

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER -**

President Snead called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**ROLL CALL -**

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

**MINUTES -**

Minutes from December 06, 2023, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Barcus motioned to accept the minutes as written. Vice President Harley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN INPUT -**

Resident Louis Boroff received an ordinance violation for his dog defecating on the downtown sidewalk in front of Lake City Bank. Attorney Jones stated he has a picture of the dog doing it. Mr. Boroff stated he never received the violation and now it is being brought to court for collection. He stated he will pay the original \$50.00 fine but not the \$350.00 after court fees. After a discussion, the Council asked the attorney to provide the picture and Vice President Harley will discuss with Assist Chief Bowman how the ordinance violations are sent to the violators. This is tabled until the next meeting.

Resident Frank Rickman thanked Mark VanDerWeele and Superintendent Jamie Lindstrom for fixing the potholes on Marshall St. and for putting up the Dewey St. sign.

**OLD BUSINESS -**

**Attorney Report -**

Attorney Jones stated he is still in talks with Mediacom for a new contract.

Attorney Jones had the Council sign the nepotism forms, Then Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney and Vice President Harley signed conflict of interest forms.

Attorney Jones then read the current ordinance on when trash containers can be at the curb. They will discuss further in the new year.

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

**Resolution 2023-09 Ambulance Lease-**

Attorney Jones explained Resolution 2023-09 gives the Council permission to enter into a lease with Crossroads Bank. Attorney Jones has reviewed the Resolution and supporting documents and is in favor of the Resolution. Member Barcus motioned to accept Resolution 2023-09 with the change of "Argo" To "Argos" in the first paragraph. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 2023-18 Adoption of Handbook version 01/01/2024-**

After a short discussion, Vice President Harley motioned to suspend the rules 2023-18 Handbook Ordinance. Member Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously. Vice President Harley motioned to accept 2023-18 Handbook Ordinance as written on all three readings. Member Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Other Old Business -**

None

**NEW Business -**

**MECDC Appointment -**

The MECDC appointment currently is Jon G. VanDerWeele. His appointment is up, and he does not want to renew. Member Barcus motioned to thank Jon G. VanDerWeele for his service and accept the expiration of his term. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ron Lee has expressed interest in representing Argos. After a discussion. Member Barcus motioned to appoint Mr. Ron Lee to the MECDC Board as a representative of Argos. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Other New Business -**

Member Barcus motioned for Attorney Jones to prepare a 90-day contract extension for Chuck DeWitt. This contract would begin on January 6, 2024, and end on April 05,2024. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Harley wanted to thank all the Town employees for a job well done in 2023.

President Snead thanked Councilman Schue for his service.

**Department Head Reports-**

**Police-** Chief Rudd sent in his report. Sergeant Howe told the Council Officer Springer graduated from the academy. He also stated the department is looking into applying for an electric vehicle grant.

**Utilities-** Superintendent Lindstrom presented his report. Deerfield subdivision now has stop signs and Joseph Ruffing completed the first part of water school with good grades.

**Plan & Development Director-** Director VanDerWeele presented his report. Plan Director Chuck Dewitt presented his report.

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

**CLAIMS -**

December 19, 2023, claims which totaled \$1,226,337.97. Member Barcus moved to accept claims December 05, 2023 - December 19, 2023. Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Top 5 claims:

TOWN OF ARGOS	\$909,702.00
CROSSROADS BANK	\$103,363.32
VOLUNTEER FIRE PAYROLL	\$67,035.00
PAYROLL #25 PLUS LONGEVITY	\$60,009.50
FEDERAL RESERVE	\$39,609.81

**ADJOURNMENT -**

With no more business brought before the board, Vice President Harley moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47P.M.

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Charley R. Snead, President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer