

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, February 23, 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 February 9, 2015. The approved minutes were signed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Since no bids on the Town held property have been received, the Town's legal counsel Mike Hartburg instructed the Council that they could receive open bids over the next 60 days for the properties. At the end of that period, the Council can grant the purchase to the highest bidder or if no bids are received at that point, can list the properties with a relator for public sale. Hartburg also informed the Council that it may accept any bids that are 90% of the value of the average appraisal of each property.

Council also discussed the possibility of acquiring additional properties that will be available through the commissioner's certificate sale process.

Mark Mussman, Huntington County Plan Commission representative, explained the new flood hazard plan and the associated maps as the Town begins the process to meet a Federally-required mandate to update its flood plain program.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council discussed the proposed fire contract with the Dallas Township Board. After some clarification of the terms, both parties agreed to the proposal and signed the contract. Board member Karen Rice was absent but will come to the Clerk's office to sign it in the next couple of days which will allow the Clerk to attest the signatures.

The Clerk-Treasurer updated the Council on the status of the planning grant after meeting with the engineering firm earlier in the day. Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson stated that he did not want to divulge the specifics of their conversation so as to leave that to Jim McNulty's appearance before Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Johnson explained that to sum up their discussion in general terms is to say that the utilities in the Town are in dire condition and that large sums of money will be needed to bring the systems up to minimum standards.

Council President Rohler discussed his meeting with Strand and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The meeting concerned the current state and future actions need to address the contamination issue at the old Dana plant. It was stated during this

meeting that the relocation of the water plant and wells south of Town will for the time being be disregarded. Council would like to have a representative of IDEM attend the next Council meeting on March 9 with the Strand representative, Jim McNulty.

Council President Rohler updated the status of the property at 21 S Maple Street. The County Department of Community Development has issued an Order of Enforcement dated February 23, 2015 which states that the owner/resident has until March 5, 2015 to correct the violations noted in the ordinance. The Council will review the status on the property at its meeting on March 9, 2015. A brief discussion followed which centered on property rights vs. the rights of the community to move on problem locations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Rohler read the highlights of Ordinance 2015-1, an Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Section 917: Flood Hazard Area Overlay District (FHA) of the Town of Andrews, Indiana Zoning Ordinance. Council member Tackett made a motion to accept the Ordinance on first read which was seconded by Council member Harshbarger and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Council President Rohler introduced Resolution 2015-2 which would transfer monies from over appropriated line items to under appropriated line items. There was a discussion on the availability of funds to pave streets with the Clerk-Treasurer stating that funding for paving would come from a variety of sources. Council member Harshbarger made a motion to accept the Resolution 2015-2 with Council member Tackett seconding the motion which was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshal Van Juillerat presented the Council with his monthly reports.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not in attendance.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson was granted permission to fund each employee's Health Savings Account for \$1250.

Utility Superintendent Bullock presented the Council with a quote from Wilson Road Service for \$4978.25 to repair the recently purchased Vactor truck. These repairs will bring the vehicle into serviceable condition. Council approved the request.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dallas Township Trustee Brenda Kitt indicated that the Township would like to give an old mower to the Town. Council will review all the factors before making a decision.

Council decided to take the advice of the Summer Festival Committee to have an engineering firm to review the suggestions that the committee has put together on the proposed bandstand on

the old Miller Pub property. Cathy Johnson also highlighted some of the fund raising events that the Committee will be conducting this summer.

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:59 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