

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Ed Barcus called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President Ed Barcus, Vice President Erica Partin, Members Charles R. Snead, Shawn Harley, Robert Byers, Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney.

MINUTES:

Minutes from April 23, 2025, Regular Session were presented for approval as written. Vice President Partin moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Resident Frank Rickman stated the first Farmer's Market of the year will be the last Friday in May. The Farmer's Market will be open every Friday from 5pm to 8pm. President Barcus asked Mr. Rickman to attend the Park Board meeting on Thursday, May 15th at 5:30pm to clear the use of Nickle Plate Square with the Board.

Councilman Charles R. Snead stated three residents have inquired about parking on First Street. With the school bus and other larger vehicles parking on the street, maneuvering around these is dangerous. After discussion, President Barcus asked Superintendent Lindstrom, along with Development Director VanDerWeele and Police Chief Rudd, to measure the street and check against the ordinances already in place.

President Barcus read a letter requesting a donation for the Argos Library Summer Reading Program. After discussion, Member Byers motioned to donate \$300.00 to the summer program. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones reminded the Council about the public hearing for annexing 9963 17th Rd. into town limits. This public hearing has been posted and advertised.

Attorney Jones then stated he is working with MapleTronics for an IT contract. The last company was having trouble getting a valid contract together. MapleTronics should have a contract later this week. After discussion, Member Harley motioned to allow the contract with MapleTronics to be signed after approval from Derek. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried 4 to 1 with Member Barcus abstaining.

With no more business presented to the Council, Member Byers motioned to accept the attorney's report. Member Snead seconded; motioned carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

President Barcus reminded everyone that the Council, as a whole, cares for Maple Grove Cemetery and all issues should be brought before all members.

NEW BUSINESS:

TOPPS Industries CF-1 and IMPA CF1-UD:

Attorney Jones explained that the CF-1's for TOPPS Industries and IMPA tax abatement was filed for 2025 to pay 2026 taxes. All the conditions are met. After discussion, Vice President Partin motioned to approve Council President Barcus to sign the CF-1 as written. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-07 Re-Zoning of Municipal Building 201 W. Walnut St:

Attorney Jones explained that the parcels that the municipal building is located on have a couple of different zoning classifications. This ordinance will correct the parcels so that they are all the same zoning. The parcels will need to be changed to B1. After a discussion, Member Harley motioned to allow for the suspension of the rules. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously. Member Harley then motioned to accept Ordinance 2025-07 as written. Vice President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-08 Argos Sidewalk Matching Grant:

Attorney Jones explained that this ordinance provides the citizens and the town an avenue to pursue repairing the sidewalks in front of their homes. After a discussion, Member Harley motioned to allow the suspension of the rules. Vice President Partin seconded; motion failed with Member Byers against.

Vice President Partin then motioned to accept Ordinance 2025-08 on the first reading only. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Application for Argos Sidewalk Matching Grant:

Vice President Partin motioned to table this until Ordinance 2025-08 is decided. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-09 Truck Routes:

Due to not receiving the email for this ordinance, Member Harley motioned to table this ordinance for further review. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

Member Harley stated the Council received a quote for a 2023 Dodge Charger from Chief Rudd. After a discussion, the Council Members agreed that they are not interested in buying another vehicle at this time.

Superintendent Lindstrom informed the Council that the air conditioner at the water plant is not operating. It is over 20 years old, and he is currently getting quotes to replace the unit.

Assistant Superintendent sent an email to the Council about the INDOT sidewalk grant program awarded through the Stellar Program. President Barcus acknowledged his request for a workshop with the Council. They will meet for a public workshop at 6pm. on May 28th to discuss the grant.

CLAIMS:

May 14, 2025, claims totaled \$625,101.51. Vice President Partin moved to accept claims for April 22, 2025, through May 12, 2025. Member Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Top 5 Claims:

IMPA	\$218,494.49
B&B Construction	\$86,325.60
Payroll #10	\$64,735.80

AIM Medical Trust	\$38,832.94
Auto Park Jeep Chrysler Dodge	\$22,684.28

ADJOURNMENT:

With no more business brought before the board, Vice President Partin moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Ed Barcus, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer