

Argos Town Council
Town of Argos
February 11, 2026

The Town of Argos Town Council met on February 11, 2026 @ 7:00pm in the council room at 201 W. Walnut St., Argos, IN 46501 for a Regular Town Council Meeting. Those present were President Ed Barcus, Vice President Shawn Harley, Member Robert Byers, Member Charles Snead, Attorney Derek Jones and Clerk Treasurer Lisa Mullaney. Member Erica Partin was absent.

Town Council President Barcus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Barcus asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Barcus opened the regular Town Council Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PLANNING GRANT

The public hearing for the Planning Grant was opened:

Motion – Member Snead motioned to open the Public Hearing at 7:01pm.

Second – Vice President Harley seconded.

Decision – Public Hearing was opened.

Development Director, Mark VanDerWeele, read a prepared statement from Baker Tilly, who is assisting with the grant writing. This statement explained the purpose and cost of the planning grant.

President Barcus then asked for any public input. None was heard.

Motion – Member Snead motioned to close the Public Hearing at 7:04pm.

Second – Vice President Harley seconded.

Decision – Public Hearing was opened.

President Barcus then closed the public hearing.

MINUTES

The minutes of February 11, 2026, Regular Session were presented for approval.

Motion – Member Byers motioned to approve the minutes as written.

Second – Member Snead seconded.

Decision – Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

No public comments were presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report

Attorney Derek Jones stated that the bid request for the Cemetery mowing was published. Bids will be due by 4pm on March 11, 2026. The bids will be opened in the Council meeting that evening and the Council will award the bid at the March 25, 2026, meeting.

Attorney Jones then stated he sent a copy of the fire truck lease to all the Council Members. He stated the numbers may change as the truck gets closer to being delivered but the general language of the lease will be the same. After a discussion,

Motion – Member Byers motioned to allow Vice Pres. Harley to sign the lease on behalf of the town.

Second – Member Snead seconded.

Decision - Motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to be discussed,

Motion – Member Byers motioned to accept the attorney report.

Second – Member Snead seconded.

Decision - Motion carried unanimously

Sewer Ordinance

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Sewer Ordinance.

After discussion,

Motion - Member Byers motioned to allow Attorney Jones to publish a public hearing on the proposed Sewer Ordinance.

Second – Member Snead seconded.

Decision – Motion carried unanimously

Police Commission Appointment

Discussion was held regarding the Police Commission appointment. Letters from Travis Thompson and Marilyn Byers were read by President Barcus.

Motion – Vice President Harley motioned table the appointment until all members of the Council are present.

Second – Member Snead seconded.

Decision - Motion carried unanimously with Member Byers abstaining.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2026-02 Utility Master Plan Grant

Resolution 2026-02 was presented for approval.

After discussion,

Motion – Member Byers motioned to accept the Resolution 2026-02 as written.

Second – Vice President Harley seconded.

Decision – Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-03 Solar Parallel Generation Rider

Attorney Jones and Superintendent Lindstrom explained that this is an update to the current Solar Parallel Generation Rider.

After discussion,

Motion – Member Byers motioned to accept the Ordinance 2026-03 on the 1st reading.

Second – Vice President Harley seconded.

Decision - Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of CCMG Bids

CCMG bids were reviewed by Abonmarche and Superintendent Lindstrom at the bid opening. Abonmarche then provided to the Council the bid tabulation report. Town and Country presented the lowest conforming bid at \$22,444.00.

After discussion,

Motion – Vice President Harley motioned to accept the bid from Town and Country.

Second – Member Snead seconded.

Decision - Motion carried unanimously.

After the acceptance of the bid,

Motion – Vice President Harley motioned to President Barcus to sign the contract with INDOT.

Second – Member Snead seconded.

Decision - Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of “Employee Structure” for Handbook

After a brief discussion,

Motion – Member Byers motioned to table the discussion for more information.

Second – Vice President Harley seconded.

Decision - Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Member Byers discussed the trains blowing their horns all the way through the town at all hours of the night.

After a discussion, the Council determined someone would have to contact the railroad company to ask but that it is more than likely due to the distance from an intersection that requires them to do so.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police

Chief Rudd gave his verbal report and sent the stats to the Council Members.

Utilities

Superintendent Lindstrom gave his verbal and written report to the Council Members.

Development

Development Director VanDerWeele gave his written and verbal reports.

Zoning

RB Bouchard was absent due to illness and sent his written report.

After hearing all reports,

Motion – Member Snead motioned to accept the department head reports.

Second – Vice President Harley seconded.

Decision - Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Claims for the period of February 12, 2026, through February 23, 2026, totaled \$139,191.99.

Motion – Member Byers motioned to accept claims as presented.

Second – Vice President Harley seconded.

Decision - Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business,

Motion – Vice President Harley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm.

Second – Member Byers seconded.

Decision – Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Barcus, President

Attest:

Lisa Mullaney
Clerk-Treasurer