

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

CALL TO ORDER -

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

ROLL CALL -

Present for the meeting: President Snead, Vice President Shawn Harley, Members Erica Partin, Gary Schue, Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney. Member Barcus was absent.

MINUTES -

Minutes from October 04, 2023, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Partin motioned to accept the minutes as written. Member Schue seconded. Motion carried 3 to 1 with President Snead abstaining due to absence.

CITIZEN INPUT -

Resident Frank Rickman asked if Chief Rudd was able to talk with the owner of the pickup on the corner of West Marshall St. to see if he would move it. Chief Rudd stated he did not. The Council will have someone who knows him to speak with him.

OLD BUSINESS -

Attorney Report -

Attorney Jones presented the completed CDL training agreement with the changes the Council requested. Vice President Harley motioned to accept the agreement as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones discussed the MediaCom lease contract. He has called their representative and will clarify some details of the contract and report it back to the Council. Vice President Harley motioned to table the contract until the attorney can get clarification of some details. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then explained that the bids for the water project that were opened at a previous meeting some of the bids for contract 1 did not meet the requirements. After discussion, Vice President Harley motioned to reject all bids for contract 1. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously. Vice President Harley then motioned to tentatively award contract 2 to Haskins. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously. Contract 1 will be rebid, and bids will be opened at the next meeting.

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

Other Old Business -

None

NEW Business -

Halloween Times-

After a short discussion, Member Partin motioned to set the times for trick or treating on October 31st from 5pm to 7pm. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business -

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney started a discussion about changing the town from a self-pay employer of unemployment benefits to paying for unemployment insurance to cover the unemployment claims. After discussion, Vice President Harley motioned to table the discussion until Attorney Jones investigates the matter. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Harley stated the Police Commission, to which he is President, would recommend a \$3.00 an hour pay increase for all Argos Police Officers. The Commission voted on this at their last meeting.

Department Head Reports-

Police- Chief Rudd presented his report.

Utilities- Superintendent Lindstrom was absent but sent his report.

Plan & Development Director- Director VanDerWeele was absent but sent his report. Plan Director Chuck Dewitt was absent.

Vice President Harley motioned to accept the department head reports. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS -

October 18, 2023, claims which totaled \$233,552.52. Vice President Harley moved to accept claims October 3, 2023 - October 16, 2023. Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Top 5 claims:

IMPA	\$284,423.81
Payroll #21	\$60,626.22
FEDERAL RESERVE	\$11,575.07
HOOSIER FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$10,020.00
UTILITY SUPPLY COMPANY INC.	\$8,587.80

ADJOURNMENT -

With no more business brought before the board, Member Partin moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36P.M.

Charley R. Snead, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer