

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD AUGUST 26, 2019**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on August 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL:

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

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2020 TOWN OF ANDREWS ANNUAL BUDGET

Clerk-Treasurer Dillon explained how the tax caps work with the annual budget and the assessed valuation used to figure the tax levy is 90% of 2019. She also stated the increase in appropriation without tax caps is \$1,223.00. Walker made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the council minutes for the public meeting on August 12, 2019, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANITTOCH MOBILE HOME COURT

William Johnson reopened a public hearing for conversation on the Anitoch Mobile Home Park. At the August 12, 2019 meeting, council agreed to uphold the order of enforcement of September 23, 2019. Marla Stambazze from Huntington County Department of Community Development appeared to give a timeline and explain the property was inspected Wednesday, July 17th, 2019. There are six (6) lots that need to be completely removed, #5, 6, 7, 19, 22 and 23. Two Lots, #12 and 20 needs to be completely gutted and repaired or removed and the maintenance building needs major repairs. Lot 21 has a deck that is caved in and needs removed or repaired and Lot 12 has a bio-hazard cleanup order from the Huntington County Health Department. Brian Salerno, property owner of the park appeared before council to plead his case against the timeline for cleanup on the enforcement order from the Huntington County Department of Community Development. Salerno states he cannot complete everything on the order in the time frame allotted. After much conversation it was decided to uphold the September 23, 2019 date on the enforcement order and the Town will be expecting progress on removal of the junk around the park based on Salerno's commitment to bring in a roll off dumpster. Ideally, that will happen soon and the removal of trash be completed before the September 9, 2019 Council meeting. Additionally, an email update to town attorney Adrian Halverstadt or Marla Stambazze at the DCD in advance of the September 9, 2019 meeting, then email a plan for a path forward in advance of the September 23, 2019 meeting for Council to consider. Walker made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Council was presented the revised on-call contract between RQAW that was approved on July 22, 2019 but only with legal council's approval. RQAW officials and town attorney Mike Hartburg agreed on changes to the contract. Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the contract as written, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

Dillon gave council revised quotes for a new gasoline system to council at the August 12, 2019 meeting. The system came in at \$5,481.05 and installation cost in the quote totaled \$2,000.00. Member Harshbarger called Gasoline Equipment to ask more questions about the system and negotiate the installation price. He was able to get the installation price reduced to \$1,200.00. John Harshbarger made a motion to approve the purchase of the new gasoline system, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passes unanimously.

President Johnson announced the Huntington County Drainage Board will be cleaning out the drain or ditch at the old Kunkle Foundry property. Other business discussed was the property at US 24 and SR105 to be rezoned from agriculture to retail. In other news, Johnson announced the town was awarded \$600,000.00 for the OCRA Stormwater Grant. This project will replace the storm drain on McKeever Street from Jackson Street to Loon Creek.

NEW BUSINESS

Phillip McQueary who lives at 498 W McKeever Street requested an extension for a motor home or RV permit. McQueary did not appear and council instructed the Clerk-Treasurer to have him come to the next council meeting.

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A complaint was made by Shelly Lake and pictures were shown regarding overgrown trees and brush by one of Lake's neighbors. Mrs. Lake did not attend the meeting to speak with council due to an illness. Marshall Bullock will inspect the property and report back to council.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Marshall Austin Bullock told council he would follow up on items discussed at tonight's meeting. He is working on a few criminal investigations and violations.

Michael Dean Young was present for the Fire Department. He stated the annual Fire Department Mud Boggs were a success and all proceeds went to the Jr. Jones family to help with medical expenses due to an illness.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent and his staff will be working on cutting and trimming trees at the park. Also, Rick Wright spoke to council on new equipment and upgrades at the park.

Laura Dillon, Clerk-Treasurer reported that there has been a complaint as to the overgrown trees on the west side of Main Street. Colin Bullock will speak with the property owner. The Huntington County Department of Community Development is preparing the FEMA Buyout application for properties affected by flooding on the west end of Andrews. One of the questions on the application is will the town of Andrews maintain the properties after the project is complete. Council members all agreed the town would maintain the properties.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLAIMS

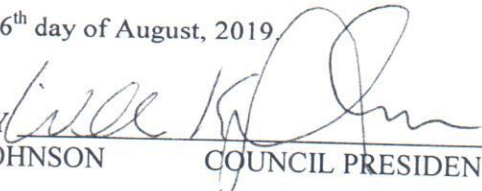
Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS


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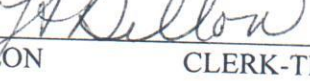
Bonnie Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Approved this 26th day of August, 2019.

APPROVED BY  as
WILLIAM K JOHNSON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY  as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY  as
BONNIE WALKER COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY  as
LAURA A DILLON CLERK-TREASURER