

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING-273 COLUMBIA STREET**

President John Harshbarger opened a public hearing for the Huntington County Department of Community Development. Marla Stambazza from DCD was present and explained the property located at 273 Columbia Street, owned by Vicki Harris was written up for unsanitary conditions. She also explained DCD is working in conjunction with the Huntington County Health Department. The property was sold at tax sale in September of 2015 and the company that purchased the property will proceed with getting a deed. The timeline for a deed would be approximately the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 2107. Brant Rickert from the Huntington County Health Department stated the property has shown signs of cleanup. There is still a television sitting outside, a gate is off the fence and a shed in the back yard has no door which will become a problem. Recommendation from DCD and the Health Department was to give a 60 extension in order for the new owner to take possession of the property and finish the cleanup. Stambazza's office and the Health Department will complete an inspection before anyone can go into the house.

With no further comments, Council was agreeable with the 60 day extension and DCD will report back to the town with any further information regarding the property. With no further comments, John Harshbarger closed the public hearing.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the council minutes for the meeting of October 24th & 31st and November 4th, 2016, seconded by William Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Harshbarger announced the town has purchased a new fire truck for \$40,000.00. Fire Chief Tom Wuensch told council at the time of pickup they purchased approximately \$35,000.00 of equipment for \$1,500.00. They purchased nozzles, hoses and a thermal imaging camera. The Fire Department will be adding some new additions to the truck and change the decals to the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief Tom Wuensch requested approximately \$3,600.00 for equipment to the new fire truck. William Johnson made a motion to approve \$3,600.00 for additional equipment, seconded by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously.

Harshbarger explained to Council details of the ongoing negotiations with the IDEM to modify the Agreed Order. Attorney Mike Hartburg will respond to Mr. Judson from IDEM on the leak detection survey approved by Council on September 9, 2016 and signed a contract for \$4,300.00 with M.E. Simpson at the November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting. William Johnson made a motion to approve Mike Hartburg to contact IDEM with the M.E. Simpson contract information allowing the negotiations to continue, seconded by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2016-11, the 2017 Salary Ordinance was discussed and tabled for further review. Dillon told council the increase for 2017 was 3% for all employees and added a line item for incentive increases. She also asked council to review the document and contact her for changes so the ordinance could be passed at the November 28, 2016 meeting. Johnson suggested not make any changes to the board member's salaries for 2017 and keep at \$4,800.00. William Johnson made a motion to table Ordinance 2016-11 until the November 24, 2016 meeting, seconded by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously.

The 2017 Holiday Schedule was discussed. William Johnson made a motion to approve the 2017 Holiday Schedule as presented minus the two election days, seconded by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dillon gave council a copy of the 2017 Council meeting schedule which council took no action. The schedule will be given to the media for advertising the schedule.

Austin Bullock presented council with a quote for a new police vehicle. Bloomington Ford Lincoln's quote was \$29,098.25. Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the purchase of a new police vehicle, seconded by John Harshbarger, with William Johnson not voting, motion passed unanimously.

Town Marshall Bullock presented a quote for a new radar system for his vehicle of \$1,586.00. William Johnson made a motion to approve the purchase of the radar system, seconded by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously.

Bullock is moving forward with the process of getting abandon vehicles disposed of. Vehicles that have been sitting and not moved for years are the target.

Utility Superintendent Bullock announced some results of the water leak survey. M.E. Simpson is done with the survey and results should be presented possibly at the next meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Dillon announced an executive session that will be held on November 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. She also reminded council that the Internal Control video for the State Board of Accounts will need to be completed by December 31, 2016 in order to be in compliance for the 2016 annual report. She suggested setting the training for the first week in December. All employees could come to the building and watch the video.

William Johnson made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously.

Julie Newsome, Chairperson for the Andrews Community Helpers and the Summer Festival Committee asked council for a donation of funds for their Thanksgiving dinner to be held on November 19<sup>th</sup>. William Johnson made a motion to approve \$100.00 toward the cost of the Thanksgiving dinner, seconded by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously. Newsome also asked if council would allow the use the Town Hall for their annual Meet Santa Christmas Party that will be held on December 10, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Council agreed to the building request.

Mark Walters appeared before council to discuss the issue of his neighbors at 344 N Main Street riding ATV's and go-carts. He indicated it was a nuisance for all the neighbors. Town Marshall Bullock will be in contact to get the situation under control.

William Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bonnie Walker.

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

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
BONNIE WALKER COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
WILLIAM K JOHNSON COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
LAURA A DILLON CLERK-TREASURER