

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD AUGUST 10, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, August 10, 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 July 27, 2015. Approved minutes were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council members each reported on their view of the situation at 176 W McKeever Street after each had looked at the property from an adjoining property. Council members Harshbarger and Rohler both stated that although a lot of work has been done to clean up the property, there still remains several items that are in violation of the Town's ordinance. Council member Tackett read his report to the Council. It was decided that the Town will press forward with legal action to complete the cleanup.

Council member Rohler also listed several locations that have high grass and weeds. He instructed the Clerk's office to begin the process of notification on those locations.

Council approved the bid from Ed Asher to purchase the property at 504 Colorado Street. The only caveat to the agreement was Mr. Asher's first name. The contract had it as Edward when most thought his first name is Edmond. The Clerk-Treasurer will confirm and amend the contract if needed.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson presented a summation of the 2016 budget. Johnson noted that the Town's current property rate is one of the highest in the state. He proposed several changes to the budget that would reduce the rate dramatically. Johnson stated that Council can change the numbers before adoption, which must occur by November 1. However, due to a meeting with the DLGF in two days, he must have something ready for them. Johnson stated that he will make the changes for the purposes of the meeting with the option for Council to change them prior to adoption.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshall Juillerat presented the Council with his monthly report. He also stated that the individuals responsible for the damage at the old Dana Plant have been apprehended. Juillerat stated that he is still awaiting a response from other departments concerning the golf cart permits.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not present. Josh Young gave an update on the departments training schedule.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson stated that the Town is currently undergoing a four year audit by the State Board of Accounts.

Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock stated that his department is finishing the modifications on the trailer that will be used for the festival.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Several people questioned the straw in front of the Bob Bonewitz residence that is full dog feces. The odor can be detected from several feet away from the pile and it is an eyesore. The Clerk-Treasurer stated that his office will send the resident a letter asking him to remove the straw.

Council member Tackett was informed that the water fountain and plaque project at the Park has been completed. Tackett also asked about the status of acquiring a new Town sign with the same design as new decals on the Town vehicles. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into it.

Cathy Johnson updated the Council on the status of this weekend's festival.

Council approved a request from Helen Goble of the Lions Club for sponsorship of the parade awards and a \$100 payment to the Huntington North Band.

Council President Rohler announced that he would be resigning from the Council effective August 30, 2015.

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:29 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