

TOWN OF ARGOS
ARGOS TOWN COUNCIL
JULY 23, 2025

The Town of Argos Town Council met on July 23, 2025 @ 7:00 pm in the council room at 201 W. Walnut St. for a Regular Town Council Meeting. Those present were President Ed Barcus, Vice President Erica Partin, Members Shawn Harley, Charles R. Snead, Robert D. Byers, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones.

Town Council President, Ed Barcus called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. President Barcus asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. President Barcus opened the regular Town Council Meeting.

MINUTES – 07/09/2025 Regular Session:

The minutes from July 09, 2025, Regular Session were reviewed. A motion was made by Member Snead to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Harley. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Louis Boroff presented a complaint regarding Barney Beers' weeds, Scott Samuels' burning, and vehicles parked across from Casey's blocking the road. The council acknowledged the concerns and stated they would investigate the matter.

Dylan Yeargin addressed the council, requesting that a received ordinance violation for noise be forgiven. Attorney Jones explained that in Chapter 36 of the Argos Town Code he could either choose to pay for the ordinance ticket or if it is not paid then the Argos Police could take him to court where he can plead his case to a judge. Mr. Yeargin then stated he would be in to pay the fine with pennies.

ALLIANCE OF RURAL WATER-

Aaron from the Alliance of Rural Water was present and presented Joseph Ruffing with a certificate of completion for his water license. The council congratulated Mr. Ruffing on his achievement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Derek Jones presented his report. He updated the Council on the bid process for Park Truck a 2002 Dodge Ram. Bids will be accepted until August 22, 2025, then the Council can open the bids and discuss them at the August 27, 2025 meeting.

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

Low Voltage Group LLC Agreement:

Plan Director Mark VanDerWeele provided an update on the status of the agreement and answered questions from the council. After discussion, Member Byers made a motion to approve the Low Voltage Group LLC Agreement. The motion was seconded by Member Snead. The motion carried unanimously.

No other old business was brought forward for discussion at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

An offer of conditional employment for a Full-time Police Officer was presented to the council. After reviewing the candidate's qualifications and discussing the needs of the police department, Member Byers made a motion to approve the offer of conditional employment for the full-time police officer position. The motion was seconded by Member Harley. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-11:

This Ordinance regarding Fund 8989 was brought up for further discussion. The Clerk-Treasurer provided additional clarification on the fund's purpose and its financial implications for the town. A motion was made by Member Shawn Harley to allow the suspension of the rules. Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Member Harley then motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2025-11 on all three readings. Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-04 Power Tracker:

A resolution for the third quarter power tracker was presented. The details of the resolution were explained, outlining its benefits and operational aspects. After discussion, Member Harley made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04. The motion was seconded by Vice President Partin. The motion carried unanimously.

No other new business was brought forward for discussion at this time.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Dept- The Chief of Police provided a written report on recent police activities and crime statistics. Assistant Chief Howe was present for any questions the Council might have had.

Utilities Department – Superintendent Lindstrom presented a report on the status of town utilities, including water, sewer, and electric services, and discussed any ongoing projects or maintenance.

Development Department- Plan Director Mark VanDerWeele provided an update on current and upcoming development projects within the town.

CLAIMS:

Claims from July 08, 2025 – July 21, 2025, were presented for approval. The claims totaled \$508,380.45 Member Byers made a motion to approve the claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Harley. The motion carried unanimously.

Top 5 Claims:

BOK Financial	\$237,293.00
Payroll #15	\$62,168.99
K2 Power Solutions	\$17,940.00
Apex Waste	\$16,292.50
Kolar Konstruktion	\$15,292.50

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Vice President Erica Partin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Charles R. Snead. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Ed Barcus, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk - Treasurer