

**Executive Session of Argos Town Council**

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

All members were present. This session was called “under IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6) with respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction.”

Nothing else was discussed.

**Town of Argos  
Argos Town Council  
January 14, 2026**

The Town of Argos Town Council met on January 14, 2026 @ 7:00pm in the council room at 201 W. Walnut St. for a Regular Town Council Meeting. Those present were Ed Barcus, Erica Partin, Robert Byers, Charles Snead, Shawn Harley, Attorney Derek Jones and Clerk Treasurer Lisa Mullaney.

Town Council President 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.

**Nomination of Officers – Council President and Vice President**

Council proceeded with nominations for Council President and Vice President for the 2026 year. President Barcus was nominated to continue serving as Council President.

Motion: Member Harley made a motion to retain Ed Barcus as Council President

Second: Member Partin

Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

Member Shawn Harley was nominated to serve as Vice President.

Motion: Member Snead made a motion for Shawn Harley for Vice President.

Second: Member Byers seconded.

Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes**

The minutes from December 03, 2025, Regular Session were presented for approval.

Motion: Member Byers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Second: Member Partin.

Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizen Input**

John Fishburn addressed the council and shared information regarding Marshall County’s plans for the celebration of America’s 250th Birthday. Council thanked Mr. Fishburn for the presentation. They stated they would actively think of events to help promote this in Argos. No action was taken.

## **Old Business**

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones provided nepotism and conflict of interest forms for the Council to sign.

He also received an oath form from Marshall County for Ray Trump's appointment to the Argos Plan Commission. Mr. Trump will need to sign it.

Attorney Jones then stated he was informed that a property owner is wanting to annex his land into the Town of Argos. That public hearing will be held on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

No other business was presented.

Motion: Member Partin made a motion to accept the attorney report.

Second: Vice President Harley

Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

## **Other Old Business**

None.

## **New Business**

### **2026 Meeting Schedule**

Motion: Member Byers made a motion to approve the 2026 meeting schedule. The Council will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month with a workshop scheduled before each meeting. In November and December of 2026, the meetings will be held on the First and Third Wednesdays due to the holidays.

Second: Member Snead

Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

### **Appointment of Utility Clerk**

Motion: Member Byers made a motion to approve Lisa Mullaney as the Utility Clerk for 2026.

Second: Member Snead

Decision: Motion carried unanimously

### **Appointment of Development Director**

Motion: Vice President Harley made a motion to approve Mark VanDerWeele as the Development Director for 2026.

Second: Member Byers

Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

### **Appointment of Fire Territory Board Member**

Motion: Member Snead made a motion to approve Ed Barcus as the town's appointment to the Fire Territory Board.

Second: Vice President Harley

Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

## **Department Liaison Appointments**

President Barcus appointed the following liaisons to each board or department.

Police Commission – Vice President Shawn Harley

Park Dept – Member Charles Snead

Utilities Dept – Member Erica Partin

Redevelopment Commission – Member Erica Partin

Plan, Development and Zoning Depts – Member Robert Byers

## **B&R Usage Approval**

Motion: Member Byers made a motion to approve non-profits use of the B&R Building for meetings. Lions Club, Marshall County Homemakers, and Johnny Whitt for Church Services (Rented until 12pm every Sunday for \$65 per week).

Second: Vice President Harley

Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

## **Board Appointments**

Motion: Member Snead made a motion to approve the board appointments as presented; Mark Dean for Park Board; Erica Partin, Mark VanDerWeele, Scott Samuels and Paul Stearns for the Redevelopment Commission.

Second: Member Byers.

Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

## **Resolution 2025-10 – End of Year Stipend**

Motion: Vice President Harley made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-10.

Second: Member Byers.

Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

## **Resolution 2026-01 – Power Tracker**

Motion: Vice President Harley made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01.

Second: Member Partin.

Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

## **Other New Business – Authorization of Payment of Budgeted Donations**

Motion: Member Partin made a motion to approve the payment of budgeted donations.

Second: Member Byers.

Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

## **Claims**

Claims dated December 4, 2025, through December 31, 2025, which total \$1,468,215.36, and January 1, 2026 through January 13, 2026 (which total \$691,898.59) were presented for approval.

Motion: Member Partin made a motion to approve the claims as presented.

Second: Member Snead.

Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Member Snead motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously. President Barcus adjourned the meeting at 7:44pm.

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Ed Barcus, Argos Town Council President

Attest:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer