

TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2023

CALL TO ORDER -

President Snead called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL -

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

Public Hearing on Budget 2024-

Member Partin motioned to open the public hearing on Budget 2024. Member Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Adam Wilcox from Baker Tilly gave an overview of budget 2024. No questions were presented from the public or Council.

Member Partin then motioned to close the public hearing at 7:12pm. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES -

Minutes from the August 16, 2023, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Barcus motioned to accept the minutes as written. Member Partin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT -

Pam Rosebush 309 Van Vactor St. stated that the groundhog situation is better. She still would like to know about the fence posts the neighbors have that the fence was removed years ago. Is there any zoning ordinances preventing this. Plan Director Chuck DeWitt stated he would look into it.

OLD BUSINESS -

Attorney Report -

Attorney Jones presented several items for the Council's approval.

Argos Employee Fitness Agreement - After discussion this was tabled for further discussion.

Argos Water Training Agreement - After discussion Member Barcus motioned to accept the agreement as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2023-10 Animal Ordinance - This ordinance limits the number of dogs and cats on any property in Argos to no more than 5 total. After discussion, Member Barcus motioned to allow the suspension of the rules. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously. Member Barcus then motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2023-10 on all three readings as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2023-11 Residential Inspection Program- This ordinance establishes a residential inspection program for all rentals in the Town of Argos. After discussion, Member Barcus motioned to allow the suspension of the rules. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Member Barcus then motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2023-10 on all three readings with a correction in spelling on page 5 1st paragraph from “welling” to dwelling”. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

With no other business brought forth, Council Member Partin moved to accept the Attorney Report. Council Member Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other Old Business -

None

NEW Business -

Ordinance 2023-12 Budget 2024 -

This ordinance was read for the 1st reading. Vice President Harley motioned to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2023-12. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

HSA Contributions for 2024 and Benefit Committee -

The Council was informed that due to changes in the federal tax code the amount an employee could contribute to an HSA increased. The employee health plan for the HSA also increases from \$3,000 to \$3,200 for individuals and \$3,200 per individual up to \$6,400 per family. After a discussion, Member Barcus motioned to approve the employer contribution at \$3,200 for the year 2024. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Member Barcus motioned to form an employee benefit committee to research and determine employee benefits for 2024. This committee will consist of two town council members who will meet with department heads to determine the needs for each department for the upcoming fiscal year. This committee will then report back to the Council with its findings. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business -

CLAIMS -

September 20, 2023, claims which totaled \$3,082,422.61. Member Barcus moved to accept claims August 15, 2023, through September 01, 2023, Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Top 5 Claims-

Lake City Bank for Investments -	\$2,460,030.00
Indiana Municipal Power Agency -	\$271,609.64
Aim Medical Trust -	\$39,584.81
Milestone Contractors -	\$33,875.50
Abonmarche Consultants, Inc. -	\$19,250.00

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 7:49 p.m.

Charles R. Snead, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer