TOWN OF ARGOS
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

July 29, 2026
201 W. Walnut Street
Argos, Indiana

The Argos Town Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, July 29, 2026. President Ed Barcus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. President Ed Barcus, Vice President Shawn Harley, Members Erica Partin, Charles R. Snead and Robert D. Byers, Attorney Derek Jones and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ONE MARSHALL COUNTY UPDATE

Attorney Jeff Houin and Mr. Gary Neidig spoke as representatives of One Marshall County. He updated the Council on what One Marshall County has been accomplishing and later asked for a donation in the amount of $ 5,000.00. The Town Council members stated that they would like time to discuss this and would let them know.

MINUTES

Motion – Member Byers moved to approve June 24, 2026, Regular Session minutes.
Second: Member Partin.
Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Citizen input included Mr. Robert Eley brought forth a petition signed by around 20 neighbors about the bright lights at Sequel Wire. After a discussion, Attorney Jones advised the town to start a conversation with Sequel Wire about the lights. President Barcus assured Mr. Eley that they would have Superintendent Lindstrom contact Sequel Wire and see what can be done to reduce the brightness of their lights.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATES 2027-2031.

Motion – Member Partin moved to open the public hearing at 7:40 pm.
Second: Member Byers.
Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

President Barcus explained the proposed rate increases for water and sewer. Then asked for any public comment on the proposed rates for 2027 - 2031.

None were heard.

Motion – Member Byers moved to close the public hearing at 7:44 pm.
Second: Member Partin.
Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Jones discussed amendments to Chapters 150–151 of the Argos Town Code he will be drafting an Ordinance for the Council's consideration.

Attorney Jones also stated he has an ordinance requesting a ban on Data Centers, Solar and Carbon Capturing in the jurisdiction of the Town of Argos. This will be presented at the next meeting.

With no more business to discuss,

Motion – Erica Partin moved to accept the attorney report.
Second: Vice President Harley.
Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET WORKSHOPS

The Council discussed scheduling budget workshops for Monday and Tuesday, August 3rd and 4th at 6:00 p.m. President Barcus asked Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney to post the Budget Workshops.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2026-11 (Water Rate Ordinance) was considered.

Motion: Member Byers moved to approve Ordinance 2026-11 on the first reading only.
Second: Member Partin.
Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-12 (Sewer Rate Ordinance) was considered.

Motion: Member Byers moved to approve Ordinance 2026-12 on the first reading only.
Second: Member Partin.
Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police: Chief Rudd gave his report. Then he discussed selling the 2017 Dodge Charger. After discussion,

> **Motion** – Vice President Harley made a motion to have Attorney Jones publish the bid to sell the 2017 Dodge Charger.
> **Second**: Member Partin.
> **Decision:** Motion carried unanimously.

Utilities: Superintendent Lindstrom gave his report.
Development: Development Director gave his report.
Zoning: Zoning Director Bouchard gave his report. He then presented three policies for Council approval for the Zoning Operations Manual.

> **Motion** – Vice President Harley made a motion to accept policies, Voluntary Compliance Policy, Administrative Enforcement Policy and Delegating Admin. Approval Police for Property Line Adjustments.
> **Second:** Member Partin.
> **Decision:** Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Motion – Member Partin moved to approve claims for June 23, 2026, through July 27, 2026, which total $1,027,204.78
Second – Vice President Harley.
Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Erica Partin moved to adjourn.
Second: Robert Byers.
Decision: Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

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Ed Barcus, President

Attest:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk- Treasurer