

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Ed Barcus called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Public Hearing for Annexation of 9963 17<sup>th</sup> Rd:**

Member Byers motioned to open the public hearing at 7:04 pm. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones stated this is a voluntary annexation and was requested by the current owners. President Barcus asked for any public comment.

Resident Frank Rickman asked if they were requesting this to receive a tax abatement from the town? He then asked if all the neighboring properties had been notified? Attorney Jones responded that they have not applied or even talked about receiving a tax abatement from the town. He also stated that the neighbors were not notified since it is not required.

Member Harley then motioned to close the public hearing at 7:06 pm. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from May 07, 2025, Regular Session were presented for approval. Vice President Partin moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN INPUT:**

Resident Frank Rickman informed the Council he met with the Park Board as requested about moving the farmers market from Wednesdays to Fridays. The Park Board gave their permission.

Resident Louis Boroff stated he has a problem with feral cats and rats. Two houses at the end of his street are not mowing their grass. The blue house across the railroad tracks on South Michigan St. and the house across from Casey's gas station are a mess. The Council responded by stating cats are a known problem but nothing the Town can do. For the rats, the homeowner can call an exterminator. They will have code enforcement investigate the other matters.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Attorney Report:**

**Mission MSP Contract:**

Attorney Jones reviewed the contract, and it has since been signed.

**Ordinance 2025-10 Annexation of 9963 17<sup>th</sup> Rd.:**

Attorney Jones presented the ordinance to annex the property at 9963 17<sup>th</sup> Rd. After a discussion, Member Harley motioned to allow the suspension of the rules. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously. Member Byers motioned to accept Ordinance 2025-10 as written on all three readings. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Fiscal Plan for Annexation of 9963 17<sup>th</sup> Rd.:**

Attorney Jones explained that in the annexation process there needs to be a fiscal plan for the property in question. After discussion, Member Harley motioned to approve the fiscal plan as written. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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

**Other Old Business:**

President Barcus started a discussion on the INDOT Sidewalk grant the town was awarded during the Steller Grant Process. The Town of Argos has been informed numerous times that the grant money that was promised is not available. The cost of the project keeps increasing and the town is going to have to spend more money out of pocket than was promised. At this time, Member Byers motioned to inform INDOT that the town is not going to proceed with the project. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 2025-08 Argos Sidewalk Matching Grant:**

This ordinance establishes a matching sidewalk grant for the Town of Argos. It was passed on the first reading at the May 28, 2025, meeting. After short discussion Vice President Partin motioned to accept Ordinance 2025-08 as written on the seconded and third readings. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Application for Argos Sidewalk Grant:**

After review Vice President Partin motioned to approve the application for the sidewalk matching grant. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Funding for the Argos Sidewalk Grant:**

After a discussion on how to finance the Sidewalk Grant for 2025. Vice President Partin motioned to transfer \$20,000.00 from the Rainy Day fund into the Sidewalk Grant fund once the fund is established by ordinance. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 2025-09 Truck Routes:**

This ordinance updates the roads designated as truck routes for the town. After discussion, Member Harley motioned to accept Ordinance 2025-09 as written on the first reading. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Planning Grant Application:**

Development Director Mark VanDerWeele presented the grant writer's proposal for obtaining a planning grant for the Town. After a discussion, Vice President Partin motioned to move forward with the planning grant application. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Other New Business:**

None

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police:** Chief Rudd sent the Council his report. Assistant Chief Howe stated the department has been enforcing a lot of ordinance violations.

**Utilities:** Superintendent Lindstrom's report was included in the Council packet. Assistant Superintendent Doug Middleton was present.

**Development:** Development Director VanDerWeele gave his report.

Member Byers motioned to accept the Department Head Reports. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

### **CLAIMS**

May 28, 2025, claims totaled \$480,610.15. Vice President Partin moved to accept claims from May 13, 2025, through May 27, 2025. Member Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Top 5 Claims:**

B&B Roofing and Construction	\$81,338.00
Payroll #11	\$61,141.80
Flow-Technic, Inc.	\$18,807.00
Apex Waste	\$16,250.00
Abonmarche Consultants	\$14,500.00

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business brought before the board, Vice President Partin moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

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Ed Barcus, President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer