

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JANUARY 25, 2016

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on January 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:**

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting on January 11, 2016. Approved minutes were signed.

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the executive session on January 18, 2016. Approved minutes were signed.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Marla Stambazze from Huntington Countywide Department of Community Development explained the process from a complaint at 19 N Jackson Street. William (Denver) Hamilton, personal representative for the deceased is cleaning up the property. HCDCD can only give a 60 day extension for cleanup per Ordinance but the town could grant an extended period of time. Hamilton has sold the property to his sister and they will continue to work on the property. William Johnson made a motion to extend the work progress and reexamine in 60 days. Second by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Dillon informed the council that the Huntington County School Corporation is upgrading their fuel system at the Warren Road address and may be willing to sell the unit at a reduced price. She will contact Gasoline Equipment to talk with their representative.

Ray Tackett reported on his involvement with the water contamination and discussions with IDEM. He will continue the pursuit on cleaning up the contamination that began in 1992.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Scott Wallace and attorney Justin Wall came before council to discuss the property at 167 W McKeever owned by Timothy Conrad. In November 2015 council voted on an affidavit in support of a judgment against Conrad. Wallace and Wall were present to inquire as to the progress of the judgement. Johnson would like to allow Mr. Conrad more time to clean up the property, citing expenses to the town as his reasoning. Walker made a motion to continue the original judgement from November, second by Harshbarger. Motion passed.

Council member Walker would like to start interviewing applicants received for the Town Marshall position. President Harshbarger wants to expand the application process until February 1, 2016. Council decided to call an executive session on Friday, February 5, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. to begin the interview process of a new Town Marshall.

Ray Tackett, 420 N Market Street, asked council where we stand with the litigation that Van Juillerat has file in court against this town. Council member Harshbarger stated the proceedings have been at a standstill for the last few months. Council will keep Tackett informed of any progress.

Council member Harshbarger commented on the house at 195 W Jefferson Street. He did inspect the property and according the posting on the door nothing can be removed from the house but questioned if the outside of the property could be cleaned by the owners. He will check with the state police.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jim McNulty from Strand Associates informed council of the application for the State Revolving Fund Loan (WWSR) for Waste Water and application for (DWSRF) for Drinking Water. Region 3-A will be in contact with council regarding the construction grant application and stated the preliminary engineering part is done.

Each council member signed a Contracting and Nepotism Agreement as per Ordinance 2012-5, as stated in IC 361-21 & IC 36-1-20.2.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

No report from the police department. Council member Harshbarger questioned interim Marshall Curt Van Over as to a schedule for January and February as council has not seen any schedules from Van Over.

Scott Howell, representative from the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department told council that firefighter Dean Young will be ready to have fire reports for council in early February. January 30, 2016 the fire department will train with the Huntington Township Fire Department to get involved with the newly created fire department. Howell informed council the department needs to order five new batteries for the 800 radios.

Laura Dillon, Clerk-Treasurer showed the new decals for town vehicles. She questioned Scott Howell as to invoices for the new fire gear ordered in 2015 that need to be encumbered into 2016.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent reported he is still looking at the thawing equipment which runs from approximately \$900 - \$2,600.00. Council member Johnson suggested looking at buying a unit this spring or summer since we have had a mild winter at a reduced cost. He also updated the trash totes status. The balance of the totes will be delivered and disbursed to residents in the next week. Colin is working on a plugged pump at the waste water plant.

**CLAIMS**

All claims were presented and approved by council by a unanimous voice vote after a brief discussion.

Meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
BONNIE WALKER COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
WILLIAM JOHNSON COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
LAURA A DILLON CLERK-TREASURER