

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:32PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Members Suzanne Umbaugh, Dylan Colburn, Charles R. Snead, Shawn Harley, Attorney Jones and Clerk /Treasurer Mullaney.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the December 5,2018 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Colburn moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Harley seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones Presented annual nepotism forms for the Council and Clerk/Treasurer to sign. They were then presented to President Null as required.

Attorney Jones then stated that the Council received one bid for the 2019 Farm Lease that was advertised on November 29th and December 6th. Attorney Jones then proceeded to open the bid from William Vories for \$171.29 an acre. Member Snead motioned to accept the bid. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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

Board Openings – Plan Commission and BZA:

President Null announced that there are openings on the Plan Commission and BZA. He also received a letter of interest from James Hoffer to be on the Police Commission. President Null appointed James Hoffer to the Argos Police Commission.

Troyer Group Feasibility Study:

After review of the contract Member Snead motioned to proceed with the Troyer Group for \$9,500.00 for a feasibility study of applying for a grant for a new Fire/EMS Station. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried 4 to 1 with Member Colburn abstaining.

Other Old Business:

None

NEW Business:

2018 Christmas Decorating Contest-

The winners of the contest were announced. Businesses – 1st Images Hair Salon, 2nd Earl Grossman Funeral Home and 3rd Argos Library. Residential – 1st 404 W. Walnut, 2nd 221 W. Williams St, 3rd 653 Freedom St. Thank you to all who participated.

Superintendent Lindstrom – Community Crossing

The Town Council was presented a contract from Abonmarche in the amount of \$50,000 for help with engineering Westview Court and Woodland Tr. Also help with bids for our Community Crossing Grant. Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the contract. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

2018 -10 Crime Policy Ordinance:

Attorney Jones explained that the Crime Policy Ordinance would be in lieu of the Clerk/Treasurer's Bond. Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney explained that both the policy and the bond covered the Town against theft up to \$300,000 dollars. The crime policy covers everyone who handles money not just the Clerk Treasurer and was more cost efficient. Member Colburn motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2018-10 on all three readings. Member Harley seconded, motion carried unanimously.

2019 Salary Ordinance – 2018-7:

After discussion Member Colburn motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2018-7 on all three readings with changes as discussed to the Fire and EMS wages. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

Jon VanDerweele with the assistance of Macog will present to INDOT on the US 31 & SR10 intersection project. The Argos Community Development Corporation will be discussing donating 3 lots to IHEDA for housing.

Department Head Reports –

Police – Chief Bowman gave his which included informing the Council of his newest hire Chris McAninch. They now have all six officers if he completes the academy in February.

Utilities – Superintendent Lindstrom gave his report.

Fire & EMS - President Null gave some information regarding the activities of the Fire Department.

CLAIMS

The November claims which totaled \$163,948.70 Member Snead moved to accept claims #1519 through #1613 and Member Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Employee Years of Service Recognition:

Several Employees were recognized for there years of service. 1st Deputy Candi Weller – 30 years, Chief Water Operator Joseph Stone – 25 years, Sgt. Rodney Rudd – 15 years, Assistant Superintendent Doug Middleton – 10 years and Part-Time Officer Jeremy Enyart – 10 Years.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer