

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JANUARY 9, 2017**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on January 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members John Harshbarger, Bonnie Walker and William Johnson were present. Clerk-Treasurer Laura Dillon declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

Bonnie Walker nominated John Harshbarger for council president. John Harshbarger nominated William Johnson for council president. William Johnson indicated that he would take the president position only to give Harshbarger a break as president and commended Harshbarger on his job as the president. After a short discuss all members agreed that William Johnson shall be the 2017 president of town council.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the council minutes for the meeting of December 27th, 2016, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL COUNCIL FOR 2017

Harshbarger recommended Mike Hartburg should be retained as legal counsel. Council member Walker voiced an opinion about her disatification with Hartburg's firm and questioned as to what the firm is actually doing for the town for the money. After discussion between council and Clerk-Treasurer Dillon, Harshbarger made a motion to retain DeLaney Hartburg Roth Attorneys at Law as the Town of Andrews legal counsel for 2017, seconded by Bonnie Walker. President Johnson asked for the roll call vote. Voting as follows; Johnson, Yea, Harshbarger, yea, Walker nay.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

The Grant Administrator Procurement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction was discussed with council. The administrator will be a firm who would be handling the procedures for the OCRA and SRF funds. Clerk-Treasurer Dillon will be preparing documents to be advertised and send letters to prospective applicants. Dillon advised council they would have to choose a scoring committee to pick an administrator. The committee can be three (3) to five (5) members and council decided all council members and the Clerk-Treasurer will be on the scoring committee.

Resolution 2017-1 Adjustment to Balance the 2106 Budget. Motion by Walker to approve Resolution 2017-1, seconded by Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

Dillon asked council if she could delete the Community Building Fund because the balance is currently zero and there is no revenue source to support the fund. Council agreed to delete the fund.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Marshall Austin Bullock reported equipment is coming in for the new police vehicle. He has been in contact with the Indiana Department of Transportation which is going to replace the 2 hour parking sign on Main Street in front of the library and also move the stop sign on the south west corner of McKeever and Main Street closer to Main Street. Bullock met with the Andrews Elementary School principal to go over the winter and spring schedule in order for the police department to be visible at their events.

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There was no representative from the fire department. Dillon told council the firefighters are collecting plastic caps for a fundraiser to have park benches made.

Utility Superintendent Bullock reported to council he is working on the clear well and high service pump at the water plant. He and staff are plowing snow as needed.

Dillon told council she transferred \$21,000.00 from the Improvement Fund to Water Operating on December 31, 2016. She also told council of a new law went into place January 1 which requires contractors be qualified with the State of Indiana in order to be eligible to complete certain public works projects.

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by William Johnson motion passed unanimously.

Resident Roger Newsome, 271 E Washington Street questioned council if the wastewater fees were going to increase. William Johnson replied the fees will have to be increased in order to receive the additional \$1,000,000.00 from the State Revolving Loan Fund. The exact figures for the increase would not be known until the bids are received for the new wastewater treatment plant. In other business, Phyllis Paxton, 942 N Market Street voiced her displeasure with a police officer that questioned her son when he was walking down the street after dark. Chief Bullock replied that officers can question anyone walking or driving and request they be identified with a driver's license or some other form of identification.

Bonnie Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by William Johnson.

Approved this 9th day of January, 2017.

APPROVED BY _____ as
WILLIAM K JOHNSON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY _____ as
BONNIE WALKER COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY _____ as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY _____ as
LAURA A DILLON CLERK-TREASURER