Argos Town Council – Regular Meeting
Town of Argos
September 23, 2026
201 W. Walnut St.
Argos, IN 46501

The Town of Argos Town Council met in Regular Session on September 23, 2026. President Ed Barcus called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present for the meeting were President Ed Barcus, Vice President Shawn Harley, Members Charles R. Snead, Erica Partin, and Robert Byers, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney, and Attorney Derek Jones. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MARSHALL COUNTY RECYCLE DEPOT

Director of the Marshall County Recycle Depot, Marianne Peters, presented the annual report for the Marshall County Recycle Depot. She then explained that they are holding a Tire Amnesty Day on October 3rd from 8am to 3pm. Citizens can bring up to 10 tires per trip and make multiple trips during the time frame.

MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 9, 2026, REGULAR SESSION

President Barcus asked for a motion to approve the September 9, 2026, Regular Session minutes.
Motion - Member Snead motioned to accept the minutes as written.
Second - Member Partin
Decision - Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Jared Schnitz stated that he would like to see the speed limit on Kenilworth Road between Deerfield Subdivision and the town limits reduced. He noted that Kenilworth Road is a county road and asked what, if anything, the Town could do. Mr. Schnitz stated that vehicles frequently speed through the area and that young children now live in the subdivision and across the street. Utility Superintendent Jamie Lindstrom stated that he would contact the Marshall County Highway Department to determine if a solution is available.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report

Attorney Jones stated that he had published notice of a public hearing regarding the resolution banning solar data centers and carbon capture. The public hearing will be held October 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. during the Plan Commission meeting.

Attorney Jones then presented Ordinance 2026-16, regarding changes to Chapter 150. The ordinance had passed on first reading two meetings prior and had since been revised to reflect the Council's requested changes.
Motion - Vice President Harley motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-16, Chapter 150, on second and third readings.
Second - Member Snead
Decision - Motion carried unanimously.

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Attorney Jones then discussed the letter to the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) requesting that the fees listed in the Town's service contract be reduced from $10,000 to $5,000. He explained that, by signing and sending the letter, MCEDC could also choose not to continue a contract with the Town or provide services. Following discussion, the Council acted on the letter.
Motion - Member Partin motioned to authorize President Barcus to sign the letter and send it to MCEDC.
Second - Vice President Harley
Decision - Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business under the Attorney Report, the Council acted to accept the attorney's report.

Motion - Member Byers motioned to accept the Attorney Report.
Second - Member Snead
Decision - Motion carried unanimously.

Police Commission

The Council discussed the two openings on the Police Commission, one from each political party. Following discussion, the Council considered appointing President Ed Barcus as the Republican member.

Motion - Member Partin motioned to appoint Ed Barcus to the Police Commission.
Second - Member Snead
Decision - Motion carried 3-0, with President Barcus abstaining and Vice President Harley abstaining due to serving on the Police Commission.

Plan Commission / Redevelopment Commission

The Plan Commission has two openings that must be filled by Democrats or Libertarians. The Redevelopment Commission has one opening, and the appointee must be a resident of the Town of Argos. Anyone interested in serving should contact the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2026-15 - 2027 Budget

Ordinance 2026-15, the 2027 Budget Ordinance, was presented for second and third readings.

Motion - Vice President Harley motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-15 as written on second and third readings.
Second - Member Snead
Decision - Motion carried 3-0, with President Barcus and Member Byers abstaining due to serving on the Fire Territory.

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Ordinance 2026-17 - 2027 Salary Ordinance

Member Byers stated that he would not vote in favor of the Salary Ordinance because of the $250 per month increase for Council members. He stated that he believed the increase was too large, but that he supported the increases provided to the other employees in the Salary Ordinance. Following discussion, the Council considered the ordinance on first reading only.

Motion - Member Snead motioned suspend the rules and allow Ordinance 2026-17 to be passed on all three readings.
Second - Vice President Harley
Decision - Motion failed 3-2, with President Barcus and Member Byers opposing.

Motion - Member Snead motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-17 on first reading only as written.
Second - Vice President Harley
Decision - Motion carried 3-2, with President Barcus and Member Byers opposing.

Ordinance 2026-18 - 2027 Holidays

Motion - Member Byers motioned to suspend the rules and allow Ordinance 2026-18 to be considered on all three readings.
Second - Member Snead
Decision - Motion carried unanimously.

Motion - Member Byers motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-18, 2027 Holidays, as written.
Second - Vice President Harley
Decision - Motion carried 4-1, with Member Snead opposing.

Ordinance 2026-19 - Speed Limits in Deerfield and Colonial Estates

Motion - Vice President Harley motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-19 on first reading only.
Second - Member Partin
Decision - Motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business

President Barcus read a thank-you card regarding the use of the BNR Building for a celebration of life for Mary Jackson, a librarian from the school.

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney reported that another local Clerk-Treasurer had been told by their bank that pennies were no longer available. She asked whether the Council wanted to establish a policy in case the Town's bank encountered the same issue. The Council agreed to explore creating a policy.

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney asked about the ordinances drafted and tabled for workshops. The Council requested that they be redistributed for review.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police - Chief Rudd gave his report.

Utilities - Superintendent Jamie Lindstrom gave his report.

Development - Director Mark VanderWiel was absent but submitted his report.

Zoning - Administrator R.B. Bouchard was absent but submitted his report.

CLAIMS

Claims for September 8, 2026, through September 21, 2026, in the amount of $251,936.88 were presented for approval.

Motion - Member Byers motioned to approve the claims as presented.
Second - Member Snead
Decision - Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion - Member Partin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.
Second - Member Byers
Decision - Motion carried unanimously.

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Ed Barcus, President

Attest:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer