

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, October 4, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting President Johnson, Vice President George Null, Members Suzanne Umbaugh, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the September 20, 2017 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the minutes Vice President Null seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Citizen Jeremiah Yanez wanted to know about getting a full time EMS service as it takes a while for the volunteers to respond. He also asked about a tree growing near the road at 310 Apple St. President Johnson told him they would look into both matters.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated the inspection warrant for 405 S. Michigan St. was granted on 9/26/2017. On 9/27/2017 Building Inspector Chuck DeWitt and Superintendent Jamie Lindstrom were able to contact the owners and went in to examine the property. The condition was good according to Superintendent Lindstrom. We are still waiting on the official report from Chuck DeWitt.

Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the Attorney Report, Vice President Null seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-22 Salary Ordinance-

After review Vice President Null motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-22 as written. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-21 – 2018 Budget

No public input was heard so Member Umbaugh suspended the rules and made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-21 on the second and third readings. Vice President Null seconded it. Motion carried 2 to 1 with Vice President Null abstaining.

Board Openings/ MC Tourism.

Openings still available for the MC Tourism and the Plan Commission.

Other Old Business:

None

NEW Business:

Sawvel Quote -

Superintendent Lindstrom presented a quote for Sawvel and Assoc. to rewrite our electric department rules and regulations. This quote would be in-line with the rate study Sawvel did on the Electric. After discussion Vice President Null motioned to allow Sawvel to rewrite the Electric Rules and Regulations for the town. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-23 Community Crossing Grant-

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney presented an ordinance creating fund 258 for the community crossing grant. Vice President Null motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-23 on all three readings. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

Member Umbaugh reminded the Council about putting a comment box in the lobby for citizen to leave comments for the Council. Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney stated she did not remember but would work on getting one done.

Member Umbaugh also mentioned getting started on planning the Employee Appreciation Dinner in December. This year the Council agreed to look at various venues and prices.

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney presented the Council with the petition for the J-Turns on Hwy 31. In all 957 signatures were obtained from Argos, Bourbon, Culver and Plymouth. These signatures are to be send to 8 different offices. After a discussion Vice President Null made a motion to state that the Town of Argos does not support the installation of J-Turns at St. Rd. 10, 17th Rd. and St. Rd. 110. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the October 4th claims which totaled \$339,120.93. Member Umbaugh moved to accept claims #1102 through #1161 and Vice President Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Uptown Trash Cans –

Vice President Null inquired about whether or not the trash cans had been removed in places uptown as discussed. Superintendent Lindstrom informed his that they had.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Vice President Null moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:14p.m.

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer