

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, February 9, 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 January 26, 2015 and the special meeting of January 29, 2015. The approved minutes were signed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Chase Stephan of the Andrews Summer Festival Committee presented a visual display of the proposals that the Committee has come up with for the design of the bandstand on the old Miller Pub location. Council requested that Mr. Stephan continue to develop the idea by working with the Towns utility superintendent to complete a plan that could be presented to possible builders.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council President introduced a letter from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs stating that the agency had approved the release of funds for the planning grant. Rohler also stated that he will be meeting with the engineers on the project and with the Indiana Department of Environmental on Thursday January 12 for an update on the status of the contamination issue at the old Dana plant.

The Council President also introduced a letter from the County to the residents at 21 S Maple Street which established an inspection date to update the improvements made on the home. The inspection date is February 17 at 2:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Rohler opened a discussion with members of the Dallas Township Board and members of the volunteer fire department. Rohler has some concerns over the amount of money the Town will receive to compensate the firemen. The Town receives \$25,000 annually from the Township without paying the firemen. The new contract shifts the payments to the firemen to the Town which has normally been around \$8600. Rohlers concerns are that the new contract only increases the amount received from the Township by \$5,200. The Town will work with the Township Trustee to resolve the issue before the next meeting.

A review of the proposed agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency was presented by the Council President. Essentially the agreement will reestablish the flood insurance rate.

Council President Rohler inquired why the expenses for the annual Fire Department mudbog event is charged to the fire department. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that since the proceeds of the event are deposited into the departments accounts, not the Towns accounts, than the expenses are charged to that department. Rohler inquired as to why the Summer Festival got general funding when the Fire Department did not. Johnson explained that the Summer Festival not only provides the Town with a profit and loss but also provides free entertainment for the town's residents. The Fire Department has declined to provide the financial data on their event.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not in attendance, however, Scott Howell and Michael Young spoke briefly on recent fire department runs and status of new firemen. The Fire department will be hosting a public auction on April 18 in the lot next to the Town Hall.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson informed the Council that the Town was the successful bidder on a sewer vacor truck that was being sold by the City of Huntington. Council approved his request for a payment to the City for \$12,501 to purchase the truck.

Utility Superintendent Bullock stated that with the purchase of the new vacor truck that the Town will be able to address some long standing problems in the utility infrastructure. Council President Rohler announced that the Town will be having an open house at the new Town garage to coincide with the Fire Departments auction on April 18.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chase Stephan was granted permission to receive a two month adjustment on his utility bill due to the fact that the weather did not permit the contractor to fix the problem in a timely manner.

CLAIMS:

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

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:10 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