

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 26, 2013

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Tuesday November 26, 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 November 12, 2013 and the special meeting on November 5, 2013. The approved minutes were signed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Council President Harshbarger updated the Council on the status of the negotiations with Huntington Township on the fire protection contract. Council discussed several provisions of the proposal.

The Council discussed the proposed animal proposal including enforcement procedures and implementation issues. Council decided to table the ordinance until some minor changes could be incorporated into the document.

Vicki Harris, 760 N Colorado Street, updated the Council on her efforts to upgrade her garage to standards. The Council received the following quotes for the final phase of the project at that address:

Dirt Excavating	\$3570
Martin Enterprises	\$4850
Zahm Excavating	\$1870

Clerk-Treasurer Johnson stated that Zahm Excavating needs to be made aware of the fact that the Town of Andrews and all of its contractors must pay a tipping fee at the County Landfill. Council member Tackett made a motion to accept the Zahm bid, which was seconded by Council member Rohler and accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

Council members instructed the Clerk-Treasurer to begin to prepare documentation to accept quotes on the demolition of Millers Pub at 21 N Main Street. The order of enforcement deadline was November 25 and as of today there is no movement toward removing the building.

Council members tabled the Grant Committee meeting until Ross Pietrzak of Region III-A could be in attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Tom Mettler of the Mettler Agency presented the Council with health insurance estimates for next year. Council decided to renew its current policy until December 1, 2014 to allow for additional time to review all the compliant plans under the Affordable Care Act. Council can also set the “seeding” levels of the health savings accounts under the current plan at whatever levels that they decide.

Utility Superintendent Bullock explained the Water Emergency Contingency Plan that was before Council.

Council appointed Wayne Spencer to be the Towns representative on the Norwood Regional Water and Sewer Board.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Marshal Curt VanOver informed Council that it appears that the Town is on its own concerning the property issues on West McKeever Street. VanOver suggests that he, the Town Clerk, and the Towns’ legal counsel meet to chart a course of action to address the situation.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not present.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson notified the Council that he will have the salary ordinance at the next meeting. Council approved a 3% raise for all hourly employees. Johnson also notified Council that an additional appropriation ordinance at their next meeting to fund the Towns legal expenses. Lastly, Johnson stated that if the landowner at 291 W Jefferson Street does not by the special assessment by January 21, 2014 the Town will seek a deed for the property.

Anthony Ciatko, representing the Andrews Apostolic Grace Church, asked the Town to waive the fee for demolition on the property owned by the Church. Mr. Ciatko stated that the church was hoping to establish a battered women shelter on the site. He stated that if the Church was required to pay the cost of the demolition, they would be unable to build the shelter. Council President Harshbarger stated that if the Town were to forgive the debt, others that are in the same situation would want the same treatment. In addition, Harshbarger stated that it would not be fair to the taxpayers of the community to forgive a \$4200 debt because of the status of the land owner.

Council approved the purchase of holiday hams for employees.

Utility Superintendent Bullock reminded all that all employees and council members need to be schooled in hazardous chemical training. December 2 was established as a day for all to undergo testing to meet this requirement. In addition, Bullock stated that the sidewalks that were damaged cutting out stumps this year have been repaired.

**CLAIMS:**

All claims were approved as presented by a unanimous voice vote after a brief discussion.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Scott Wallace, 117 W. McKeever Street, asked if there was anything new to his request that someone address the situation on the property next to his home. He was informed that the Council President, Clerk-Treasurer, Town Marshall, and the Towns legal counsel to plan a course of action on the situation.

Council agreed to join with the Lions Club to assist with a contest to award prizes to the homes that are the most decorated during the holidays. Each entity will contribute \$50 for prize money for the winning homes.

Without any other business, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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