

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD DECEMBER 12, 2016**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on December 12, 2016 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 COUNCIL MINUTES

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the council minutes for the meeting of November 28th, 2016 with an addition regarding Tim Allen as the school board member to serve on the Andrews Redevelopment Commission, seconded by William Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

President John Harshbarger told residents the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Application has been submitted to IDEM regarding the agreed order. William Johnson announced the town did receive the OCRA grant of \$600,000.00. Official notice to the town will be in January 2017.

Dillon told members that Gary Rice was available for a position on either the Norwood Regional Water & Sewer District board or the Redevelopment Commission board.

William Johnson, representative of the Huntington County Economic Development Board presented the 2017 HCUED contract. The contract will stay the same as 2016 at \$3,000.00. Bonnie Walker made a motion to accept the 2017 contract, seconded by William Johnson motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2016-12, Ordinance to Vacate Previously Adopted Ordinance was read. Dillon told council that Ordinance 2014-1 limited the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer's working hours per week to thirty-seven and a half (37.5) hours. Dillon stated the office needed the extra two and a half (2.5) hours a week to perform the job. William Johnson made a motion to accept Ordinance 2016-12, seconded by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously. William Johnson made a motion to waive the rule and allow for a second read at the same meeting of Ordinance 2016-12, seconded by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously. William Johnson made a motion that Ordinance 2016-12 be approved on the second reading motion passed unanimously. William Johnson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-12, seconded by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Marshall Austin Bullock reported he has ordered lights and other items for the new police vehicle. He also told council in 2015 there were 775 reported incidents and in 2016 there were 2,163 to date. He has also has had trash and vehicles removed from different residents around town and supplied a copy of the nuisance ordinance to 344 N Main Street regarding the ongoing dirt bike and go cart riding.

Firefighter Dean Young told council they are working on getting updated lights and decals on the newly purchased fire truck. There was discussion about Norwood Nursing Home contracting with the town for fire protection. After January 1, 2017 the nursing home will have to wait for the Huntington Township Volunteer Fire Department to respond to all 911 calls. John Harshbarger would like Norwood Nursing Home to come up with an amount, of money for a contract. Negotiations could then begin. John also asked Dean Young if he could report on the amount of runs to the nursing home.

Utility Superintendent Bullock announced he and John Harshbarger had another construction meeting with Strand for the new wastewater treatment plant and bids for the project should be ready by the end of January or first of February. The construction permits has gone to IDEM. There has been conversation with Strand as to receiving State Revolving Loan money and possibly getting a portion of the 2016 residual funds. Bullock stated a sand and salt mixture will arrive on December 13th to apply on the streets. William Johnson questioned Bullock on his vacation time that needs to be used by the end of the year. William Johnson made a motion that town employees could be reimbursed for their unused vacation time if not used by the end of the year, seconded by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously. Council questioned Bullock if he purchased a utility truck at the recent auction he attended. Bonnie Walker made a motion to allow Bullock no more than \$30,000.00 to purchase a used utility truck, seconded by William Johnson motion passed unanimously.

William Johnson made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously.

Bonnie Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by William Johnson.

APPROVED BY _____ as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY _____ as
BONNIE WALKER COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY _____ as
WILLIAM K JOHNSON COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY _____ as
LAURA A DILLON CLERK-TREASURER