

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 2, 2016**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on September 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.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.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Weunch, Andrews Volunteer Fire Department Chief appeared before council to discuss the purchase of a 1991 GMC Tanker/pumper truck for \$34,000.00. This truck new would be approximately \$150,000.00. The truck will be DOT certified, will be warranty and has 35,000 miles on it. There will be a shipping fee of \$2,000.00 as it will be coming from Pennsylvania. Weunch will be checking to see if he can get someone else to pick up the truck at a reduced price. This new truck will replace the 1980 truck #202. There will be some little things like lights and tires that could be taken off the old truck and put on new truck. The vehicle will also need to be decaled. Harshbarger likes the idea of buying a used vehicle.

Johnson brought up at the next meeting he will have a template to be used for an asset management plan for each department. The town can look at a five year spending plan of capital equipment. Weunch told council the fire department will have to start updating radios to P28. When it's time to replace radios there should be a grant for the replacement. Council allowed Weunch to replace the radios that were damaged in the river rescue. Most of the equipment the fire department has is over the \$5,000.00 threshold of the capital spending which has to be accounted for on the town's asset plan. The turnout gear per firefighter is approximately \$2,200.00 which needs to be replaced on a rotating basis. Tom also stated the department has fire hose that will need to replace. He did tell council that new nozzles were purchased with the money from the N&S railroad grant. Clerk-Treasurer Dillon informed council there is a claim for \$400.00 to be paid at the next council meeting for the balance of the nozzles.

Johnson encouraged the fire department to have another fire safety program in the fall. Weunch informed council the department has the safety program every fall. The department teaches how to use fire extinguisher and explain the equipment each firefighter wears to fight a fire. Council talked about purchasing fire extinguishers and sell at the annual event.

Harshbarger brought up the fact that Huntington Township has sent a letter to the town stating the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department will not be covering the Huntington Township territory beginning January 1, 2017. Weunch brought up the fact that the AVFD would be doing those services for free as mutual aid or dual response. Harshbarger stated that AVFD would only respond to fires as mutual aid and not to medical runs in Huntington Township. There was much discussion as to the response time from the Huntington Township Volunteer Fire Department on Broadway Avenue in Huntington and their department could not respond as quickly to Norwood and Yakes Subdivision as the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department. Weunch feels really bad to put the residents of Huntington Township in jeopardy with an inexperienced fire department not including the discussion of response time. Weunch stated the response time for the AVFD is approximately three minutes from the time the call comes in until our fire trucks are rolling down the road. There was conversation about the current fire chief for Huntington Township is paid a salary of \$15,000.00 and lives in Poe, Indiana.

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Johnson told council will be attending a meeting in Fort Wayne on September 19th for the 50/50 paving grant from the State of Indiana to discuss the procedures of disbursing the funds. He also brought up that we could purchase used police cars from the auto auction at a reduced price with low mileage. Johnson will be researching the project.

William Johnson made a motion to authorize \$32,000.00 for the purchase of the new tanker/pumper truck. Seconded by Bonnie Walker, motion passes unanimously.

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