

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JANUARY 27, 2014

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday January 13, 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 tabled the minutes of the regular meeting on January 13, 2014. Council member Harshbarger wanted the minutes amended to reflect the fact that no Vice President of the Council was elected.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Chuck Miller, the owner of Millers Pub, appeared before Council to confirm that he would quitclaim the deed to the three properties that are on the site of his former business. This will allow the Town quicker access to the property so as to allow the Town the opportunity to utilize the property as soon as possible. Council member stated that the Town would not want possession until after the demolition was completed for insurance purposes. Council member Rohler inquired about the proceeds of a fund raiser whose intent he thought was to help defray cost from the demolition. Mr. Miller responded that the funds from the event were used for other business cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

After a briefing by the town's legal counsel, the Council received and opened two bids for the demolition of the Millers Pub location. The first bid was from Zahm Excavating with a proposed bid of \$32,340. The second bid was from Star Excavating was for \$41,500. On the advice of its legal counsel, the Town Council tabled the bids for further review.

OLD BUSINESS:

Craig Rice, a representative of Memory Gardens, the parent company of Revis Island LLC, appeared before the Council to discuss the water sprinkler system in the old Dana plant. Revis Island has asked for the system to be discontinued due to the fact that it is not needed. However, the Town is unable to cut off the flow at this time and additionally, the firm needs to request and received a waiver from the State Fire Marshalls office. The firm will apply for the waiver while the Town tries to fix the system to be able to shut it off once the waiver is required.

The Towns legal Counsel, Mike Hartburg, presented the Council with an opinion letter to PNC as a part of the lease agreement that the Town is entering into with the bank for the purchase of radio read meters. Council President Rohler introduced Resolution 2014-1 which would commit the Town to the lease terms. Council member Tackett member made a motion to accept the Resolution which was seconded by Council member Harshbarger was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

A discussion on the proposed fire contract involving the Town's legal counsel, Tim Guy, the Huntington Township Trustee, and the Council centered on terms of the contract. At the end of the discussion, it was agreed upon that the Town's legal counsel will draw up a proposal for both sides to review at the Town's next scheduled meeting on February 10th.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Marshal Curt VanOver stated that he has been unable to find the owner of the problem property on McKeever Street to serve the proper notices.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not present for the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson forwarded a request from the Bethesda Baptist Church for use of the Town parking lot on April 12, May 4 and June 13-14 for overflow parking. Council approved the request.

Johnson also asked permission to hire Laura Dillon to assist with a project to define and identify the town's records that can or can't be destroyed. A recent law change allows for the destruction of more records. Ms. Dillon has been working on the library's records and is familiar with the new law. Council approved the request. Council approved a \$1250 transfer of money to each employee's Health Savings Account.

Utility Superintendent Bullock updated Council on his department's efforts during the recent winter storm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council President Rohler discussed the possibility of looking into using the community building for a warming center during cold weather for residents.

Clerk-Treasurer Johnson informed Council that the Town's website is now functional and should be of great use for the citizens of the community.

CLAIMS:

All claims were approved as presented by a unanimous voice vote after a brief discussion. Without any other business, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:29 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