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## Andrews ponders solutions to water contamination

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The Andrews Town Council hosted representatives from STRAND Associates, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and United Technologies at its meeting on Monday, April 27, to discuss the town's contaminated ground water and concerns to be considered while planning for work on the drinking water, waste water and storm drain systems.

Currently, three organizations are working to keep the drinking water in the Town of Andrews safe, but changes will need to be made to the town's infrastructure to ensure that the future of its water is crystal clear.

Engineers at STRAND have been compiling data on the Town of Andrews water-related infrastructures and putting together project options that the council may consider.

STRAND Associates representative James McNulty said the compiling of data and the organization of project options is approximately 60 percent complete. He said that he hopes the figures and other documentation are completed near the end of May or in early June.

The changes to the infrastructure will be funded by a planning grant that the Town of Andrews has been given to cater to such deep-seated needs.

One action the Andrews Town Council has been exploring is moving the municipal well system farther from the contaminated ground water.

IDEM, however, does not approve of moving the town's well system.

IDEM representative Jeffrey Kavanaugh says that the top priority of his organization's research is to focus on safety and ensure that the people of the Town of Andrews are not exposed to any of the dangerous chemicals that have been left over from past manufacturers.

Kavanaugh says the plume of contamination does not reach towards the well system, and moving the municipal wells would be an expensive and dangerous task. Pulling large amounts of ground water in a different direction may upset the area of contamination under the town and cause toxins to be displaced or drawn towards the new system.

United Technologies is responsible for the precautionary filter that the town currently has in place for its municipal well system.

Kavanaugh says that the filter is an integral part of the protection plan for town residents.

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Councilman Ray Tackett says that knowing the contamination is there makes everyone uneasy. He wants to see the contamination cleaned up and the town's infrastructures cared for.

Kavanaugh says a complete cleanup of the contamination will not come to fruition in the near future, and he stresses safety as being the highest priority.

In other business:

- The annual spring cleanup day for the Town of Andrews will take place on Friday, May 1.

- The Town of Andrews will host an open house at the new town garage on Saturday, May 2, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

After the open house, the Andrews Fire Department is holding its tenderloin dinner from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- As warmer weather approaches, the Andrews Police Department warns residents against driving unauthorized vehicles on roadways and encourages residents to seek the proper permits for their vehicles.

- The town recently attempted to sell four properties. No bids were placed on the properties, and the council will determine its next course of action at a later date.

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