

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022 @ 7:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Charles R. Snead called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Minutes from the January 19, 2022, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President Harley moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Martin Mora asked if his shed and other stuff is going to be removed due to the court order. Attorney Jones stated that put it out for bid and the items to be removed are listed in the bid specs. Mr. Mora left after stating unpleasant sediments.

Vice President Harley wanted to thank residents that removed their vehicles off roadways when asked in the last snow event.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated the bid from Kolar Konstruktion regarding the Mora Property was received at the last meeting. Mr. Mora was informed what needed to be done and has had ample time to complete the task. Member Null motioned to accept the Kolar Konstruktion bid for \$2,820.00. Member Partin seconded the motion carried unanimously. A discussion was had regarding removal of the dune buggy on the property. Vice President Harley motioned to have the town employees move it to a safe location. Member Partin seconded the motion. Member Null then made a motion to let Superintendent Lindstrom hire a service to remove the dune buggy. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones stated Chuck DeWitt will start working on unsafe structures. They will be collaborating on getting notices and following the procedures to make sure the property owners are notified of violations.

Attorney Jones opened the bids that were presented for mowing and care of Maple Grove Cemetery for 2022. A&J Lawn Care bid is \$22,000.00 and 3-D Services bid is \$21,240.00. The Council will check references and award the contract at the March 2, 2022 regular meeting.

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

Other Old Business:

None

Resolution 2022-03 Adjustment of Funds:

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney informed the Council that Baker-Tilly finished their review of the bank statements after the computer data transfer and found an acceptable amount per the SBOA guidelines to adjust the accounts. Member Null motioned to accept Resolution 2022-03 as written. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Review of EMS Building Lease

Attorney Jones presented the Council with a draft of the lease for the EMS Building by the Fire Territory. He stated this would need to be presented in a public hearing and the Fire Territory Board has to approve the lease. Member Resendez motioned to have the public hearing at the March 2nd meeting. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously. Vice President Harley then motioned to advertise the lease for the March 2nd meeting. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Quotes for Capital Assets:

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the Council with two quotes for capital assets. Vice President Harley requested a copy of the contract for Baker Tilley so he could compare the two contracts. This was then tabled for more information.

NEW Business:

Resolution 2022-05 Maple Grove By-Laws

After review and discussion Member Partin motioned to accept Resolution 2022-05 as written. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Cemetery Pricing 2022-

Currently the price for a grave space is \$640. It has been suggested to raise them to \$675 with the extra \$35 going to cemetery fund for upkeep of cemetery. Member Resendez motioned to raise the price to \$675 with the increase going to the cemetery fund. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-02 Written Payment Agreements-

This ordinance raises the fee for a written payment agreement and load limiter from \$25 to \$40. After short discussion Member George motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2022-02 as written on all three readings. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-03 Utility Reconnect Fees-

This Ordinance raises the utility reconnection fees from \$25 for water then \$25 for electric to \$40 for water and \$40 for electric. It also adds wording that if your name is put on a disconnect list the fees will be applied. Vice President Harley motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2022-03 as written. Member Resendez seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-04 Salary Ordinance 2022-01-

After review Member Partin motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2022-04 as written. Member Null seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

None

Department Head Reports:

Police – Chief Bowman presented his report. Chief Bowman asked to purchase two computers from the law enforcement fund for around \$2,500. It is under his spending threshold and does not need approval.

Utilities – Superintendent Lindstrom was out sick but sent in his report.

Economic Director - Mark VanDerWeele presented his report.

Plan Director- Chuck DeWitt was present.

Vice President Harley motioned to accept the department head reports. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

The February 2, 2022, claims which totaled \$479,739.00 were presented for approval. Member Null moved to accept claims January 18, 2022, through February 1, 2022. Member Resendez seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The February 16,2022 claims which totaled \$201,749.21 were presented for approval. Member Null moved to accept claims February 2, 2022, through February 14, 2022. Member Resendez seconded; motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Vice President Harley moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Charles R. Snead, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer