

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 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, Members Charles R. Snead, Shawn Harley, Robert Byers, and Clerk -Treasurer Lisa Mullaney. Attorney Derek Jones was absent.

MINUTES:

Minutes from March 12, 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 –

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones was absent.

Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-04 Electric Rates:

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

President Barcus read the intro of the ordinance and explained the electric rates would increase around 1.6% over 4 years.

President Barcus then asked for public comment either for or against; none was heard.

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

Ordinance 2025-04 Electric Rates:

After discussion, Vice President Partin motioned to accept Ordinance 2025-04 as written on the 2nd and 3rd readings. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-05 Re-establish the CCD Fund Tax Rate:

Vice President Partin motioned to open the public hearing at 7:07pm. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

President Barcus read the intro to Ordinance 2025-05. After an explanation of what the CCD tax rate is President Barcus asked for public comment either for or against; none was heard.

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

Ordinance 2025-05 Re-establishment of the CCD Fund tax rate:

After a short discussion, Member Snead motioned to allow the suspension of the rules. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Member Snead then motioned to accept Ordinance 2025-05 as written. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

None

NEW Business:

SUV for Municipal Employee Travel-

After a discussion about how the town pays mileage for municipal workers to attend events, President Barcus stated that having one vehicle that municipal workers could drive to schools, conferences and other events would be helpful. Member Byers motioned to have Mark VanDerWeele research the cost of an SUV that is gas powered, has 3rd row seating and only four to five years old with less than 70k in mileage. Member Harley seconded the motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business-

None

Department Head Reports-

Police – Chief Rudd gave his report. Officer DeLee has 4 weeks left at the academy.

Utilities- Superintendent Lindstrom gave his report. He has been talking care of problems at the sewer plant.

Development- Development Director VanDerWeele gave his report.

Member Harley motioned to accept the Department Head Reports. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

March 26, 2025, claims totaled \$474,184.87 Member Harley moved to accept claims from March 10, 2025, through March 26, 2025. Vice President Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Top 5 Claims:

B&B Roofing and Construction	\$182,805.60
Payroll # 6	\$ 61,182.47
AIM Medical Trust	\$ 38,754.61
J&K Communication, Inc.	\$ 28,836.08
Sunbelt Solomon Services, LLC	\$ 20,750.00

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Byers moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Ed Barcus, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer