

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD November 10, 2014, 2014

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, November 10, 2014, 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.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:**

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting on October 27, 2014. The approved minutes were signed.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Colin Bullock has already responded to the items requested by IDEM. Rohler requested Colin send the letter to the Clerk-Treasurer and he could forward to board members so they would have an electronic copy for their files. Rohler stated the Waste Treatment plant is in need of improvements and the Planning Study will identify problems and prioritize items that need to be changed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Bill Johnson reported the application for the Planning Grant has been accepted and progress should begin by the end of the month.

Rohler stated the OCRA CF 12-126 grant for the Andrews-Dallas Township Library has been closed out.

Council member Tackett asked about progress with the street lights. Bullock is working with Duke on the issue. Tackett had a complaint with a street light that keeps turning on and off located by the house that burned, but had no address. A light on Market and Illinois is turning on and off has been called in by Rick Wright.

Tackett asked if the town could get street paving bids in the process now. Bullock replied that petroleum product prices change daily and could not guarantee a price lock.

Tackett asked if progress has been made with the memorial for Linda Wright at the park. A brass plaque was discussed.

Tackett asked about letting the water run in sub-zero temperature and how that impacts the water bills. Johnson informed council he would need to know at what temperature you would begin to start the drip in order to start working on a resolution or ordinance since there has never been anything pertaining to a cold weather drip adjustment. This could be implemented into the water billing policy. Council needs to think about ideas moving forward.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Council President Rohler presented pictures of a property on West McKeever Street that the Town needs to address. Clerk-Treasurer Johnson informed Council that a Notice of Violation was sent out Friday. Johnson also stated that an attempt was made over the weekend to locate the owner without success.

Council President Rohler read a letter from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs that expressed that agency's displeasure with the repeated request for additional time in completing the process.

Rohler also asked the Clerk-Treasurer to review procurement cards for Town purchases instead of the current system of credit cards.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Town Marshal Van Juillerat stated that the Huntington County Sheriff's Department is asking all local departments to donate \$2,000 to a simulator for taser and firearm practice. Council President Rohler requested Juillerat to bring a formalized proposal to the Council for future consideration.

Michael Young, representing the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department, reported that the Halloween Party was a success and that several new firefighters are close to completing their training. Mike Cliff, the Department's treasurer, inquired about expenses from the Mud Bogs being charged to the Fire Department. The Clerk-Treasurer responded that since the event was a department sponsored function, it was only logical to expense it to the department.

A short discussion centered on the Festival Committee's attempt to conduct a Christmas function later this year.

Council approved the Clerk-Treasurer's request for \$100 to the Andrews Community Helpers. The Clerk-Treasurer also presented a water billing issue for a resident who was granted a leak earlier in the year who now has an additional leak. Council President Rohler requested more information on the situation before going any further with it.

Utility Superintendent Bullock updated the Council on the department's efforts to prepare for winter.

## **CLAIMS:**

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Council Member Tackett questioned why the Town does not have a drip adjustment in the winter. Marshall Juillerat stated that in the past the Town would adjust water bills for residents who let their water run to prevent frozen pipes. Clerk-Treasurer Johnson stated that the Town does not have an ordinance which would allow his office to adjust the bills. He will see what other towns are doing in this area and report back to Council on ideas for a policy.

Mike Stallings, owner of the apartments on Main Street, explained his actions in regards to cutting into the sidewalk in front of the apartments. Council expressed concern over the issues of injury and freezing that would create problems. Stallings will research property records to determine if the affected area is Town property or his personal property.

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:28 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