

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 2022 @ 7:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Harley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President Charles R. Snead, Vice President Shawn Harley, Members, George Null, Erica Partin and Attorney Derek Jones. Clerk - Treasurer Lisa Mullaney was at a conference.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the 10/19/2022, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President Harley motioned to accept the minutes as written. Member Partin seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Member Null abstaining due to absence.

MCEDC -

Greg from the MCEDC came to update the Council on the latest employee changes for the MCEDC.

CITIZEN INPUT

John Ringle from Rochester Ford stated the trade for the new police truck is unfair. He appraised the older police truck one year ago and since the truck they took in last week has a cracked windshield, bald tires and damage to the rear bumper. They would like \$5k in reduction of truck appraisal. Vice President Harley motioned to reduce the trade in value to \$17,500 and compensated Rochester Ford the \$2,500 for damages. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated he is working on the contract with Norfolk Southern for the rail closure. The contract has been signed and we are waiting on payment.

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

Electric Metering System-

Superintendent Lindstrom discussed the AMI metering contract with the Council. He was able to get the cost down to \$293,000.00. After discussion Member Null motioned to sign the contract with IMPA for the new meters and metering system. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Two-Hour Parking Downtown-

Now that the Nickel Plate Square is complete the discussion to reinstate the two hour parking for downtown should be reinstated. Vice President Harley motioned to reinstate the two-hour parking and no overnight parking in the downtown. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

None

NEW Business:

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Superintendent Lindstrom stated the furnace in the Municipal Building is 15 years old and he has tried to get it repaired. A new furnace is what is recommended at the cost of \$7k to \$9k. This is for a new air conditioner unit also. He will let them know.

Council Member Schue questioned Attorney Jones about charges for dispatch fees from the county. Member Null spoke about the cost and how it was agreed upon. They will discuss further if needed.

CLAIMS

The November 2, 2022, claims which totaled \$353,702.52 were presented for approval Vice President Harley moved to accept claims October 18, 2022, through November 2, 2022. Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the Member Partin motioned to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Charles R. Snead, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer