

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on February 26, 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 Walker were present. Clerk-Treasurer Laura Dillon declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the council minutes for the meeting of January 22 and February 12, 2018, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Clerk-Treasurer Dillon explained to council the process of setting up the Storm Water Fund and board. The board will be comprised of three members, appointed by council president. The board could be made up of the three current council members. There will be an ordinance to set up the fund and board at the March 12, 2018 meeting. There are two ways to collect the Storm Water Fee, option one would be to add to the current utility bills with the second being to assess with the County Treasurer the fee that would be paid twice a year with the property tax billing. A \$3.00 fee will create \$1,251.00 per month and \$5.00 fee will create \$2,085.00. An ordinance to create the board and fund should be ready for the March 26 meeting. A public hearing to establish fees along with an ordinance to be approved would be set for April 9th, 2018. The goal is to have everything in place before we file the OCRA grant application on May 25, 2018. John Harshbarger asked how we would assess the mobile home courts. Governmental, commercial property and other properties could be assessed an additional fee because of the hard ground that would runoff into the storm sewer. Council discussed and made a recommendation for the current board to serve as the Storm Water Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Dillon has completed a State Revolving Loan Request Voucher #19 for payment to Strand Associates in the amount of \$25,668.94 for the new wastewater treatment plan. John Harshbarger made a motion to approve the payment of \$25,668.94, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Marshall Austin Bullock gave members a quote for two rifles for his department. Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the purchase of rifles at \$500.00 each, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

Firefighter Dean Young was present for the fire department. He announced the fire department will be having a fund raiser at the VFW in Huntington on Saturday, March 31, 2018 starting at 5:00 p.m.

Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock reported work is progressing on the new wastewater plant. The wastewater treatment project concrete work should be done in the next ten days.

Bullock asked council what they wanted to do with the condemned community building. His staff will begin the process of moving out equipment to get ready for demolition.

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Clerk-Treasurer Dillon asked council to set a date for the annual spring cleanup. Friday, May 4, 2018 was set as the cleanup date if agreeable with H & H Disposal. Dean Young noted to council that the current disposal crew is not picking up the same items that the previous disposal service was picking up during the cleanup. Problems were also discussed with council concerning the current trash contractor not picking up trash for residents and not bringing totes to town for new residents.

Council was given a request by the Andrews Community Helpers for a \$100.00 donation for the annual town Easter egg hunt. Bonnie Walker made a motion to allow \$100.00 for the Easter egg hunt, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

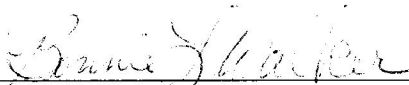
Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the claims presented. Seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

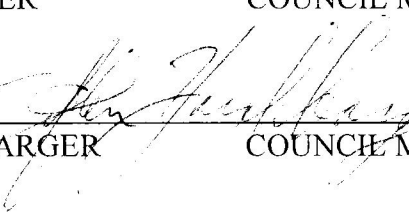
Glen Fisher, representing the Sheppard Food Pantry was present to ask council if they could use the town hall the third Thursday of each month for their monthly food give-a way. Members would begin setting up the town hall on Wednesday afternoon to be ready for Thursday morning. Council was agreeable to the request on a short term basis.

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

Approved this 12th day of March 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