

**TOWN OF ARGOS
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, May 16, 2018**

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
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CALL TO ORDER:

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:34PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Members Suzanne Umbaugh, Charles R. Snead, Dylan Colburn, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones. Vice President Dustin Johnson was absent.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the May 2, 2018 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Snead moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Umbaugh seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

None

MCEDC REPORT:

Mark Umbaugh gave the MCEDC annual Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated the Quit Claim Deed for the lots east of Speedway uptown was ready to be signed and deeded to the Argos Parks Department. Member Snead motioned to accept the Quit Claim Deed. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then presented the revised lease between the Town and the Walnut Township Trustee. After review Member Colburn motioned to accept the lease. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones also stated that the Public Hearing on the Economic Revitalization Hearing has been published in the newspaper on May 11, 2018. The hearing will be June 6th at 7:15 p.m.

Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the attorney report. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Board Openings- Plan Commission and Redevelopment Commission.

Openings still available for the Plan Commission.

HUD Loans from the Town:

After discussion the Council decided to let the loans stand and collect them as they come due.

Stellar Program:

Member Umbaugh stated that the stellar committee is moving forward and that community involvement will be crucial.

Other Old Business:

President Null read a thank you letter from the Marshall County Center on Aging for the donation they received from the Town.

NEW Business:

Tax Abatement Forms:

Two tax abatements were presented to the Council from IMPA and ITAMCO. Attorney Jones stated both companies are in compliance. Member Snead motioned to approve IMPA's CF-1 forms. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried unanimously. Member Umbaugh motioned to approve ITAMCO's CF-1 Form. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Agenda ITEMS-

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney reminded the Council that the agenda is done on the Monday before the Council meeting. She asked that any agenda items be presented by noon on that Monday. Items not on the agenda should not be added at the last minute to be voted on.

Lease on Manufacturing Center-

The manufacturing center is almost weather tight. The Argos Electric will start making interest payments soon.

Utility Bills-

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney discussed changing the current utility billing from postcard bills to full sheet with envelope bills. The cost was less expensive with the full-page bills and inserts for town events and notices could be added. A folding/ stuffing machine would be helpful. Member Colburn motioned to change the billing to full page bills and get a folding /stuffing machine. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

2018-3 Trash Rate Ordinance -

After review of the revenue received versus the expenditures paid for trash service the Council found that the Town was losing around (\$5,000.00) a year. This Ordinance would raise all trash fees by \$.75 a month.

After discussion Member Colburn motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2018-3 on all three readings. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business -

None

Department Head Reports:

Chief Corey Bowman presented the police department monthly report to the Council.

Utility Superintendent Lindstrom gave his report. There will be a public meeting on June 20th at 6:30p.m. for residents of Westview Court to explain how to fix the drainage problems in that area.

President Null gave a report for the Fire Department. Member Snead gave a report on EMS meeting he attended.

Member Snead motioned to accept the Department Head Reports. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the May 16,2018 claims which totaled \$125,283.67 Member Snead moved to accept claims #575 through #638 and Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Colburn seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer