

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Ed Barcus called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Minutes from April 9, 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 Jared Schnitz thanked the town for the new Discover Argos app. He heard the sirens during the last storm but really liked how well the app kept the citizens updated.

Vice President Erica Partin stated she has received multiple complaints about feral cats around the areas of South St. and Center St. Member Byers stated he has also received the same complaints. President Barcus stated that the Town owns no cats, and this will continue to be an ongoing problem as people feed them.

Resident Frank Rickman stated that 518 N. Maple St. needs to be looked at and possibly added to the unsafe building list.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Mission MSP Contract:

Attorney Jones stated he has still not received an updated contract with the changes that were requested. After a discussion, Member Byers motioned to allow the contract to be signed after approval from Derek. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance for Matching Sidewalk Grant:

Attorney Jones sent a draft copy of the ordinance for the matching sidewalk grant for the Council to review.

Annexation of 9963 17th Rd.:

Attorney Jones stated that the public hearing for the annexation will be held at the Council meeting on May 28th at 7pm. Member Byers motioned to proceed with publishing the notice. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Partin motioned to close the public hearing at 7:10pm. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Plan Commission Appointments:

At the last meeting, Attorney Jones was asked to investigate who was needed for the vacancies on the Plan Commission. Attorney Jones stated two members from the government are needed. After a discussion, Attorney Jones stated both appointments are a Council appointment. Member Byers motioned to appoint Ed Barcus and Erica Partin to the Plan Commission. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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

Kinsey Property:

A discussion was held regarding the condition of the property located at 212 W. Walnut St. This has been an ongoing problem. The resident has made a little progress with cleaning up and it is still very messy. After the discussion, Member Byers motioned to send a certified letter to the owner giving them by June 1, 2025, to have the property cleaned or the Town would move forward with the clean-up order that was originally awarded. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

As discussed at the last meeting, President Barcus requested quotes from a few companies for the opening and closing of graves. Only one responded. After a discussion, Vice President Partin motioned to start using Akron Concrete for grave openings/closings in Maple Grove Cemetery. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:**Resolution 2025-02 Power Tracker:**

Resolution 2025-02 was presented for approval. After discussion, Member Byers motioned to accept Resolution 2025-02 as written. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-06 Parking on Walnut St.:

Ordinance 2025-06 was presented to the Council. This ordinance would prohibit parking on Walnut St. from Grove St. to US 31. After discussion, Member Byers motioned to allow the suspension of the rules. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously. Member Byers then motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2025-06 as written with the addition of allowing 10-minute parking for one parking space in front of 124 E. Walnut St., currently Argos Party Pak. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously with the changes.

Purchase of Town Vehicle:

At the last meeting, the Council approved the inquiry into the cost of a new vehicle for the town. Due to the length in between Council meetings, President Barcus suggested giving a spending limit for the vehicle. Member Byers motioned to allow the purchase of a vehicle up to \$30,000.00 with less than 70,000 miles, 3rd row seating if possible, and not more than 4 years old. 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.

Wellness Benefit for Employees:

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney explained that our current employee health insurance allows each entity up to \$600.00 to reward employees for doing other wellness appointments other than their annual wellness checkup. The Clerk's office would like to purchase \$30.00 Amazon gift cards to award employees addition wellness benefit with the money allotted. After discussion, Member Byers motioned to approve the wellness benefit program. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police: Chief Rudd gave his report. Officer DeLee has graduated from the academy.

Utilities: Superintendent Lindstrom's report was included in the Council packet.

Development: Development Director VanDerWeele gave his report. He presented a quote for lock access for the Municipal Building remodel. After review, Vice President Partin motioned to accept the quote for \$15,900. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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

CLAIMS

April 23, 2025, claims totaled \$247,809.50. Vice President Partin moved to accept claims from April 08, 2025, through April 21, 2025. Member Byers seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Top 5 Claims:

B& B Roofing and Construction	\$96,480.00
Payroll #8	\$65,177.47
Everett J. Prescott Inc.	\$57,648.00
Federal Reserve	\$13,881.56
Indiana Dept of Revenue	\$10,602.59

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board, Member Byers moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Ed Barcus, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer