

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 07, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER -

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

ROLL CALL -

Present for the meeting: Vice President Shawn Harley, Members Erica Partin, Gary Schue, Ed Barcus, Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney. President Snead was absent.

MINUTES -

Minutes from the May 17, 2023, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Barcus motioned to accept the minutes as written. Member Partin seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Vice President Harley abstaining due to absence.

CITIZEN INPUT -

Resident Paul Stearns would like children at play signs in his neighborhood. The Council will have Superintendent Lindstrom look into where to place the signs.

Resident Chris Vanduyne inquired about when he could expect the property behind his building on Michigan St. to be paved. Superintendent Lindstrom informed Mr. Vanduyne that they are preparing it now and should be paved very soon.

Mike Faylor who is opening a restaurant downtown informed the Council he received a parking ticket when he was unloading equipment from a trailer on Michigan St. He stated that the ticket was warranted but the officers who wrote the ticket was rude. The Council stated they would investigate the officers behavior and thanked Mr. Faylor for opening his restaurant.

OLD BUSINESS -

Attorney Report -

Attorney Jones stated he sent information about the residential inspection program and would like to have a workshop on it. The next workshop will be June 21st at 6 pm.

Attorney Jones also discussed the tax abatements that are to be presented tonight. After review Attorney Jones stated the tax abatement for IMPA and Altium Packaging were ready for approval. The tax abatement from Topp's Industries the numbers will need an explanation. The Development Director stated he would investigate that further and report back to the Council.

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

Tax Abatements-

After discussion and review, Member Barcus motioned to approve the tax abatement for Indiana Municipal Power Agency and Altium Packaging. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

The Council will review the tax abatement from Topps Industries at the next meeting.

Other Old Business -

None

NEW Business -

Ordinance 2023-08 Purchasing Policy -

After review and discussion Member Barcus motioned to allow the suspension of rules to pass Ordinance 2023-08 on all three readings. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously. Member Barcus then motioned to pass Ordinance 2023-08 as written on all three readings. Member Parting seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Republic Large Item Addendum –

Attorney Jones explained that this addendum would run simultaneously with the current contract and allow large items to be picked up for a fee in between large item pick up days. After review Member Barcus motioned to approve the addendum to the Republic Services contract as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Cameras and Servers-

Clerk Treasurer Mullaney explained the quotes from HWC for new cameras and servers for the town. The cameras and servers should not be over \$30,000.00 and will be paid for from the CCD fund. This equipment should last at least 7 to 10 years. Due to an increase of vandalism in the Parks and around town the increase in cameras is necessary. Member Barcus motioned to approve the invoices from HWC not to exceed \$30,000.00. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

HWC – IT Contract-

After discussion this contract will be tabled to be discussed at the Workshop on June 21st at 6:00 pm.

Other New Business -

None

CLAIMS -

June 07, 2023, claims which totaled \$460,600.67. Member Barcus moved to accept claims May 16, 2023, through June 2, 2023, with the exception of claim # 33325 for \$242.00 to Rodney Rudd's Clothing Allowance. This will be tabled for further discussion. Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The total for claims approved was adjusted to \$460,358.67.

ADJOURNMENT -

With no more business brought before the board, Member Barcus moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19P.M.

Charles R. Snead, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer