

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JANUARY 8, 2018**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on January 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL:

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

William Johnson opened the floor for nomination for the office of president. Clerk-Treasurer Dillon reminded council members of the change in paper work for the current project with the State Revolving Loan and OCRA if president of council is changed. Bonnie Walker made a motion to nominate William Johnson as president for the second year, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed 3-0

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the council minutes with corrections as noted for the meeting of December 27, 2017, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The property at 48 S Main Street owned by Patrick Ramsdale was discussed due to a fire in the building on December 11, 2017. The residents were removed from the building at that time and the building inspector from the Huntington Countywide Community Development temporarily condemned the building for occupation. Structural Engineering Services, LLC from Hometown, Indiana made a structural inspection of the building on December 13, 2017. Council reviewed a list of recommendation from the structural engineer as well as the county building inspector. Council made no action as this was information only.

Jay Stankiewicz, consultant from Fleis & Vandenbrink appeared before council to discuss to the Community Crossing Grant and how the OCRA Storm Water application ties into the McKeever Street project. President Johnson explained how engineers from RQAW and Regional 3-A came to the town with a proposal to start the storm water application with a proposed OCRA grant. RQAW designed storm water work on McKeever Street for the OCRA grant while the Community Crossing Grant already included drainage work on McKeever Street as well. It was discussed to possibly divert funds intended for McKeever Street OCRA to Main Street or SR 105 since INDOT will not be making any drainage improvements as their project is strictly sidewalk ramps and paving which will occur in 2019. It would only make sense to use the OCRA funds to repair the Main Street drainage problems before INDOT repairs and paves in 2019. There was conversation as to tying into a drainage pipe at Main Street to move the storm water either down Main or extend west on McKeever to Loon Creek. Council thought having one engineer on both projects (CCMG and OCRA) would be best because of the coordination issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Dillon has completed a State Revolving Loan Request Voucher for Payment #16 for Thieneman Construction in the amount of \$291,332.37 for the new wastewater treatment plant and requested \$34,260.69 from the OCRA share. Change order #1 was included with the paperwork in the

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amount of \$222.00. John Harshbarger made a motion to approve pay requests #16 for SRF funds of \$291,332.37, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed by voice vote 3-0. John Harshbarger made a motion to approve pay requests #6 for OCRA for \$34,260.69, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed by voice vote 3-0. John Harshbarger made a motion to approve, change order #1 for \$222.00, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed by voice vote 3-0. President Johnson will sign the vouchers will to be filed with the State Revolving Loan Fund and OCRA for payment as well as the change order for consideration by OCRA.

A meeting has been scheduled for Friday, January 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the coordination of McKeever Street and the Community Crossing Paving Grant and the OCRA Storm Water Project after the meeting with INDOT in Fort Wayne on January 11. Jay Stankiewicz, consultant from Fleis & Vanbrink appeared before council to discuss to the Community Crossing Grant and how the OCRA Storm Water application ties into the McKeever Street project. President Johnson explained how engineers from RQAW and Regional 3-A came to the town with a proposal to start the storm water application with a proposed OCRA grant. RQAW designed storm water work on McKeever Street for the OCRA grant while the Community Crossing Grant already included drainage work on McKeever Street as well. It was discussed to possibly divert funds intended for McKeever Street OCRA to Main Street or SR 105 since INDOT will not be making any drainage improvements as their project is strictly for sidewalks, ramps and paving which will occur in 2019. It would only make sense discuss if the state would repair Main Street or to use the OCRA funds to repair the Main Street drainage problems before INDOT repairs and paves in 2019. There was conversation as to tying into a drainage pipe at Main Street to move the storm water either down Main or extend west on McKeever to Loon Creek. We will go ahead and bid the CCMG Project with the drainage separated from the paving until we know more about funding from OCRA. Council will want to get the trunk line in the ground before we start the CCMG Paving Project on McKeever Street. There were a few parcels of property that do not have right-of-ways on McKeever Street which council has instructed the Clerk-Treasurer to contact attorney Hartburg with getting those issues resolved.

Jay Stankiewicz presented an agreement between the town and the State of Indiana for the funds to be received on the CCMG Paving Project. The project has been awarded, only a signature by council president was needed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Marshall Austin Bullock updated council that he will represent the town for an EMA Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan series of meetings starting January 17, 2018 to discuss the plan. He has finished his reports for 2017. Bullock also informed council that after a long investigation a felony warrant has been issued for an armed robbery and home invasion last summer.

Dean Young from the fire department reported their department had adopted two families for Christmas to give back to the community. Also, they will be having a fund raising auction at the VFW in Huntington sometime in February. He will update council on the date of that event.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent stated the crew is back to work at the new wastewater plant after the frigid temperatures over the last few weeks. He and his staff have been working day and night unthawing pipes for residents over the last two weeks.

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Clerk-Treasurer Dillon asked council if the Summer Festival Committee could use town hall to have a Super Hero Party on February 17, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Council agreed.


President Johnson stated residents have been calling him asking for a drip adjustment since the cold weather. Residents will have to come before council for their adjustments after the bills go out February 1, 2018. Any adjustments will be done on a case by case.

Edmond Asher came before council and stated he has all permits finalized to move forward with building sixteen (16) 10' x 10' storage units at 122 Main Street. He asked council if there was some kind of abatement he could get from the town to help offset some of his costs. Dillon will check on the specifics to an abatement and get Asher the paperwork. He also questioned council as to the 50/50 sidewalk program. Council had no objection to Asher utilizing the 50/50 sidewalk program.

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.


Bonnie Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Harshbarger.

Approved this 12th day of January, 2018.

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

