

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JANUARY 12, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, January 12, 2015 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, John Harshbarger and Michael Rohler were present. Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson declared a quorum was present and that the meeting would continue.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Council Member Ray Tackett made a motion to appoint Mike Rohler as President of the Council for calendar year 2015. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harshbarger and passed with a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting on December 22, 2014. The approved minutes were signed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Town's legal counsel, Mike Hartburg, explained the process by which the Town can sell the real estate that it has acquired over the last several months. With the appraisal process completed, the Town can now advertise for bidders. Mr. Hartburg suggested that the Town establish its second meeting in February as the time to begin receiving bids. This process will allow bidders to raise bids for a period of not more than sixty days. If a higher bid is received during that period, the Town must notify all bidders of the new bid. By consensus, Council directed attorney Hartburg to proceed.

Council appointed the law firm of DeLaney Hartburg Roth & Garrott LLP as the Town's legal counsel for 2015.

OLD BUSINESS:

Department of Community Development representative Marla Stambazze discussed the status of the property at 21 South Maple Street. The discussion also included the property at 167 West McKeever Street with legal counsel Mike Hartburg stating that he would contact his associate to determine the current status of the legal proceedings. Council Member Harshbarger asked if an inspection on the Maple Street property would help the Council determine the current status of the improvements. Council approved the request to update the status.

Council approved an agreement with the Huntington County Commissioners to accept \$9,250 from the County's CEDIT fund to replace a bridge over a county ditch on North Colorado Street. Agreement signed by President Rohler.

Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock stated that the new Town garage is completed and only needs the power and gas hooked up to be fully operational. Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson explained the bond procedure and the debt structure for the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed the planning grant agreement that the Town received. The Clerk-Treasurer will set up a date with Strand Corporation to meet with Council to sign the agreement with the firm to begin the project.

Council approved a contract proposal from Region III-A to provide grant services for the planning grant for \$5,000. The contract was signed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshal Van Juillerat presented the Council with his monthly report and informed them that he had ordered the new police car. Juillerat also informed the Council of the light installation that will be necessary to bring the new and older vehicles up to standards.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch updated Council on the runs that the department made in 2014. He also stated that the new firemen continue to attend training sessions. Wuensch was given approval to use the department equipment in the funeral for a local dispatcher.

Council approved the 2015 Holiday schedule as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Council reappointed Bill Johnson to the County's CEDIT Advisory Board, Mike Rohler to both the Region III-A Advisory Board and the Huntington County United Economic Development Board and Tom Wuensch to the Huntington County EMA Advisory Board. Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson will contact Tim Ness to determine if he will serve another term on the Board of Zoning Appeals and will clarify the standing of Laury Powell on the same board.

Utility Superintendent Bullock stated that the new street signs arrived today but unfortunately they were the wrong color and must be returned.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Cathy Johnson, 215 South Main Street, representing the Summer Festival, presented Council with a wish list for this year that included a new band stand on the old Miller property, improved electrical system for vendors and more lighting for the carnival. Johnson, who is also a member of the Dallas Township Advisory Board, noted that the Township would like to review the current fire contract with the Town.

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:07 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