

**TOWN OF ARGOS
PUBLIC HEARING- IMPA TAX ABATEMENT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the public hearing to order at 7:16 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC INPUT & DISCUSSION

Attorney Derek Jones stated that the publication and posting requirements for the public hearing were met. Also, the Performance Agreement from IMPA was signed and returned. IMPA representative Jack Alvey gave a brief summary of the site plan. There were no public comments at the hearing.

CLOSING OF HEARING

President VanDerWeele closed the public hearing at 7:19 PM.

Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH, 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, Members George Null, Casie Rowe, Suzanne Umbaugh, Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones and Town Attorney Derek Jones.

MINUTES

Minutes from the April 15TH Regular Session were submitted for approval. Council Member Rowe moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Resident Janet Luce asked if mobile homes were going in across the street from the mobile home park. Attorney Jones said that the owners had other plans for the property.

Resident Mark Umbaugh inquired about town investments and the water utility bonds being paid off to save interest. Mr. Umbaugh was concerned that the town was losing money by not investing outside of the checking account. President VanDerWeele said that the Council will look into it. Also, Mr. Umbaugh asked when we were deciding on a new chief of police and President VanDerWeele said that is up to the Police Commission. Mr. Umbaugh asked if the Council would provide a timeline at the next meeting when these things will be done and President VanDerWeele said that they would.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones said that we would be moving ahead with the petition process for properly rezoning the mobile home park as it should be and to change the property across the street from AG zoning to B1 zoning. The petition will be ready at the next meeting.

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

Resolution 2015-5/ IMPA Tax Abatement:

Indiana Municipal Power Agency representative Jack Alvey played a video that addressed commonly asked questions about solar fields.

Council Member Null moved to accept Resolution 2015-5 and Council Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Library:

No quotes ready at this meeting.

Dump Truck Sale to Winamac:

Jim Burroughs said that Winamac is willing to buy the town dump truck that is being replaced in October. Attorney Jones wrote up a purchase agreement for \$17,000 that can be signed at

the time of purchase.

Street Paving Project:

After review of quotes by E&B Paving, Phend & Brown and Rieth Riley Council Member Null moved to accept the quote from E&B Paving in the amount of \$41,960 with putting Chip and Sealing on hold and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously. West Street, Smith Street and South Maple Street will be paved.

Board Openings- Park, Police Commission, Plan Commission, MC Tourism:

No letters of interest this meeting.

Electric Lineman Apprentice:

Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs asked the Council if he could move forward on getting another apprentice for the electric department. After discussion Council Member Rowe moved to have Jim start the process and Council Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2015-5/ 2015 Salary Amendment:

The 2015 salary ordinance inadvertently omitted the full time park position. Council Member Null moved to suspend the rules and pass corrected Salary Ordinance 2015-5 on all three readings and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried with President VanDerWeele abstaining.

LOHUT Support Letter to County Council:

There was a request to the Town Council to show a letter of support for LOHUT (county wheel tax). After a brief discussion, no action was taken.

Library Request:

The Argos Public Library requested a donation to help fund the annual Summer Reading Program. Council Member Null moved to donate \$200 to the library and Council Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

School Sign Request:

Argos Community Schools Superintendent Michele Riise requested permission to place "Argos Schools" signs next to the IMPA signs at the 4 main entrances of town for their marketing campaign. Council member Null moved to allow the signs and Council Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The town employees will install the signs.

Town Planter Flowers:

Clerk-Treasurer Jones requested use of the wastewater department truck to pick up flowers for the uptown planters. Clerk Jones was granted use of the truck.

Meal Per Diem Increase:

Clerk-Treasurer Jones discussed raising the meal per diem currently at \$25 a day for overnight stays. No action was taken.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones read the top five claims for the May 6TH docket totaling \$79,480.11. Those claims represented 57% of the total docket of \$137,825.63. Council Member Umbaugh questioned the claim for Flow-Technics annual inspections. Council Member Null moved to accept claims 381 through 451 and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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 8:46 PM.

Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer