

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER -**

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

**ROLL CALL -**

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

**Public Hearing for Opening of Bids for Water Project:**

Member Partin motioned to open the public hearing at 7:02pm. Member Barcus seconded; Vice President Harley opened the public hearing.

Attorney Jones and Charles Thompson from Abonmarche proceeded to open the bids for Contract 1 and Contract 2. All bids will be reviewed to see if they match the bid specs and the bids chosen will be awarded at the next meeting.

After the bids were opened Vice President Harley asked for public comment. None was heard.

Member Barcus then motioned to close the public hearing. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously. Vice President Harley closed the public hearing at 7:15 pm.

**MINUTES -**

Minutes from September 06, 2023, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Barcus motioned to accept the minutes as written. Member Partin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN INPUT -**

Pam Rosebush mentioned that there is a red truck parked on the property just south of Casey's gas station that makes it hard to see to pull out onto Michigan Rd. Chief Rudd said he would look into it. Then she asked if anyone had looked at the property next door to her. Plan Director Chuck DeWitt stated he had looked at the property. Member Partin stated there is nothing the town can do about the fence posts in the yard that has not had a fence in years. Mr. DeWitt also stated it is not against any ordinances or codes that he could find. They all agreed it is an eyesore.

**OLD BUSINESS -**

**Attorney Report -**

Attorney Jones presented the Employee Fitness Agreement with the changes from the last meeting. Member Barcus motioned to accept the agreement as presented. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones stated he is drafting an agreement for CDL training for employees. He will present it for review at the next meeting.

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

**Other Old Business -**

None

**NEW Business -**

**Ordinance 2022-14 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment-**

This ordinance only corrects percentages of departments employees are paid by. No pay increases are on this ordinance. After review, Member Barcus motioned to allow the suspension of the rules. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously. Member Barcus motioned to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Other New Business -**

Member Partin mentioned that the van is still parking on Grove St and blocking the road so people cannot see around it. Chief Rudd stated parking is allowed on that road but Superintendent Lindstrom is working on painting the curb so the van would be parked further back away from the corner.

Member Partin also inquired about if a letter was sent to the owners of the property across from the grain elevator who are not in zoning compliance. Plan Director DeWitt stated he had not sent the letter yet.

Member Barcus asked Plan Director DeWitt if he had completed his inspection of the downtown businesses and address the ones that have people living on the first floor. Plan Director DeWitt stated he had not but would be working on getting that completed.

**Department Head Reports-**

**Police-** Chief Rudd presented his report. He asked for permission to repair the body of the 2018 Dodge Charger from old damage that was done. The cost would be \$2,674.00 and the money would come from the Police Fund. Member Barcus motioned to approve the expenditure. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Utilities-** Superintendent Lindstrom presented his report.

**Development Director-** Director VanDerWeele presented his report.

**Plan Director -** Director DeWitt presented his report.

Member Barcus motioned to accept the department head reports. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**CLAIMS -**

September 20, 2023, claims which totaled \$468,273.11. Member Barcus moved to accept claims September 5, 2023 – September 18, 2023. Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Top 5 claims:

Milestone Contractors North	\$326,756.44
Aim Medical Trust	\$39,584.81
Abonmarche Consultants	\$17,900.00
IN. Dept of Revenue	\$14,773.85
Federal Reserve	\$10,975.07

**ADJOURNMENT -**

With no more business brought before the board, Member Barcus moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48P.M.

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Shawn Harley, Vice President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer

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