

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD OCTOBER 23, 2017**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on October 23, 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**

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the council minutes for the special meeting and regular meeting held October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Council Members discussed the 2018 budget. The total budget \$912,066.00 not including the tax caps of \$149,900.00 which makes the total 2018 budget \$1,061,966.00 John Harshbarger, made a motion to adopt on the first reading Ordinance 2017-12 An Ordinance for 2018 Appropriation and Tax Rates, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed by voice vote 3-0. John Harshbarger made a motion to suspend the rules and have a second reading of the Ordinance, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed by voice vote 3-0. John Harshbarger then made a motion to adopt on second and final reading Ordinance 2017-12 An Ordinance for 2018 Appropriation and Tax Rates, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passes by roll call vote 3-0. Ordinance signed.

William Johnson, Colin Bullock and Laura Dillon met with Region 3-A and RQAW Engineer and Architects to discuss planning for another OCRA grant to pay for a new stormwater system. The Office of Community and Rural Affairs has announced and is accepting proposals it's third round for 2017 in Community Development Block Grants. Stormwater improvement goals are to reduce flooding, cut stormwater treatment and energy costs, to protect rivers, lakes and vital landscape and to address unmet community development needs and promote activities that enhance local economic development efforts. Time is important to proceed for this \$500,000.00 grant as proposals are being accepted until December 1, 2017. Clerk-Treasurer Dillon explained to council that eligibility is subject to a Low to Moderate Income Survey. Which was done in 2015 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant may not be eligible to be used. Matthew Brinkman from Region 3-A was checking with OCRA to make sure. The 2015 study included Yakes and Norwood subdivisions. We were trying to see if the subdivisions could be excluded and the survey recalculated. The town would not have to go through a whole new survey. We will plan for a public hearing on November 27, 2017 at 6:00 pm. In the event the town cannot use the 2015 income survey council decided to make a motion to prepare for another survey. Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve \$3,000.00 for the preparation of a Low to Moderate Income Survey to Region 3-A in case one is needed. Seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jay Stankiewicz from engineering firm Fleis & Vandenbrink explained the next step is to hire Fleis & Vandenbrink to complete the construction documents and design plan. The quote for entire plan documents for the 2018 Community Crossings Grant is 38,200.00. The scope will include everything from beginning to end of the Project. John Harshbarger made a motion to approve the contract of \$38,200.00 as long as Mike Hartburg approves the wording of the contract.

Dillon has completed a State Revolving Loan Request Voucher for Payment #11 for Strand in the amount of \$30,934.00 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 \$30,934.00, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Marshall Austin Bullock gave council a quote for a new laptop for the reserve vehicle. John Harshbarger made a motion to approve \$29,535.00, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously

No report from Fire Department.

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Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent reported he would be replacing a camera at the town park.

Dillon gave council quotes to change the annual testing for the fire extinguishers from T & B Extinguishers. Council agreed they should change from Koorsen to T & B. Dillon will contact Koorsen.

Dillon reported the house at 423 N Market (Mongold) that was slated for demolition at the October 25, 2017 council meeting was being looked at by different people that want to save the house. One individual has contacted Shammah Investment, Inc, the company holding the tax sale certificate. He is close to making a deal to buy the property. The property would still have to go through the court system in order to get a deed for the property. Council is in favor of not demolishing the house, if the house could be saved. William Johnson stated he would rather see a standing dwelling remain. The demolition bids could be opened on November 13, 2017. Council agreed to delay the demolition with a copy of an agreement. Members agreed all pending violations will stay with the property until repaired. Dillon will contact the individual, Huntington County Department of Development and the Huntington County Auditor's Office to inform everyone with council's decision. The town received a donation request from the Andrews Community Helpers to help with their annual Thanksgiving dinner. Council members were agreeable with a \$100.00 donation.

Julie Newsome, chair for the Andrews Summer Festival asked if her committee and Bud's Sports Bar could use the empty lot on the north side of Town Hall for a Halloween tunnel of decorations and have a trunk or treat to collect candy at the end. Council was agreeable with tunnel.

Julie also reported the chicken/beef and noodle dinner on Saturday made approximately \$700.00. The festival committee will be sponsoring a circus on June 11, 2018. More details to come.

The town received an email from DCD on October 13, 2017 to coordinate the development of the county Flood Response & Evacuation Plan. Mandy Woods from DCD needs emergency personal to finalize the flowchart. Dillon will email the documents to Police, Fire and Utilities. Dillon asked council to donate \$50.00 for an add to be included in the Huntington County Honors flyer. This group will be inducing the Clark Twins on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 2:00 pm at the Huntington County Court House.

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