

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JUNE 26, 2017**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on June 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members William Johnson, John Harshbarger and Bonnie Walker were present. Clerk-Treasurer Laura Dillon declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the council minutes for the meetings of two regular sessions and two executive sessions on June 12th and June 21st, 2017, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

OCRA has released the \$600,000.00 grant funds to proceed with the wastewater treatment plant. The next step is to award the contract to the low bidder which is Thieneman Construction. John Harshbarger made a motion to award the construction contract to Thieneman Construction in the amount of \$4,735,000.00, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passes unanimously by voice vote 3-0. Total source of funds \$5,782,000.00 project total, with the State Revolving Loan Project Funding – Loan \$3,657,000.00, State Revolving Grant Funding \$1,525,000.00, OCRA Grant \$600,000.00. Total use of funds for the project, Sewage Construction \$4,735,000.00, Non-Construction Costs \$810,000.00, Contingencies \$237,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion on Ordinance 2017-9, An Ordinance Creating the MVH-Allocated (203) and Renaming the Current MVH Fund (201). This has to do with the monthly MVH funds generated by gasoline taxes which as of July 1, 2017 the tax will increase by ten cents (\$.10). This ordinance will put 50% of the gasoline funds into a separate fund which will according to the state be used for only construction, reconstruction and paving. This would keep the funds separate from the MVH Fund. Ordinance 2017-9, An Ordinance Creating the MVH-Allocated (203) and Renaming the Current MVH Fund (201), was presented. Bonnie Walker made a motion to adopt on the first reading of Ordinance 2017-9, An Ordinance Creating the MVH-Allocated (203) and Renaming the Current MVH Fund (201), seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed by voice vote 3-0. John Harshbarger made a motion to suspend the rules and have a second reading of the Ordinance 2017-9, An Ordinance Creating the MVH-Allocated (203) and Renaming the Current MVH Fund (201), seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed by voice vote 3-0. Bonnie Walker made a motion to adopt on the second and final reading of “Ordinance 2017-9, An Ordinance Creating the MVH-Allocated (203) and Renaming the Current MVH Fund (201)”, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously by voice vote 3-0. Ordinance signed.

President Johnson explained the Community Crossing Paving Grant for 2016 was a match from the town of 50% but as of July 1, 2017 the match will reduce to a 25% match. 2016 grant paving will begin in late July for the 2016 matching grant. Application for the 2017 grant need to be completed by July 14, 2017 in order to receive funds.

Council members finished interviewing five (5) candidates for the position of Deputy Town Marshall. Member Walker made a motion to hire Joseph Becker as the new Deputy Marshall, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote 2-0. Marshall Bullock explained Becker is not from our community and is currently a deputy with the Rush County Sheriff’s Department. He has attended and graduated from the Indiana Police Academy. Becker and his family will relocate to the area and his hire date would be at least two weeks in the future.

Rachel Brown, 611 N Main Street asked members and Bullock what the town will be doing for police protection until Becker is hired. Marshall Bullock will be utilizing the part time police officers and reserve officers which has been the process since the first of May. The Huntington County Sheriff’s Department has also been on call to fill the gaps. Kathy Gamble, 350 S Pearl Street noted to council that the residents need deputies that work in town and not drive out of town limits. Bullocks reply was emergency calls coming from the outskirts of town would be replied to because of

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the response time for the County Sheriff's department and the State Police. Bullock commended his two part time and three reserve officers for their service. He also stated how hard it is to hire reserve officers because of the training and just giving someone a gun and say "go do your job". Kathy, resident Ray Tackett, 420 N Market Street and Chase Stephan, 773 N Main Street also asked what council could do about getting another full time office to work third shift. Brown also suggested some kind of community neighborhood watch for the safety of the community. Johnson stated because of budgeting purposes it would be hard to hire another third trick officer. His suggestion was to get Mr. Becker hired and try to increase the part time and reserve officers to see how this will work. Bonnie Walker voiced her approval with the neighborhood watch. Johnson also suggested purchasing additional security cameras and neighborhood watch signs to be placed around town.

Kevin Douglas, 497 E California Street if he could get replacement Dead End sign for California Street. Council agreed to his request. Douglas also talked about replacing and purchasing additional street lights for the areas that are dark.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Marshall Austin Bullock's report was discussed with the prior conversation but did say he would like to coordinate some kind of organized neighborhood watch.

There was no report from the Fire Department.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent reported he is down to just one water leaks to repair to comply with the agreed order from the Indiana Department of Enviromental Management.

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

Bonnie Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Harshbarger.

Approved this _____ day of July, 2017.

APPROVED BY _____ as
WILLIAM K JOHNSON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY _____ as
BONNIE WALKER COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY _____ as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY _____ as
LAURA A DILLON CLERK-TREASURER