

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on September 12, 2016 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the council minutes with a correction on the meeting of August 18th, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, seconded by William Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Harshbarger read a letter from the Huntington Township Trustee stating their Township Board would be terminating the volunteer fire department agreement effective December 31, 2016. Firefighter Scott Howell questioned why council would give up \$25,000.00 when the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department would be going on mutual aid runs to Huntington Township for free. Harshbarger explained the AVFD would only go on mutual aid for structure fires and not medical runs. He also stated that there are more runs to Huntington Township than Dallas Township which pays \$31,000.00 to the town and has approximately \$7,000.00 in building expenses. Harshbarger stated "this council has an obligation to the taxpayers and it's just not fair to the taxpayers of the Town of Andrews and Dallas Township". Council member Johnson also discussed that Huntington Township pays a volunteer fire chief \$15,000.00. All parties agreed that there is no way Huntington Township can get to this area of Huntington Township faster than the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department. Tom Weunch, AVFD Chief stated he will be having a meeting with the county dispatch to document the difference in response time between the AVFD and the HTVFD. Weunch stated that the residents on this side of Huntington Township will suffer because of the change. Council stated they were still open for discussion with the Huntington Township board on the agreement.

The agreement between the Town of Andrews and Huntington County Economic Development for the Terrell Street Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was discussed. There were revisions to the original agreement that were completed by the attorneys. William Johnson made a motion to accept the agreement for the Phase I study between the town and HCUED. Seconded by Bonnie Walker, motion passes unanimously.

There was discussion between council and the fire department about the September 2, 2016 special council meeting to purchase a new tanker/pumper truck. Weunch told council the day of the purchase the seller had another offer to purchase and changed the prior offer from \$32,000.00 to \$35,000.00. Weunch is currently working with a different company to purchase a truck for \$35,000.00. Bonnie Walker made a motion to purchase a truck for \$35,000.00. Seconded by William Johnson, motion passes unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

IDEM sent a reply to the town for the recent agreed order for the wastewater treatment plant. In the agreed order there is a fine of \$18,375.00. Included with the documents were suggestions by IDEM for improvements projects that could be made to offset the fine. Council discussed one of the projects that could be done would be to hire a company for approximately \$6,000.00 to identify the water leaks around town. Another possible project could be replacing the pumps and controls to the Jefferson Street lift station. Colin Bullock, Utilities Superintendent spoke to council about metering the park, town hall and the park to monitor the water usage. Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve both the water leak project and the Jefferson Street lift station project. Seconded by William Johnson, motion passes unanimously.

Scott Gray, 718 N Market Street told council he replaced part of his yard in August and asked council for an adjustment to his \$200.00 water bill. Council agreed to an adjustment on the wastewater to the bill for Graff.

Council discussed adjusting the water bill for Daniele Wheeler at 63 E McKeever Street. A data log was done to see the daily consumption at the address. Council decided to monitor the usage and check again next month. The resident is working to repair leaks on the house.

Laury Powell told council of complaints that residents were having because of the wastewater increase. Many residents have older homes and cannot afford to pay for a plumber to fix the problems. Council suggested sending a letter to the residents on the monthly leak report notifying them of their leaks and some suggestions to fix their problems. William Johnson stated the new billing software was purchased specifically to identify leaks so residents could get their properties fixed. It's up to residents to fix their leak problems because they can only have one adjustment per year. The Clerk-Treasurer stated there are 22 people on the leak report.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

William Johnson announced Austin Bullock is doing exceptionally well at the police academy. He will finish the academy in middle October.

Tom Weunch announced the damaged portable radios will cost approximately \$2,500.00 to replace. He reminded council of the base radio, laptop computer and training television that were damaged in a storm. He asked council if he could give the laptop to the town computer advisor, Dave White so he could access the information for the department. Dillon mentioned the power strip is not adequate for the equipment that is being plugged in and asked Weunch for a date of the storm to give the insurance company. Weunch also asked council for two (2) turnout gear for \$2,650.00 each. Bonnie Walker made a motion to allow the purchase of the gear needed for the fire department. Seconded by William Johnson, motion passes unanimously. The department also needs a new printer. Council agreed to let Dave White research a new printer for the fire department.

Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock reported the sidewalks for the Jefferson Street Project is being done this week. Mr. Fleck will be done this week with the Main Street project. Bullock is working on the wastewater plant on a daily basis.

Clerk-Treasurer Dillon gave council copies of the maintenance agreement for 2017 from Keystone for the utility billing and fund/payroll software and the price is \$5,100.00. William Johnson mad a motion to allow the 2017 contract with Keystone. Seconded by Bonnie Walker, motion passes unanimously. Dillon also announced early voting will be Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. This will be the only day to vote in Andrews. Any registered voter in the county can vote at the building on October 29 day. Dillon asked council if the CEDIT fund could be used to disburse fund for the Jefferson Street Sidewalk. Council was agreeable.

William Johnson gave copies of a five year or long term asset management plan for each department to track assets for budgeting purposes. Anything over \$5,000.00 should go on the form.

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approved accounts payable claims, seconded by William Johnson. Motion passes with a unanimous voice vote.

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

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
BONNIE WALKER                COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
WILLIAM JOHNSON              COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
LAURA A DILLON                CLERK-TREASURER