

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on September 25, 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 were present. Clerk-Treasurer Laura Dillon declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

John Harshbarger made a motion to approve the council minutes for the meeting of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passes unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Clerk-Treasurer Dillon asked council to set a special meeting to discuss the 5 year comprehensive plan with the public. Council will be asking residents for their input on improvements to the town, such as a bike and walking trail at the town park, a new community building and any other suggestions from town residents. A new comprehensive plan will allow the town to be eligible for OCRA and other grant funds from the State of Indiana. Council will hold a special meeting one hour before their regular meeting on October 10, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

The town received an award letter from the State of Indiana for \$304,125.00 for the 2017 Community Crossing Paving Grant. This amount is lower than the application amount of \$337,282.50 by \$33,160.00. The letter states based upon your estimates for your priority projects application Number 1-9, 11 & 14-22 were awarded. Jay Stankiewicz will be at the next council meeting to discuss the design plan and give council an estimate of the cost for the design and bidding process. Dillon also told council the bid will be advertised in November so the bids can be received and opened at the December 11, 2017 council meeting. The matching town share will be approximately \$100,000.00.

Ordinance 2017-14 An Ordinance to amend the Andrews Code of Ordinance, Chapter 51.01(j), to clarify its disconnection and reconnection procedures, and create policy for snowbird customers was discussed. At this time the policy would only affect three to five residents. One suggestion is to turn off water for snowbirds and charge a reconnect fee of \$50.00 when residents return in the spring. Dillon informed council if we charged the sewage debt, hydrant and trash the cost it would be \$47.06 per month. To be consistent snowbirds would pay zero while they are gone then upon return would pay a \$50.00 reconnect fee. A revised copy of Ordinance 2017-14 will be brought before council at the October 10, 2017 meeting. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Laury Powell will forward to Mike Hartburg for review.

Mr. Fairchild owner 195 W Jefferson Street was present to talk with council about the progress at that address. Repairs are being made and the next inspection by DCD will be in late October. The Clerk-Treasurer's office has had a conversation with his daughter and son-in-law regarding the timeline to repair the property.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dillon has completed a State Revolving Loan Request Voucher for Payment #9 for Strand in the amount of \$29,535.00 for the new wastewater treatment plant. Council president will sign and the vouchers will be filed with the State Revolving Loan Fund. John Harshbarger made a motion to approve \$29,535.00, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Marshall Austin Bullock gave council an updated police department roster. He explained per ordinance council must approve the police department. Motion by Bonnie Walker to accept the police department roster, seconded by Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

Firefighter Dean Young announced their Halloween Party on Friday, October 28 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. This is the fire departments annual donation for can goods to give to the community food pantry.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent made comments as to putting in a restroom at the town park. Rick Wright commented he would like to see other projects like improvements to the asphalt on the basketball courts, add riding trails for bike cycles and a walking trail. Wright suggested some new equipment for younger children. Council would like cost estimates for suggestions at the public hearing on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Bullock has found a backhoe. The total cost is \$54,500.00 after the \$15,000.00 trade in of our old backhoe. Dillon asked council to agree to split the cost between General, Water and Sewage Funds. Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the purchase of the backhoe, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously. John Harshbarger told residents he would show anyone who would like to see the progress at the new wastewater treatment plant.

Residents are asking to take leaves to the burn pile on Terrell Street. The leaf machine will not come around town until the last couple of weeks in October so leaves could be taken to the pile. Dillon asked council to set Halloween hours. Council agreed to allow trick or treat the evening of October 31, 2017 between the hours of 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

John Harshbarger 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 John Harshbarger.

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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