

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Erica Partin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

The minutes from February 28,2024 were presented for approval. Member Harley motioned to approve the minutes as written. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT-

Business Owner Jill Houin spoke to the Council about having an apartment on the first floor of the new building that she purchased. Attorney Jones stated the Plan Commission is currently reviewing the Argos Zoning Ordinance and will present any changes to the Town Council.

OLD BUSINESS-

ATTORNEY REPORT-

Attorney Jones opened the two bids that were received for mowing the cemetery. Two and a half Men Lawncare bid \$43,200.00 for 2-year contract. Premier Turf Solutions bid \$44,500.00 for the 2-year contract. These bids will be reviewed and the contract awarded at the next meeting.

Ordinance 2024-02 will change the height of the headstones allowed in Maple Grove Cemetery to 54 inches. After discussion, Member Harley motioned to allow for the suspension of the rules. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously. Member Harley then motioned to accept Ordinance 2024-02 as written and pass on all three readings. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones stated that Mediacom has still not responded to his requests so they finalize the rental lease for the building.

Attorney Jones stated that there is a opening on the BZA. It is an executive appointment and must be someone from the Plan Commission. President Partin then appointed George Null to the BZA. Attorney Jones then stated that Mark Harshbarger turned in his resignation letter for the Plan Commission. Gary Schue was appointed to the Plan Commission as part of the government. Due to not being a part of the government anymore and it being an executive appointment, President Partin appointed Gary Schue to the Plan Commission as a citizen member.

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

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Employment Application:

Attorney Jones presented the new police employment contract which states if the officer leaves within two years of being hired full-time then they will reimburse the town for certain expenses related to them being hired. After discussion, Member Byers motioned to approve the application as written. Member Snead seconded; motion carried 3 to 1 with Member Harley abstaining due to being on the Police Commission.

AWARDING OF SERVICE WEAPONS:

Member Harley requested on behalf of the Argos Police Commission if Assistant Chief Corey Bowman could retain his service weapon and off duty weapon upon retirement. Member Byers motioned to allow Assistant Chief Bowman to retain both weapons upon retirement in May. Member Snead seconded; motion carried 3 to 1 with Member Harley abstaining due to being on the Police Commission.

Standby Pay for Water Department Workers:

Superintendent Lindstrom requested stand-by pay for water department workers during the actual time the tower is empty and being painted. Member Byers motioned to allow standby pay only when the tower is empty and being painted. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS:

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the claims from February 27,2024 to March 11,2024 in the amount of \$656,398.86 for approval. After review Member Harley motioned to approve the claims as presented. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

The Top 5 Claims are as follows:

IMPA	\$254,008.73
B&B Roofing	\$150,000.00
Payroll #5	\$52,522.69
AIM Medical Trust	\$38,235.64
Republic Services	\$14,961.56

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Erica Partin, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer