

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting: President Mark VanDerWeele, Vice President Dave Walker, Members George Null, Casie Rowe, and Suzanne Umbaugh, Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones and Town Attorney Derek Jones.

MINUTES

Minutes from the January 21st Regular Session and public hearing were submitted for approval. Vice President Walker moved to accept the minutes and Council Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Resident Mark Umbaugh asked about the website being so outdated. President VanDerWeele said that there was a scheduled training meeting to learn how to add and modify the website next week.

Janet Luce asked why the plows were pulled off of the street during the last snow storm. Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs said that the plows were not able to keep up so he pulled them until the snow storm passed.

Brenda Hutchison thanked the street department for plowing the end of her daughter's driveway so she could get to the doctor.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones discusses the information he researched on solar farms. He presented the Council with solar ordinances from several different states. Derek encouraged the Council, BZA and Plan Commission to get together and have a workshop to talk about solar farms and other changes that are needed in the Land Use & Development Code. A workshop was scheduled for February 25TH at 7pm. Derek also talked about the issue of IMPA doing a land lease program versus a PILOT (Payment in lieu of taxes) program with IMPA. More information is needed for the Council to decide on the matter and Derek will look into it.

Council Member Rowe moved to accept the Attorney Report and Council Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development Update:

President VanDerWeele gave a quick update on Senate Bill 309 which deals with electric territories. The Business Incentive Task Force continues to meet regularly.

Plan Commission Opening:

No letters of interest this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Petition for Annexation:

The public hearing for the annexation of the farm land next to the wastewater treatment plant is set for March 4TH at 7:15pm.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Umbaugh mentioned some plans that the Argos Public Library has for the 2016 Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project.

Also, newly appointed Argos School Superintendent Michelle Riise introduced herself to the Council and is looking forward to working with local government on future endeavors.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones read the top five claims totaling \$80,186.84 which represented 69% of the total docket and the claim docket totaled \$115,076.68. Council Member Null moved to accept claims 96 through 139 and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried with Council Member Umbaugh abstaining due to not receiving her packet on time.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board, Council Member Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer