

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER -**

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

**ROLL CALL -**

Present for the meeting: President Erica Partin, Vice President Ed Barcus, Members Shawn Harley, Robert Byers, Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney. Member Charles R. Snead was absent.

**MINUTES -**

Minutes from January 3, 2024, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President Barcus motioned to accept the minutes as written. Member Byers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN INPUT -**

Resident Frank Rickman stated the speed limit on Marshall St. from US 31 to the park should be raised a little. Coming off the highway to a road that is 20 miles an hour creates a speed trap. The Council Members stated they would take it under advisement.

Council Member Byers stated to be transparent he is stating his vending company has the machines in the Argos parks and that he does profit from them being there. Attorney Jones stated all conflict-of-interest forms will be signed at the end of the year. This, however, is not a conflict of interest in his legal opinion.

**OLD BUSINESS -**

**Attorney Report -**

Attorney Jones stated he is still in talks with Mediacom for a new contract.

Attorney Jones stated he was working with Superintendent Lindstrom and Baker Tilly financial group on updating the current water and wastewater ordinances.

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

**Park Board Opening-**

After discussion, this was tabled to the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting so the vacancy could be published.

**Other Old Business -**

A discussion on the Cemetery Contract for 2024 was held. After discussion, Vice President Barcus motioned to have Attorney Jones draw up a contract and publish a bid for a 2-year mowing contract. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**NEW Business –**

**Marshall County Emergency Management Appointment –**

After a discussion, Vice President Barcus motioned to appoint Erica Partin as Argos representative for the Marshall County Emergency Management. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Other New Business –**

Due to having the bids for the vehicles advertised to be opened, Vice President Barcus motioned to move the February 14<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting to February 7<sup>th</sup> at the same time. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Department Head Reports-**

**Police-** Chief Rudd presented his report. He informed the Council that he has advertised for the open position.

**Utilities-** Superintendent Lindstrom sent in his report.

**Plan & Development Director-** Director VanDerWeele sent in his report.

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

**CLAIMS -**

January 15, 2024, claims which totaled \$879,799.62. Vice President Barcus moved to accept claims January 01, 2024 – January 15, 2024. Member Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Top 5 claims:

BOK Financial	\$263,438.00
Indiana Municipal Power Agency	\$214,558.16
B&B Roofing and Construction	\$150,000.00
Payroll #1	\$ 53,437.98
Aim Medical Trust	\$39,827.25

**ADJOURNMENT -**

With no more business brought before the board, Vice President Barcus moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Byers seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

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Erica Partin, President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer