

6:00 P.M. – Eric Walsh – Rate Studies
7:00 P.M. – Cemetery Meeting

TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18,2017

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:37PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President Dustin Johnson, Vice President Null, Members Suzanne Umbaugh, Charles R. Snead, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones. Member Stauffer was absent.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the January 4th Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Snead moved to accept the minutes and Vice President Null seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

None

MCEDC REPORT:

Mark Umbaugh read the report from the MCEDC for the month December 21 – January 16, 2017.

CHRIS VANDUYNE:

Mr. VanDuyne wanted Council approval to purchase teddy bears for the police department to hand out to kids in violent situations. Secondly, Mr. VanDuyne presented a book called “Mapping Manhattan”. He and his wife would like to do something similar for Argos. Mr. VanDuyne asked for help getting the maps to people. He is also working with the school on this. Lastly Mr. VanDuyne stated he was working with various people on an Air B&B Program.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated he had received the signed farm lease back from Mr. Voris and just needed Council signatures. He also discussed the land swap with ITAMCO. It would be an even swap and make it so the Town then owned the property the sub-station sits on. There will be a public meeting on Wednesday, February 1st at 7:15 p.m. and is open for public input. Vice President Null motioned for Attorney Jones to continue with the land swap and have the public meeting at 7:15 p.m. at 7:15 p.m... Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Board Openings/ MC Tourism, Cemetery Board, BZA and Plan Commission:

Openings still available for the MC Tourism, Plan Commission, Redevelopment and BZA.

Other Old Business:

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NEW Business:

B&R Building (Ordinance 2017-2)

After a discussion about how much money was being spent to maintain the B&R Building as well as rental cost, it was decided to raise the cost of the rental from \$75.00 with a \$100.00 deposit to \$100.00 with a \$100.00 deposit. Also, to have Attorney Jones look over the Real Services Contract and bring it up to date. Vice President Null motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-2 on all three readings. Member Snead seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Salary Ordinance 2017-1-

This Ordinance corrected Josh Salazar wage due to his raise in June that was not reflected on the 2016-16 Ordinance. Vice President Null made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-1 – Salary Ordinance for 2017 on all three readings. Member Umbaugh seconded motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business –

None

Department Head Reports:

Chief Bowman presented his monthly report to the Council. Utility Superintendent Burroughs gave his report. Chief Mark Dean gave a report for the Fire Department. Vice President Null motioned to accept the Department Head Reports. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Suzanne Umbaugh –

Member Umbaugh read a statement about holding your leaders accountable and having the Council Members give reports on what they are doing for the public.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the January 18th claims which totaled \$167,376.31. Member Umbaugh moved to accept claims #30 through #93 and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Loss of Utility Money:

Vice President Null stated that the Town had lost approximately \$100,569.62 from 2006 thru 2016 on uncollected utility bills. The Council will be considering ways to reduce this loss in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer