

Executive Session held at 6:00pm – All members present and a discussion only on advertised topic.

**The Argos Town Council met
August 27, 2025 @ 7:00 pm
at the B&R Building 194 S. Michigan St for a Regular Town Council Meeting.**

Those present were President Ed Barcus, Vice President Erica Partin, Member Shawn Harley, Member Charles R. Snead, Member 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 at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES:

The minutes from July 23, 2025, Regular Session were reviewed by the council members. Member Byers made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Member Harley. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT:

There were no citizens present who wished to address the council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones stated the bid notice for the 2002 Dodge Ram Park Truck was published on July 9th with bids due by close of business on August 22nd. Attorney Jones then opened each sealed bid, with the council considering the bids that had been submitted. Seven bids were received. Member Byers made a motion to accept the bid from Mr. Cody Meyer for \$3,800.00 for the park truck. The motion was seconded by Member Snead. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Zoning Officer Position:

After short discussion, this was tabled until interviews can be held before the next meeting.

Old Business:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dollar General Utility Easement:

Development Director, Mark VanDerWeele, presented the council with an easement on the current Dollar General property for consideration. After a review of the easement details, Member Harley made a motion to approve the easement. The motion was seconded by Member Byers. The motion carried unanimously.

Employee benefits for 2026:

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney discussed the upcoming decision on Medical, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance, along with a possible new dental plan. After discussion, Member Harley made a motion to approve the new benefits plan for the upcoming year and change the dental plan to option 4. The motion was seconded by Member Byers. The motion carried unanimously.

Delinquent Write Offs from 10/1/2024 – 08/08/2025:

The council reviewed a list of delinquent account write-offs from 10/1/2024 to 08/08/2025. After reviewing the accounts, Member Byers made a motion to approve the write-offs. The motion was seconded by Member Snead. The motion carried unanimously.

Halloween Trick or Treat Time:

The council voted to approve the Halloween Trick-or-Treat times for the Town, setting the hours as 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm due to Halloween 2025 being on a Friday. Member Byers also motioned to set the Halloween 2026 Trick-or-Treat times on Friday, October 31, 2025, from 5pm – 8pm. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Employee Appreciation Dinner:

The Employee Appreciation Dinner was also discussed with the council deciding to hold it on December 5, 2025. Member Harley made a motion to hold the dinner at the The Breakroom Pub and Grill in Argos. The motion was seconded by Member Byers. The motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business: None

Department Head Reports:

Police: The Chief of Police sent in his report to the Council.

Utilities: Superintendent Lindstrom gave his report.

Development Director: Development Director VanDerWeele gave his update.

CLAIMS:

The claims for two periods were presented: July 22, 2025 to August 8, 2025, in the amount of \$635,931.71, and August 9, 2025 to August 25, 2025, in the amount of \$344,140.73. Member Byers made a motion to approve all claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice President Erica Partin. The motion carried unanimously.

Top 5 Claims July 22, 2025 – August 25,2025

IMPA	\$273,419.90
INDOT	\$93,784.00
E&B Paving	\$89,664.22
B&B Roofing & Construction	\$81,338.00
Payroll #16 & Longevity	\$63,931.71

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Member Shawn Harley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Snead. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Ed Barcus, President

Attest:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer