

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD DECEMBER 11, 2017**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on December 11, 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 with corrections for the meeting of November 27 and Special Meeting on November 28, 2017, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Council tabled the issue of writing off a utility balance until additional information can be given to council.

Jay Stankiewicz, consultant from Fleis & Vanbrink appeared before council to discuss to the Community Crossing Grant and how the OCRA Storm Water application ties into the McKeever Street project. President Johnson explained how engineers from RQAW and Regional 3-A came to the town with a proposal to start the storm water application with a proposed OCRA grant. RQAW designed storm water work on McKeever Street for the OCRA grant while the Community Crossing Grant already included drainage work on McKeever Street as well. It was discussed to possibly divert funds intended for McKeever Street OCRA to Main Street or SR 105 since INDOT will not be making any drainage improvements as their project is strictly sidewalk ramps and paving which will occur in 2019. It would only make sense to use the OCRA funds to repair the Main Street drainage problems before INDOT repairs and paves in 2019. There was conversation as to tying into a drainage pipe at Main Street to move the storm water either down Main or extend west on McKeever to Loon Creek. Council thought having one engineer on both projects (CCMG and OCRA) would be best because of the coordination issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Dillon has completed a State Revolving Loan Request Voucher for Payment #14 for Thieneman Construction in the amount of \$322,232.49 for the new wastewater treatment plant and requested \$37,894.54 from the OCRA share. John Harshbarger made a motion to approve both pay requests, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed by voice vote 3-0. Council president will sign and the vouchers will be filed with the State Revolving Loan Fund and OCRA for Payment.

Council was presented the Annual Access Fee Agreement with United Technologies Corporation for payment of \$2,000. 00 per year. Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the Annual Access Fee Agreement with United Technologies, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

A letter for a donation from Love INC was received. Council declined a donation, noting they do not give to not-for-profits outside the town.

John Harshbarger announced there would be no distribution from the food pantry this month since the Town Community Building was closed. The group is looking for another area to distribute food.

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Council decided to purchase hams or turkeys for town employees for Christmas.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Marshall Austin Bullock updated council as to the fire at 48 S. Main Street. The Huntington County Building Inspector has condemned the building at this point for the safety of residents. Bullock said the response from the Andrews Fire Department was quick and they did a good job containing the fire to the apartment where the fire started.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent made comments that they were pouring concrete at the Wastewater Treatment plant.

Clerk-Treasurer Dillon commented on preparing a Code of Ethics for town employees. She also discussed with council rental of the town hall since the Community Building is closed. Council is opposed to renting the building for wedding and birthday parties. Attorney Mike Hartburg will be contacted by the clerk-treasurer.

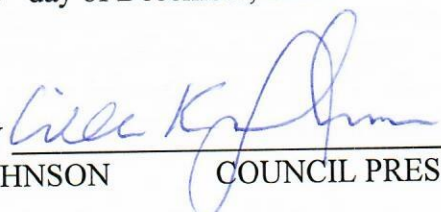
APPOINTMENT FOR TOWN BOARD OF ZONING

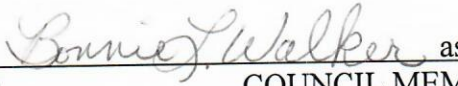
John Harshbarger made a motion to reappoint Laury Powell to the Town Board of Zoning, second by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.


Bonnie Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Harshbarger.

Approved this 26th day of December, 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