

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 24, 2014

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday February 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Members Raymond Tackett, Michael Rohler and John Harshbarger were present. Clerk-Treasurer William Johnson declared a quorum was present and that the meeting would continue.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:**

Council approved the minutes of the regular meeting on February 10, 2014. The approved minutes were signed.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Cathy Johnson, Chairperson of the Summer Festival Committee, updated the Council on the status of the festival. She presented the members with a list of activities. She also informed Council of fund raising efforts that the Committee has planned.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Council President Rohler updated Council on the status of the contract between the Town and Huntington Township for fire protection. Rohler indicated that the Township is waiting on the other parties to sign on before executing the agreement.

Rohler also indicated that the Miller's Pub demolition work was waiting on a state permit. The demolition should be completed prior to the next Council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council President Rohler introduced Resolution 2014-2 which would transfer funds from line items with surpluses to over appropriated funds. Clerk-Treasurer Johnson explained the necessity of the transfers, which he noted is done each year to balance all accounts. Council Member Tackett made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-2, which was seconded by Council Member Harshbarger and passed by a unanimous voice vote. Resolution 2014-2 was signed.

Council Member Tackett stated that he had been approached by an individual who said that he was interested in purchasing the old Kunkel Foundry lot.

Council President Rohler updated Council on the status of the Loon Creek issue. The Town has been absolved of all responsibility in the matter with a neighboring land owner found to be at fault. That land owner will have to return the creek bed to its original state as part of the action.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Marshal Curt VanOver explained to Council the need for stop sticks for the Police Department. Council approved the purchase of the item. VanOver also requested that Council review its abandoned vehicle policy to determine if more is needed in the ordinance to allow his

department to have non-operable vehicles removed from private property. VanOver also updated Council on the status of the issue on McKeever Street. The Town is seeking a title search on the property to insure that all property owners are contacted in the attempt to have the property cleaned up.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not in attendance.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson requested Council approval to void check #5947 which has been outstanding for over two years. The \$19.19 amount will be deposited back into the water account. Johnson also noted that Deputy Clerk Diana Gray has retired and that his other deputy, Sarah Geiger will now be working full-time. Johnson asked Council to consider providing Geiger with benefits now that she is a full-time employee. Council President Rohler instructed Johnson to prepare an ordinance amended the salary ordinance to allow Ms. Geiger to have the same benefits as all other full-time Town employees.

Utility Superintendent Bullock stated that the harsh winter has challenged his staff in ways that he has ever seen before. Bullock did suggest that the Town consider purchasing a water line heater to help with frozen pipes. Council informed Bullock to gather some estimates on purchasing the equipment.

**CLAIMS:**

All claims were approved as presented by a unanimous voice vote after a brief discussion.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Without any other business, Council adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
MICHAEL ROHLER                      COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
RAYMOND TACKETT                      COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
WILLIAM K. JOHNSON                      CLERK-TREASURER