

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Charles Snead called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: Charles R. Snead, Shawn Harley, Erica Partin, Ed Barcus, Gary Schue Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk /Treasurer Lisa Mullaney.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the January 4, 2023, Regular Session. Member Partin moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Barcus stated to amend the minutes to include the minute vote at last meeting should have been 3 to 2 with 2 abstaining and they voted to post Park Board opening. Member Parting then amended her motion to include the changes. Member Schue seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated he looked into appointments for the Plan Commission and Park Board. The Council President could appoint George Null as a citizen member. President Snead then appointed George Null to the Plan Commission. The Council could then appoint Gary Schue as a governmental body appointment to the Plan Commission. Member Barcus then motioned to appoint Gary Schue to the Plan Commission. Member Partin seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then stated the person that applied to the Park Board position does qualify if the Council so chooses. The Council will post the opening until the next meeting.

Attorney Jones then stated that the SRO Agreement will be presented to the School Board then both parties if they agree will sign. Member Barcus motioned to accept the SRO agreement as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then stated the Cemetery Mowing Contract will be advertised for bid. The bids will be opened on February 13th meeting and awarded on the March 1st meeting. Member Barcus motioned to advertise the Maple Grove Cemetery Mowing Contract for 2023 and accept bids until the close of business on February 13th. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

The matter of the Kinsey property was discussed. Attorney Jones will reach out to Attorney Post due to the conflict of interest and see if she will finish this case. Attorney Jones will try to work with another attorney for any future cases that he has conflict of interest with.

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

Other Old Business:

Member Schue requested a way to keep track of topics that have been tabled for further discussion. Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney will maintain a list going forward for the councils review.

NEW Business:

Chuck DeWitt Letter to Business Owners-

Mr. DeWitt is working on letters to the business owners to get inspections with Fire Chief Dean and himself. He is also working on a way to inspect rentals and will have more information for the Council when it is ready.

Appointment of Unsafe Board -

Member Barcus requested to serve on the Marshall County unsafe board. President Snead then appointed Member Barcus to the board. It is a Presidential appointment.

Other New Business:

Member Barcus informed the Council that the first two bay doors at the EMS Building are in need of replacement. After a discussion the council agreed to have Superintendent Lindstrom get quotes for the new doors.

Member Barcus then motioned to have Superintendent Lindstrom have the engineering done for the addition to the Municipal Building not to exceed \$5,000.00. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Department Head Reports:

Police Dept – Chief Bowman presented his report.

Utility Dept - Superintendent Lindstrom presented his report Superintendent Lindstrom explained he has tried to get at least three quotes for a new water truck. Most dealers are not taking any orders for governmental vehicles. He did present one quote for \$44,355 and \$15k for body. Member Barcus motioned to accept the quotes as presented and to order asap. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Development Director - Director VanDerWeele presented his report.

Plan Director - Director DeWitt presented his report.

CLAIMS

The January 18, 2023, claims which totaled \$379,708.21 Member Barcus moved to accept claims January 5, 2023, through January 16, 2023. Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Partin moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Barcus seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Charles R. Snead, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer