

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD OCTOBER 27, 2014

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, October 27, 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 unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting on September 22, 2014. The approved minutes were signed.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Council President Rohler informed the meeting that the Town is beginning the process to attempt to sell of some real estate that the Town has acquired over the last several years. The first step in that process is to have an appraisal completed on all the properties. Council approved a request by the Clerk-Treasurer to contact two local appraisers to begin the process.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Marla Stambazze, Huntington County Plan Commission, spoke on the need to address the situation on the residence at 21 S. Maple Street. Chris Good, a local contractor, explained that he has been in contact with the owner, Vinod Gupta, to start making the necessary repairs to bring the home up to minimal standards. After a brief discussion, Council requested that Mr. Good appear before Council at their meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup> to update the progress of the repairs. Council also requested that the repairs be completed by the 26<sup>th</sup> of December.

Council member Harshbarger updated the Council on the status of the new Town garage. Clerk-Treasurer Johnson informed Council that the bonds have been sold and the cash is in the bank. Council President Rohler presented the Clerk-Treasurer with a bill from Therber, Brock and Associates for \$7500 in conjunction with the financial work that the firm did on the project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council member Harshbarger informed the Council that he had located a leaf vac system for \$1500. Council approved the purchase by unanimous voice vote. The Clerk-Treasurer will work with the Utility Superintendent to establish dates for pickup this fall.

Council member Tackett would like to see the Town commemorate Linda Wright by placing a bronze plaque at the Park. Council President Rohler will get with Rick Wright to determine what the family would like to see there as a memorial.

Council President Rohler presented pictures of a property on West McKeever Street that the Town needs to address. Clerk-Treasurer Johnson informed Council that a Notice of Violation

was sent out Friday. Johnson also stated that an attempt was made over the weekend to locate the owner without success.

Council President Rohler read a letter from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs that expressed that agency's displeasure with the repeated request for additional time in completing the process.

Rohler also asked the Clerk-Treasurer to review procurement cards for Town purchases instead of the current system of credit cards.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Town Marshal Van Juillerat stated that the Huntington County Sheriff's Department is asking all local departments to donate \$2,000 to a simulator for taser and firearm practice. Council President Rohler requested Juillerat to bring a formalized proposal to the Council for future consideration.

Michael Young, representing the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department, reported that the Halloween Party was a success and that several new firefighters are close to completing their training. Mike Cliff, the Department's treasurer, inquired about expenses from the Mud Bogs being charged to the Fire Department. The Clerk-Treasurer responded that since the event was a department sponsored function, it was only logical to expense it to the department.

A short discussion centered on the Festival Committee's attempt to conduct a Christmas function later this year.

Council approved the Clerk-Treasurer's request for \$100 to the Andrews Community Helpers. The Clerk-Treasurer also presented a water billing issue for a resident who was granted a leak earlier in the year who now has an additional leak. Council President Rohler requested more information on the situation before going any further with it.

Utility Superintendent Bullock updated the Council on the department's efforts to prepare for winter.

### **CLAIMS:**

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

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Council Member Tackett questioned why the Town does not have a drip adjustment in the winter. Marshall Juillerat stated that in the past the Town would adjust water bills for residents who let their water run to prevent frozen pipes. Clerk-Treasurer Johnson stated that the Town does not have an ordinance which would allow his office to adjust the bills. He will see what other towns are doing in this area and report back to Council on ideas for a policy.

Mike Stallings, owner of the apartments on Main Street, explained his actions in regards to cutting into the sidewalk in front of the apartments. Council expressed concern over the issues

of injury and freezing that would create problems. Stallings will research property records to determine if the affected area is Town property or his personal property.

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:28 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