

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, June 15, 2022 @ 7:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Charles R. 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 George Null, Erica Partin, Angela Resendez and Attorney Derek Jones. Clerk /Treasurer Lisa Mullaney was absent due to training at the ILMCT conference.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the June 1,2022, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Partin moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Resendez seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Resident Russell Wagers asked Attorney Jones about if the town council members held a lucrative office? Attorney Jones explained he was confident that they do. Mr. Wagers then stated that his question could wait until Attorney Jones was 100% that they do hold a lucrative office.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones informed the Council the letters for annexation went out they have 30 days to respond. Will discuss at the next meeting.

Attorney Jones then informed the Council that the bids for the two electric dept buildings were opened on June 13th. Only one bid from B&B Construction for \$902,000.000 were presented. Bid met all requirements. Member Harley motioned to accept the bid from B&B Construction. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Several nuisance properties and unsafe buildings

110 S. Logan St. - their attorney responded and will have additional information soon. Vice President Harley motioned to wait on the attorney for the property owner to provide additional information. Member Resendez seconded; motion carried unanimously.

521 N. Michigan St. - Owner Janice Mullaney contacted Attorney Jones and stated roof and siding have been repaired. Someone will come in to work on foundation. She will not grant access for inside inspection. Plan Director Chuck DeWitt stated water damage seen on side of house and roof should have caused significant damage inside the home. An inspection of the interior is needed. Attorney Jones stated they would have to take it through the courts to get an order to examine the inside. Attorney Jones suggested trying another letter to try to get access to the inside or court proceedings will follow. Member Null motioned to send the letter with response due by July 6th. Member Resendez seconded; motion carried unanimously.

304 E. Plum St - Letter was sent to property address and property owner address. No response has been heard nor has any certified receipts come back. Member Null motioned to have Chuck DeWitt reach out to the owners and report back at the next meeting. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

413 S. West St- Argos Enterprises - Chuck sent letter due to Attorney Jones having a conflict of interest. No progress has been made and no response from the owners. Member Null motioned to move on to the next step. Member Resendez seconded; motion carried unanimously.

193 S. Michigan St – Letter was sent May 16th certified letter came back with wrong address. Chuck DeWitt will hand deliver to the property owner. Member Resendez approved Chuck DeWitt to hand deliver the letter. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Property owned by Mrs. Kinsey W. Walnut St. and Mr. McGowen N Michigan St. will be brought to a new Attorney Carmen Post who will hopefully help with residents that Attorney Jones might have a conflict of interest with.

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

Other Old Business:

Topp's abatement CF1 form was presented to the Council by Attorney Jones. Vice President Harley motioned to approve the abatement form. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

NEW Business:

Ordinance 2022-08 Electric Rates -

Member Null motioned to suspend the rules to pass Ordinance 2022-08. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Member Null then motioned to pass Ordinance 2022-08 on all three readings. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

None

Department Head Reports:

Police – Chief Bowman presented his report.

Utilities – Superintendent Lindstrom presented his report.

Economic Director - Mark VanDerWeele presented his report.

Plan Director- Plan Director DeWitt.

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

CLAIMS

The June 15,2022 claims which totaled \$427,904.05 were presented for approval. Vice President Harley moved to accept claims June 01, 2022, through June 09, 2022. Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Resendez moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 08:02 P.M.

Charles R. Snead, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer