

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2014

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday February 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Raymond Tackett, Michael Rohler and John Harshbarger were present. Clerk-Treasurer William Johnson declared a quorum was present and that the meeting would continue.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:

Council approved the minutes of the regular meeting on January 24, 2014. The approved minutes were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council President Rohler initiated a discussion on the proposed fire protection contract with Huntington Township. Council Member Tackett expressed his concerns with the contract. Tackett stated that he had been elected to serve the residents of Andrews and he does not believe that this contract does that. Tackett expressed his concern that the City of Huntington and Huntington Township have not bargained in good faith. He also expressed concerns with fire protection for the schools that are located in the Township. Council Member Tackett made a motion to table the contract which died due to a lack of a second. Council Member Harshbarger expressed concern over the contract noting that the Town did not seek this contract. Tim Guy, Huntington Township Trustee, and Andrews Volunteer Fire Chief Tom Wuensch, answered questions from the Council on terms and conditions of the contract. Council President made a motion to accept the contract which was seconded by Council Member Harshbarger, after Harshbarger stated that if the other participants in the coverage area did not agree to a contract, that the Town would exercise its right to opt out of the contract. Council Member Tackett asked the Clerk-Treasurer to take a roll call on the vote. Council Members Rohler and Harshbarger voted in the affirmative, while Council Member Tackett voted against the contract. Motion passed 2-1.

Council President Rohler reviewed bids received for the demolition of the former Miller's Pub. He stated that even though the Martin Excavating bid was not opened at the last meeting, it was determined by the Town's legal counsel that the bid could be considered with the other bids. Unanimously, Council awarded Zahm Excavating the contract on the basis of it being the lowest bid received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Tackett stated that he would like to attend the next school board meeting to inform them that the Town would be willing to work with them to allow them to use the old water tower site as overflow parking.

Jan Williams of the Youth Services Bureau explained the functions of the Huntington County Youth Services Bureau.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Marshal Curt VanOver stated that Josh Young has decided not to be a member of the Towns police reserve unit.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch stated that the department was still waiting on the delivery of its new air compressor.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson updated the Council on the status of the lease document by stating that the first payment has been sent to PNC Bank. Council approved Johnson's request to have American Legal update the Town Code. Council also approved the draft for the Library's fifth draw from OCRA. Johnson told Council that several engineering firms have conducted on-site inspections as part of the planning grant process.

Utility Superintendent Bullock was working on a frozen meter pit but sent a message that his department was busy with all the snow that the Town has received over the last three weeks.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Without any other business, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED BY _____ as
MICHAEL ROHLER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY _____ as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY _____ as
RAYMOND TACKETT COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY _____ as
WILLIAM K. JOHNSON CLERK-TREASURER