

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JULY 24, 2017**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on July 24, 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 Walker 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 on July 10th, 2017, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Jessica Campbell represented Huntington County Department of Community Development announced there was an inspection to the property at 195 W Jefferson Street, Andrews, Indiana due to a minimum housing violation. The owner of the property is Ronald G and Tony W Fairchild, Ronald was present at the meeting. Violations to the house can be seen in the Clerk-Treasurer's office. DCD suggested the town could give Fairchild 30 days to comply with the violations. Andrews's board members recommended that Fairchild begin to make the necessary improvements to the property and would reevaluate an extension at their next meeting on August 14, 2017. DCD will report back to the Clerk-Treasurer after another inspection before the August 14, 2017 meeting.

Property owner Adam Vogleman of 21 W Maple came before the board to ask if the utilities fees associated with the property could be waived because he was unaware of fees except for the amount that had been liened against the property. He is willing to pay the \$496.71 assessed at the County Courthouse. Board members were more than willing to let him pay the lien. The town will file against the previous owner for any other delinquent fees.

NEW BUSINESS

Helen Goble representing the Andrews Lion's Club asked members if the town was willing to pay \$150.00 for first, second and third prizes for parade winners and another \$100.00 for the marching band that are entered in the parade. Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the payment of \$250.00 to the Andrews Lion's Club, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

Garage sale permits during the festival weekend were discussed. The board agreed to waive the \$2.00 garage sale fee for the weekend.

Town resident Wendy Biehl questioned why the town is not spraying for mosquitos. Bonnie Walker talked with the Huntington County Health Department and their suggestion was to alert residents to use personal bug repellent and spray their yards with a repellent. There have been no cases of the West Nile virus or any other viruses detected in the county. The town would have to hire a certified person or company to administer the spray. At this time the board will put the subject on hold until further notice.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No report from the Police Department as they were currently working on a call.

No report from the Fire Department.

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Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent reported he will be working with Thieneman to get ready for the wastewater treatment plant construction.

Clerk-Treasurer Dillon let board know there were concerns the night of July 10, 2017 during the recent storm over a safe place for residents to go in case of a tornado. The need for a generator at the fire department has also been discussed with Fire Chief Tom Wuensch. Clerk-Treasurer Dillon announced there were funds available in the Fire Department budget for a new generator and possibly the Dallas Township Trustee would be willing to contribute for a joint effort in purchasing a generator. Dillon also explained the Community Crossing Paving Grant to residents. The town has spent zero dollars of their own funds for the 2016 CCPG. The State of Indiana gave the town \$43,493.53 in 2016 from surplus Local Option funds then matched \$46,015.00 of State funds received for the 50/50 Community Crossing Paving Grant.

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 14th day of August, 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