

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Erica Partin called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

The minutes from March 27,2024 were presented for approval. Vice President Barcus motioned to approve the minutes as written. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT-

Resident Frank Rickman commented on the correction to the minutes and how there is a public comment session at the beginning of the meeting but not at the end. President Partin informed him to raise his hand with any questions and she will allow a short question on the topic.

OLD BUSINESS-

ATTORNEY REPORT-

Attorney Jones is working on finalizing the water ordinance, amending the zoning ordinance and researching the cemetery foundations quoting process. The town can request as many quotes as they wish for the cemetery foundations and award them to the vendor of their choice due to the dollar amount under the limit to require a bid.

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

LIBRARY DONATION FOR SUMMER READING PROGRAM:

A small discussion was held regarding a donation from the town to the library for the summer reading program. Member Byers motioned to approve a donation of \$250.00 for the program. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

ONE MARSHALL COUNTY APPOINTMENT:

Vice President Barcus stated One Marshall County is looking for a representative from each community. Vice President Barcus volunteered to be the representative for the town. President Partin appointed Vice President Barcus to be the representative for the town on the One Marshall County organization.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

Vice President Barcus started a small discussion about Chuck DeWitt's contract. April 6th was the end of his contract. Vice President Barcus asked President Partin for an executive session to discuss what role Mr. DeWitt will have in the future. President Partin set the executive session for April 24th at 6pm. Member Barcus then motioned to allow payment to Mr. DeWitt for one month extension on his contract. Attorney Jones asked Mr. DeWitt if he is ok finishing the month of April with the terms of his contract. Mr. DeWitt stated he was. Payment for the month of April will be sent to him.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2024-02 Power Tracker:

After review Vice President Barcus motioned to accept Resolution 2024-02 as written. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CCMG Notice to Proceed:

This notice is to start the process of paving projects listed in the Community Crossing Grant 2023-02. Vice President Barcus motioned to allow President Partin to sign to allow the work to start. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Change Order #1 for Water Tower Project:

Superintendent Lindstrom requested the Council sign the change order for the water tower project. This change order adds \$3,000.00 in costs and a 14-day extension due to rain. Member Barcus motioned to approve Change Order #1. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Employee PTO:

On March 28th Assistant Chief Bowman moved up his retirement date. At that time, he used 7 hours of unearned PTO. He did not work the last three scheduled shifts which he claimed more PTO. This would have put him at 35 hours of unearned PTO. After discussion, Member Barcus motioned to forgive the 7 hours of unearned time but the rest would be unpaid due to not working and leaving on less than a 24-hour notice. Member Byers seconded; motion carried 3 to 1 with Member Snead opposing the motion.

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney brought forth a request from her employee who is having knee surgery. The request was to not use her PTO for appointments and instead use it to help pay her portion of the town's insurance costs while healing from the surgery. After a discussion, the Council agreed to follow the handbook in this matter.

CLAIMS:

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the claims from March 26,2024 to April 08,2024 in the amount of \$570,925.99 for approval. After review Vice President Barcus motioned to approve the claims as presented. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

The Top 5 Claims are as follows:

IMPA	\$232,779.40
Crossroads Ambulance Service	\$150,000.00
Payroll #7	\$53,789.62
Shankster Bros	\$27,000.00
Republic Services	\$14,938.56

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 7:38 P.M.

Erica Partin, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer