

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD MARCH 14, 2016

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on March 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members John Harshbarger, Bonnie Walker and William Johnson were present. Clerk-Treasurer Laura Dillon declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting on February 22, 2016, and an executive session on February 24, 2016. Approved minutes were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jessica Grossman representing Region 3A explained the CDBG process and told council a new Low to Moderate Income Survey needs to be completed in order to receive the grant of approximately \$500,000.00. Norwoods and Yakes Subdivision will need to be included with the income survey because their sewage waste is processed in Andrews. Dr. Guthrie, a retired professor from IPFW gave an estimated cost for the survey of \$2,436.00. Grossman stated it is necessary for all of the surveys to be returned so the town does not have to send out a second mailing, which will cost additional funds. Motion was made by William Johnson to engage Region 3A to conduct the LMI survey for \$2,436.00 on a first and possibly second mailing. Second by Bonnie Walker, motion passed unanimously.

It was announced the Town of Andrews would be a Satellite Voting Center on April 26, 2016, changed from April 22 as stated at the last meeting and the Town Hall would be closed for business. Voting will be conducted on that day between the hours of 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The house at 19 N Jackson Street has been inspected by the Department of Community Development and passed all previous violation. Motion was made by William Johnson to release the order based on the DCD report. Second by Bonnie Walker, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council member Bonnie Walker made residents aware of the Adopt-A-Ramp program the Indiana Department of Transportation and Department of Natural Resources have starting. They are proposing a small non-motorized boat ramp on the northeast side of State Road 105 Bridge. The town would have to fund the project but could possibly get some grant funding. Walker would also like to see the area lighted and mentioned the town would be responsible for the area. The DNR and IDOT would draw plans and there is currently no estimated cost to the project.

William Johnson, Colin Bullock and Laura Dillon met with two representatives from Strand Associates and three members of the State Revolving Loan department to walk us through steps to get the SRF funds for the Waste Water Plan project. Strand and SRF members toured and inspected both the water and wastewater plants at the end of the meeting. Johnson informed residents that wastewater would be the first project to fund and water would come later.

There was a conference call with FEMA and Huntington County Emergency Management to discuss the Loon Creek flooding on March 8, 2016 and to brainstorm on how to get relief from

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the flooding issue. The next meeting will be at the Café of Hope in Huntington on March 22, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Bonnie Walker announced that she would be willing to take calls from residents that have been affected by the flooding.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Austin Bullock, Town Marshall informed council new policies and procedures have been drafted and each member should review and note any corrections or changes. November 7, 2016 is the next police academy to enroll possibly a new deputy. Bullock stated he submitted the annual report to the State of Indiana. He is continuing to work on the evidence room with the Huntington County detectives and prosecutor's office. The evidence report has reduced from 76 items to 25 items and will be submitted to the prosecutor's for review to destroy items. Council members were given a copy of the E-Ticket information and Bullock reported Andrews is the only town in the county that still writes hand tickets. The cost will be approximately \$1,800.00 for each unit. Motion was made by William Johnson to acquire the E-Ticket unit for the Marshall's vehicle and cap the cost at \$2,000.00. Second by Bonnie Walker, motion passed unanimously.

Dillon gave council a copy of the fire reports for February 2016. John Harshbarger announced in Andrews there have been 22 runs, Huntington Township 11, Dallas 9 runs and 1 mutual aid run. Harshbarger noted even though we service a small area of Huntington Township there were more runs to that area than Dallas Township.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent reported he would like to start a program replacing the water service line infrastructure. The department has started the summer sewer line cleanup with the vactor truck and they will continue to work on tree cutting and street signs.

Dillon announced she gave and will continue to give council a fund and appropriation report each month. She questioned council about the Community Building Fund that has a deficit of \$969.13. Council member Johnson stated the Riverboat Fund has a Community Building appropriation of \$3,500.00 and to transfer the \$969.13 from Riverboat to Community Building. This will take care of the deficit and to start paying all invoices for the building from the Riverboat appropriation. Harshbarger discussed replacing the doors and pour a cement approach to the back door. No estimates have been received.

The Andrews Community Helpers are having their annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 26, 2016 at noon and would like permission to bring the Easter bunny to the fire department on the fire truck. Motion was made by William Johnson to give \$100.00 for the Easter Egg Hunt. Second by Bonnie Walker, motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Dave Walker asked where we are in the process for the new gasoline monitoring system. Dillon announced the process is going slower than anticipated and would give a report at the next meeting.

Chase Stephan told residents and members that the festival committee is having their annual Pizza Hut fundraiser on May 2, 2016 from 5 – 8 p.m.

Ray Tackett questioned why the Marshall was on US 24 at Silver Creek with someone pulled over. Marshall Bullock stated he was coming to Andrews after dropping a case report at the Huntington Sheriff's Department and witnessed a vehicle going 82 mph in a 60 mph area.

Cheryl Chopson questioned who was monitoring the dog ordinances as three pit bulls are loose in her area of town. Marshall Bullock has spoken with the owners.

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Cathy Johnson stated there are places that have a large drop offs from the street to residents drive ways. Council instructed Colin Bullock to fill-in those areas with gravel around town.

Ed Asher told council he put a container on the property at the corner of California and Colorado Street and he did get a permit from the Huntington County Department Community Development. He is planning to put a 30 x 48' building on the property.

Yvonne Elzey at 88 W Terrel Street is complaining that her sewage is not running correctly and the problem is the towns. Colin Bullock and John Harshbarger will inspect and report at the next meeting.

Council stated they will have an Executive Session on Friday, March 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

CLAIMS

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

William Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Seconded by Bonnie Walker.

APPROVED BY _____ as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY _____ as
BONNIE WALKER COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY _____ as
WILLIAM JOHNSON COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY _____ as
LAURA A DILLON CLERK-TREASURER