

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 09, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Erica Partin called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

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 September 27,2024 were presented for approval. Member Snead motioned to approve the minutes as written. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT-

Resident Jan Heuer stated Maple Grove Cemetery is not being kept up with mowing and weed eating. After discussion, the Council will address the concerns with Premier Landscaping, who has the contract for two years.

Resident Frank Rickman stated that there are numerous sidewalks around town that are not handicap friendly. They need to be repaired. The Council informed him they are working on a 50/50 sidewalk repair program.

Council Member Byers thanked the town employees for the great job fixing the lawns on W. Walnut St that were in disrepair from the contractor who put in the water lines.

ATTORNEY REPORT-

Attorney Jones stated after researching the requirements for the Police Commission opening it would have to be a Democrat or Libertarian to fill the seat unless one cannot be found then any party could fill the vacancy. After a brief discussion, Member Byers motioned to table the appointment until the next meeting. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then stated that he reviewed the MACOG contract to help in the development of a comprehensive new plan for the town. The contract is not to exceed \$39,000 and a 30-day termination of contract for either party. Member Harley motioned to allow President Partin to sign the contract with MACOG. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then opened the one bid received for the American LaFrance fire engine. The bid was received on October 7th at 3:35pm and does meet the bid specs. The bid was from Richard Miller Jr. in the amount of \$1,001.75. After a discussion, the Council members would like to donate the fire engine to a community affected by Hurricane Helene. President Partin will inquire about donating it. Member Harley motioned to table the bid until a later date. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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

2025 – 2028 Trash Bid-

Bids were opened at the last meeting after a brief discussion Member Snead motioned to award the trash contract to Apex Waste Inc. for trash and recycle pick up. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously. Mr. Metros from Republic Services asked why the bid was not awarded to his company as they were the lowest responsive bidder. Attorney Jones stated that they were not the lowest responsible bidder due to all the problems in the past. Mr. Metros then thanked them for their consideration.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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Member Byers stated he would like to see a couple of letters sent to the residence in the next couple of months explaining the new trash rate and introducing the new trash company. Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney stated her office would take care of it.

CLAIMS:

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the claims from September 24, 2024, through October 09,2024 in the amount of \$760,141.81 for approval. After reviewing Member Harley motioned to approve the claims as presented. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

The Top 5 Claims are as follows:

IMPA	\$283,644.45
Utility Truck Equipment	\$180,720.00
Miller Insurance Group	\$98,241.00
Payroll # 20	\$60,914.34
AIM Medical Trust	\$40,376.44

ADJOURNMENT:

With no more business brought before the board, Member Harley motioned to adjourn the meeting and Member Byers seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Erica Partin, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer