

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: George Null, Charles R. Snead, Shawn Harley, Erica Partin, Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk /Treasurer Lisa Mullaney.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:

Member Harley nominated Charles R. Snead for President.

Charles R. Snead nominated George Null for President. No other nominations were heard.

Member Partin seconded Member Snead for President; motion carried 4 to 1. Both candidates accepted their positions.

Member Partin nominated Member Harley for Vice President. No other nominations were heard. Member Resendez seconded; motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN ATTORNEY:

Member Partin motioned to retain Attorney Derek Jones. Member Resendez seconded; motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the December 15, 2021, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Partin moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Harley seconded; motion carried 4 to 1 with Member Null abstaining due to illness.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Resident Bob Byers spoke about trash price increase and speeding on South St.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated that the Mora property clean up bids are due January 17th and will be opened at the meeting on January 19th.

Attorney Jones is meeting with Economic Director Mark VanDerWeele in regard to the farm lease.

Attorney Jones presented the Council with Resolution 2022-02 which allows the Town Council President the authority to sign all grants with INDOT. Vice President Harley motioned to accept Resolution 2022-02 as written. Member Null seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then proceeded to discuss changes to the bid for cemetery mowing. After a discussion Member Partin motioned to allow Attorney Jones to make the changes discussed and post the bid to the newspaper. Member Harley seconded; seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones updated the Council on the House of Graber Lien. He is still working with Attorney Clevenger on the complaint.

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

Other Old Business:

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney informed the Council that someone hit one of the rock pillars at the entry of the Maple Grove Cemetery. A claim is being filed with their insurance.

President Snead stated Val Harley would like to have TGIFriday's on the second Friday of the months of June – September. Member Null motioned to allow TGIFriday's in the downtown during those months. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

NEW Business:

2021 Meeting Schedule-

After a short discussion Member Null motioned to have the Council Meetings on the First and Third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00p.m. with a Public Workshop to be held on the Third Wednesday of every month at 7:30p.m. and Cemetery business will be included in the Council meetings. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Utility Clerk-

After a brief explanation as to why this position is appointed every year Member Null motioned to appoint Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Mullaney to this position. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Department Liaisons -

President Snead stated Vice President Harley will be liaison to the Police Commission, Member Null will be liaison to the Utility Dept., Member Partin will be liaison to the Parks Dept. and Member Resendez will be liaison to the Redevelopment Commission. All Members accepted their appointments.

Ordinance 2022-1 Transfer of Funds:

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney explained the need to transfer funds. After a discussion, Member Null motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2022-1 as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022-01 Power Tracker-

After review Vice President Harley motioned to accept Resolution 2022-01 as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

A discussion was had on a new COVID policy. Attorney Jones stated the Resolution signed last year is still in effect and gives the President of the Town Council authority to implement and change the COVID policy as needed. President Snead stated he will follow the CDC guidelines on 5 days off work with positive test and 5 days with a mask when returning to work. All employees who are feeling sick will be sent to the EMS to have temperature taken. Any employee with a fever will automatically be sent home. The Town will only pay any employee only once for time missed due to COVID. This policy can change at any time.

Authorization of Payment of Budgeted Donations:

Member Null motioned to allow payment of all budgeted donations. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

The January 5, 2022, claims which totaled \$712,385.21 Member Null moved to accept claims December 13,2021 through December 31, 2021. Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Resendez moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Charles R. Snead, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer