

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD APRIL 27, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, April 27, 2015 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, John Harshbarger and Michael Rohler were present. Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson declared a quorum was present and that the meeting would continue.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting on April 13, 2015. Approved minutes were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Towns legal counsel, Mike Hartburg, explained the options available to Council after the sixty day period for additional bids on property that the Town is seeking to sell has expired. Those options include but are not limited to contracting a relator or auctioneer to sell the properties. Mr. Hartburg explained the pros and cons of each method. After a brief discussion, Council decided to contact the adjoining property owners to determine if they had any interest in the properties before moving forward.

Mr. Hartburg also informed the Council that the County Council would like to meet with them in executive session to discuss a possible land transfer. Hartburg stated that he would get in contact with the County's attorney to establish a time and date.

Council President Rohler set a special meeting date for May 5 at 2:00pm to discuss the new tornado siren and to review the Fire Departments by-laws.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Jim McNulty of Strand Corporation discussed the status of the Towns utility planning grant. He was joined by Jeffrey Kavanuagh of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and John McInnes of Stantec in a discussion of the environmental situation with regards to the two plumes of contamination that exists in the Town, the large plume of trichloroethylene from the old Dana plant and the gasoline plume from the Andrews Dairy Store. The three explained the measures that are being applied to insure that the water in the community is safe. All three agreed that it is a difficult problem that will not be resolved in the short term but each hope that the measures installed will protect the water without involving more costly measures.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council member Tackett stated that the Towns postmaster is resigning due to issues with the Post Office management. Tackett suggested that residents contact the Huntington Post Master to express their dissatisfaction with the move. Tackett also asked if the Town could help a local man complete his community service time. The utility superintendent will address the issue.

Council member Harshbarger presented Council with a request to purchase a trailer to use as a stage for Town events. The Council approved the request for \$6000.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Town Marshal updated the Council on the status of new decals and lights on the Towns police cars. Juillerat stated that he has contacted some other departments concerning a way to issue permits for golf carts.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not present. However, several members of the department reminded everyone of the tenderloin dinner scheduled for May 2.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson stated that the new bridge at the Shaw residence on Colorado Street has been completed. He stated that the residents are very appreciative of the improvements. Johnson also noted that Marla Stambazze with the County Plan Commission will be on the agenda for May 11 to discuss the situation at 21 S Maple Street. Johnson also reminded residents that Friday May 1 is the Towns annual spring cleanup day with Waste Management picking up acceptable trash on the curbside. Johnson also stated that the open house for the new Town Garage will be held on Saturday May 2.

Utility Superintendent Bullock stated that his department is beginning its spring work with mowing and working of pipes. Council President Rohler asked Bullock to do his best to inform the clerk's office when shutting off water for a section of the Town.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Cathy Johnson of the Summer Festival Committee gave the Council an update on the groups fundraising effort.

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVED BY _____ as
MICHAEL ROHLER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY _____ as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY _____ as
RAYMOND TACKETT COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY _____ as
WILLIAM K. JOHNSON CLERK-TREASURER