and conflict of interest forms for the rest of the year.

Attorney Jones is also working with Superintendent Lindstrom on updating the sewer ordinance.

With no more business to present, Vice President Barcus motioned to accept the attorney report. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Police Commission Appointment –

Tabled for further information.

Engine 2 Bid Award-

After reviewing the only bid. Member Harley motioned to award the bid to Richard Miller Jr in the

amount of \$1,001.75. Vice President Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Building Remodel -

Development Director Mark VanDerWeele explained the next step in the remodel would be to bid out the project. Member Harley motioned to advertise for bids. Vice President

Other Old Business -

Joe Stone announced to the Council that his official retirement date will be January 31, 2025. He has 33 years of service.

There will be no Council meeting on November 27th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Council will be looking for a Zoning Enforcement replacement for Chuck DeWitt in January 2025.

NEW Business -

Ordinance 2024-13 Utility Collection -

After discussion, Vice President Barcus motion to allow the suspension of the rule and allow Ordinance 2024-13 to be pass on all three readings. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Barcus motioned to accept Ordinance 2024-13 on all three readings. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-15 Salary Ordinance 2025-

After discussion and review, Member Harley motioned to accept ordinance 2024-15 as written on the first reading only. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-16 Loan for Deer Field -

After discussion, Vice President Barcus motion to allow the suspension of the rule and allow Ordinance 2024-16 to be pass on all three readings. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Barcus motioned to accept Ordinance 2024-16 on all three readings. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024-05 Additional Approp. for Fire Equipment Fund-

After discussion, Member Byers motioned to accept Resolution 2024-05 as written. Vice President Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business -

Vice President Barcus stated the Fire Territory Board approved the contract to buy a new truck to replace Engine 1.

Member Byers asked about letters to residence to explain the switch from Republic Services to Apex Trash Service. Clerk- Treasurer Mullaney stated a letter went out in everyone's utility bill and a schedule will be sent with the next bill.

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney stated that she had met with our billing software on switching online payment companies. We will review our current contract before proceeding.

Chief Rudd requested permission to purchase a 2023 Dodge Charger for \$38,585.00. Member Snead motioned to allow the purchase. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS -

November 13, 2024, claims totaled \$493,106.27. Vice President Barcus moved to accept claims October 22, 2024 – November 08, 2024. Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Top 5 claims:

IMPA	\$245,857.41
Payroll #23	\$60,734.70
Payroll #22	\$57,716.69
Town of Argos	\$24,475.31
Republic Services	\$15,105.89

ADJOURNMENT -

With no more business brought before the board, Vice President Barcus moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Byers seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Erica Partin, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer