

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

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, March 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 February 23, 2015 with the understanding that the quote from Wilson Road Repair be changed to reflect the actual quote. Council will sign the amended minutes at its next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Due to the unavailability of a representative from IDEM, the discussion on the planning grant was tabled until the next meeting.

Marla Stambazze, Huntington County Department of Community Development, presented Council with an updated enforcement order which would extend the period of time that the residents of 21 S. Maple Street have to complete the work necessary to bring the residence into compliance. Ms. Stambazze gave Council a brief update on the work that has been completed up to this point. Saahar Joseph, 702 Maple Avenue, Muncie, who represents the owner of the property, explained that he is new to the scene, but has met with Ms. Stambazze to confer on the needed improvements. He explained that the roof will most likely have to wait until the weather improves before it can be addressed. By consensus, Council President Rohler asked that an update be provided to Council in thirty days.

Mark Mussman, Executive Director, Huntington County Department of Community Development, discussed the flood ordinance that the Council passed on first reading at its last meeting. Council decided that it would give residents some additional time to review and comment on the proposed ordinance.

The Council discussed the status of the properties that the Town has available for sale. The Clerk-Treasurer explained the process that the Town is currently conducting which is essentially an open bid process until April 23. If no bids have been received by then, then the Town can employ a broker or auctioneer to sell the properties.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Cathy Johnson, Andrews Summer Festival Committee, updated Council on progress toward a bandstand being placed on the old Miller property. Council discussed the money involved and a potential location of the bandstand. Ms. Johnson also asked Council for a contribution to the purchase of banners to promote the festival. The total cost is about \$750. Council took the

request under advisement. Johnson announced that the annual Pizza Hut fundraiser will be held on Monday, April 13th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Rohler would like to see the Town purchase at least three new welcome signs. Rohler is looking for signs larger than the current signs which could be used to promote Town activities and events. Rohler also discussed the possibility of lighting the new bridge on the north side of Town. A suggestion was made to contact the Indiana Department of Transportation to see if INDOT could provide additional lighting from US 24 to the new bridge.

Rohler reminded everyone that the open house for the new Town garage will be held April 18th.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshal Van Juillerat presented Council with his monthly report and a request to purchase new tasers for the Department. Marshal Juillerat explained that the batteries in the current tasers are dead and cannot be replaced. The new equipment will not rely as much on battery power.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not in attendance, however, Scott Howell and Michael Young spoke briefly on recent Fire Department runs and the status of the new volunteers. Council President Rohler reminded them that the Town is waiting to review the Department's new by-laws before continuing work on an extension to the contract.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson said that Tim Conrad contacted the Town and is willing to meet with Town officials to determine what additional work is needed on his property to bring it into compliance.

Council Member Tackett questioned the Utility Superintendent on a paving schedule for this summer. Superintendent Bullock explained some of the problems dealing with the paving projects including replacing water lines under new pavement. Mr. Tackett also asked Mr. Bullock to look at the water runoff on the alley next to Snyder's auction.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council approved a \$100 contribution to the Andrews Community Helpers to assist with its annual Easter Day Egg hunt.

Council President Rohler reminded the Clerk-Treasurer to contact Waste Management to establish a date for the Town's annual spring clean-up.

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:11 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