

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD OCTOBER 13, 2020**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Andrews Town Hall in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members John Harshbarger, Laura Dillon, and Roger Newsome, Jr were present. Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Laura Dillon made a motion to approve council minutes for a public meeting held on September 28, 2020. Roger Newsome, Jr. provided a second for the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**ERIC WOODMANSEE**

Eric Woodmansee, with AME Consulting, reported that the East McKeever St. project should start Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**STEVE BROCK**

Steve Brock of Therber Brock & Associates, LLC, presented information on a possible water project that would allow the Town to provide uncontaminated water from a clean aquifer to its residents. Options discussed included to apply for a SRF loan and to apply for an OCRA grant. Unfortunately, in order to receive the loan and grant money an increase to water rates becomes necessary. Brock relayed a timeline to complete an entire water project utilizing SRF and OCRA funds, which after much discussion, Council decided that they will move forward with looking at potential locations and quality testing the water at favorable sites. Council will also check into preliminary engineering studies and consider costs of land purchases and project expense to pipe the water into Andrews.

**OLD BUSINESS**

As a follow up on 237 Columbia St, Jessica Beal, DCD, reported a walk-in inspection is slated for October 19<sup>th</sup>, so there is nothing new to report at this time.

As a follow up on 63 E. McKeever St., Patty Wheeler, the owner's sister, reported that she is taking over the roofing project for her brother Rick Wheeler. All supplies have been purchased and she will see that the repair work is done. Friends of the family will be doing the roof work on the east side of the house. Council member, Laura Dillon, informed that if the work is not done, some type of action will need to be taken by the Town. Council member, John Harshbarger, reiterated that this is the last chance to improve this property. Patty Wheeler assured council that the work will be finished prior to the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Joan Prus, 192 S Market St, brought up a concern about the south side of her property along McKeever Street, the site of the storm water construction this past summer. Both Eric Woodmansee and Colin Bullock will inspect her situation, decide on what happened, and then take appropriate action to restore the property to its original condition as needed.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock was not in attendance, but asked Clerk-Treasurer Powell to report to council that the semi-trailer was removed from 957 N Main St.

Fire Department: No representative attended the meeting.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock reported patchwork has been done on several streets before winter arrives. Work to clean up the fence line along North Main Street has stopped until Mike Richardson harvests the beans from his field. Bullock's crew must work on the backside of the fence now and plans to drop trees into the field, which would damage Richardson's crop. Dillon asked about the status of salt on hand for the winter weather to which Bullock replied he has plenty of salt leftover from last year, but will inquire with the State on his order. Dillon initiated discussion on how to bill Dollar General for the new septic line service. Steve Brock had previously communicated with Bullock and Powell on several options. The monthly flat rate price of \$80.00 was agreed upon by all three members of Council. In order to be effective, this will require an amendment to the existing wastewater rate ordinance. Powell will begin the work on this now that Council's decision has been made.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that she delivered application packets for Round 2 of the County's Small Business PPE Grant Program to four businesses in Andrews. All documents pertaining to the 2021 budget have been submitted to Gateway within the 5-day deadline. Powell also stated she has started to work on a second CARES Act claim, which is based on a newly approved category item: public safety payroll expenses.

**CLAIMS**

Laura Dillon made a motion to approve the October 13<sup>th</sup> claims as presented, which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Joan Prus, 192 S Market St, also mentioned an old storm drain in her front yard along Market St is sinking into the ground and is now a safety hazard. Colin Bullock will inspect the situation and fill the area level.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 P.M., which was seconded by Roger Newsome.

Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

APPROVED BY *John Harshbarger* as  
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY *L.A. Dillon* as  
LAURA A DILLON COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY *Roger Newsome, Jr.* as  
ROGER NEWSOME, JR. COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY *Laury L Powell* as  
LAURY L POWELL CLERK-TREASURER