

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday September 23, 2013 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 September 9, 2013 without any amendments or changes by unanimous vote. Minutes signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tim Guy, Huntington Township Trustee, explained the current impasse that his township is having with the City of Huntington over fire protection for the township. According to Mr. Guy, the city wants to raise the annual fire protection contract from \$75,000 annually to around \$540,000 annually. The Township is exploring other options to address its fire protection services for its residents. One of the options is to have local volunteer fire departments service the area. Mr. Guy stated that he has met with all of the fire chiefs of the volunteer departments and all have expressed a willingness to consider their proposal. The Township will meet with the chiefs again on October 9. Council President Harshbarger suggested that a Council member attend that meeting. Mr. Guy explained the logistics of the plan to have four of the counties volunteer fire department cover the Townships fire protection needs. Andrews Volunteer Fire Chief Tom Wuensch explained how his department would handle the additional workload.

Council President introduced a draft animal control ordinance for members to review. After a brief discussion, Council member Tackett suggested that members review the proposal and bring changes and suggestions to the next council meeting.

Rick Wright, Colin Bullock and the Council discussed the logistics of installing electrical service to the two town owned buildings at the end of Terrell Street. Mr. Wright explained the options that are available for not only the amount of power needed to meet the demands of the Town but also future uses for power in the area. Cathy Johnson, representing the Festival Committee, reminded everyone that the vendors for the festival would like power, water and sewage in the area so as to park their campers while working the festival.

Council was updated on the status of several problem properties in the community. Council member Tackett expressed dismay over the situation at the residence on West McKeever Street.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshal VanOver was not present for the meeting.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch informed the Council of the dates and times of this year's teen dance which will be held for all children from ages 9 to 19.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson noted that he would not be in his office the week of October 7.

Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock presented Council with two quotes for the application of the polyurethane foam to the new well house. The proposals were from Industrial Insulation and Roofing for \$3,320 and Cline Inc. for \$3,252.47 which included a trade-in adjustment for an old generator valued at \$500. A motion was made by Council member Rohler to accept the bid from Industrial Insulation, seconded by Council member Tackett and passed by a unanimous voice vote. Council President Harshbarger also reviewed a proposal from M.E. Simpson to map the Towns valves. Harshbarger questioned whether the work included mapping the Towns water lines as well as the valves. Mr. Bullock suggested that he contact the company to have them at the next council meeting to explain their quote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council President Harshbarger introduced Resolution 2013-6, A Resolution of the Town of Andrews to Accept an Assignment of a Tax Lien against Certain Properties. Those properties are located at 291 W Jefferson Street and 310 W Monroe Street. Clerk-Treasurer Johnson walked the Council through the procedure that the Town will have to follow to acquire a tax deed. Council member Tackett made a motion to accept Resolutions 2013-6, which was seconded by Michael Rohler and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk-Treasurer Johnson updated Council on the status of several properties that the Town is involved with either through a housing violation or mowing issues.

Council member Rohler made a motion to appoint Ray Houser and Austin Bullock to the reserve police force. The motion was seconded by Council President Harshbarger. A voice vote followed with Council members Harshbarger and Rohler voting in the affirmative, while Council member Tackett voting against the motion.

The Council approved a request from the Festival Committee for use of the Towns Community Building for a fall fund raiser.

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 7:31pm.

APPROVED BY _____ as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY _____ as
MICHAEL ROHLER COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY _____ as
RAYMOND TACKETT COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY _____ as
WILLIAM K. JOHNSON CLERK-TREASURER