

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JANUARY 13, 2014

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday January 13, 2014 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.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Council President Harshbarger made a motion to appoint Mike Rohler as President of the Council. A unanimous voice vote affirmed the motion.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:**

Council approved the minutes of the regular meeting on December 23, 2013. The approved minutes were signed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Council member Harshbarger updated Council on the status of the ongoing negotiations with Huntington Township on the fire protection contract. Tim Guy, Huntington County Trustee, informed Council that he had a draft contract available for Council review. Council members decided to table a vote on the contract until the members had a chance to review the contract and have the Town's legal counsel also review it. Mr. Guy stated that he would send some additional information to the Town Clerk for review and consideration as well. Dallas Township Trustee Brenda Kitt added to the discussion with issues that will involve her entity in the new agreement.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Clerk-Treasurer Johnson reviewed a letter that the Town had drafted to send to prospective firms that are interested in formulating a utility planning study for the Town.

Council approved a release to the media for its meeting dates for 2014.

Council complimented the street department on snow removal after last week's storm.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council reviewed the proposed contract with PNC Bank for a seven-year lease. The lease will provide funding for the purchase of radio read meters which are currently being installed throughout the community. Council tabled approval of the contract until the members have had a chance to review the details.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Marshal Curt VanOver stated that the Councny Emergency Management Agency is interested in the cost the Town incurred during the recent winter storm. Marshall VanOver also presented the Council with the January work schedule for his department.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch informed the council that the Fire Station was manned during the recent snow and cold outbreak.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson asked the Council to make a motion to appoint the law firm of Delaney, Hartburg, Roth and Garrott as the Towns legal counsel for 2014. Council member Tackett made a motion to retain the firm for 2014, which was seconded by Council member Harshbarger which was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Johnson also passed along a request from Revis Island LLC to waive the sprinkler fee at the old Dana plant due to the fact that the company has asked for the service to be discontinued but it has not due to the inability to turn the water off. Council President Rohler stated that as long as the water is running through the facility, the firm should pay the cost. Johnson also asked Council about paying or rolling over unused time off that employees did not use last year. Council instructed the Clerk to compensate the employees for any unused vacation or personal time.

The Clerk-Treasurer reminded the Council of the upcoming WHARMM meeting February 3 at the Town's Municipal Building.

Utility Superintendent Bullock updated Council on his department's efforts during the recent winter storm.

**CLAIMS:**

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Without any other business, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
MICHAEL ROHLER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
RAYMOND TACKETT COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
WILLIAM K. JOHNSON CLERK-TREASURER