

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER -

President Snead called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

ROLL CALL -

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

MINUTES -

Minutes from the June 07, 2023, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Barcus motioned to accept the minutes as written. Member Partin seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1 with President Snead abstaining due to absence.

CITIZEN INPUT -

Resident Bob Byers is upset that no notice was received for paving and that the road will be road wider than was previously.

OLD BUSINESS -

Attorney Report -

Attorney Jones stated he will be absent for the July 5th meeting.

Attorney Jones then discussed the Topps Abatement and the HWC Contract. After a discussion the Council will approve the Topp's abatement. The Council will table the HWC Contract until the end of the year to see the true cost of the IT services.

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

Topp's Abatements

After discussion and review, Vice President motioned to approve the tax abatement for Topp's Industries. Member Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

HWC Contract-

Tabled until the first of the year to review cost.

Other Old Business -

None

NEW Business -

President Snead read a letter from Police Chief Bowman requesting a demotion to Assistant Chief and for the Council to appoint a new Chief. After discussion President Snead motioned to accept Chief Bowman's letter, reduce his rank to Assistant Chief and promote Assistant Chief Rodney Rudd to Interim Chief until the Police Commission and Town Council can decide the new Chief. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried 4 to 1 with Member Barcus against Chief Bowman stepping down as Chief.

Other New Business -

None

Department Head Reports-

Police - Interm Chief Rudd presented the police department report.

Utilities- Superintendent Lindstrom presented his report. He suggested that the Council get a rate study for the electric since it has been 5 years. He presented a quote from Sawvel and Assoc. for not more than \$27,000.00. Vice President Harley motioned to allow Superintendent Lindstrom to proceed with the electric rate study with Sawvel and Assoc. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Development Director- Director VanDerWeele presented his report.

Plan Director - Director DeWitt presented his report.

CLAIMS -

June 06, 2023, claims which totaled \$275,973.40. Member Barcus moved to accept claims June 06, 2023, through June 19, 2023, Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT -

With no more business brought before the board, Member Partin moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Barcus seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56P.M.

Charles R. Snead, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer