

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING HELD JUNE 22, 2020**

An emergency meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on June 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the yard west of the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL

There was no official roll call, however Council Members Laura Dillon, John Harshbarger, and Roger Newsome, Jr. were all present. The meeting took place outside due to the large crowd in attendance. State Senator Andy Zay and State Representative Dan Leonard were present along with several staff members from Indianapolis. County Commissioner Tom Wall was also in attendance.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Taft Law's Tom Barnard explained the history of the groundwater contamination in Andrews, as well as why and how the Town has been allowed to use the water for the last 25 plus years. Then Mr. Barnard spoke of the current condition warranting the water crisis, and the reliance of the Town of Andrews on United Technologies to provide safe drinking water with an air stripper. There was no answer as to when the water would be safe to use again. IDEM took numerous samples today, for which the results will not be known for at least 24 hours. Next, Mr. Barnard discussed the preliminary injunction which was filed on Friday, June 19th. A hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, June 25th at 10:00 a.m.

A lengthy, and at times very emotional and heated, discussion followed between residents, Council President John Harshbarger, and Tom Barnard.

Tom Wall relayed to those in attendance that the Huntington County YMCA has graciously volunteered the use of their shower facilities for Andrews residents. Wall will be working with Huntington County Emergency Management Director Bob Jeffers and Butch Williams to get necessities for the Town residents. Wall then said that the County Commissioners put up a \$5,000.00 donation today, to help the Town of Andrews buy water.

Andy Zay stated he just learned of the situation and will be working with IDEM to bring about a permanent solution to the contamination problem in Andrews. He promised to use state resources to resolve the issue to provide safe and clean water for the Town.

Dan Leonard did not speak to those in attendance.

Another intense discussion period followed between residents and Council President John Harshbarger.


The meeting ended at 6:34 p.m. as those in attendance broke off into smaller groups and then left the premises.

Approved this 13th day of July, 2020.

APPROVED BY  as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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LAURA A DILLON COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY  as
ROGER NEWSOME, JR. COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY  as
LAURY L POWELL CLERK-TREASURER