

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD DECEMBER 10, 2018**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on December 10, 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 November 13th meeting and public hearing and November 26, 2018 meeting, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

President William Johnson told members and residents that the application for the OCRA storm water grant was submitted to Indianapolis late and therefore was denied. President Johnson and the Clerk-Treasurer met with Region 3-A grant administrator Matt Brinkman. Brinkman indicated they want to continue with the project during the next round of applications. He offered conditions of lowering the cost of the administration which is 8% of the total award to 6.5%. After Johnson spoke with the town's attorney, it was Johnson's suggestion to members that we continue with Region 3-A since they have the application completed and have knowledge of the project. Council would have to decide if they want to counter offer for an even lower percentage for their fee and to have Region 3-A file the application two weeks prior to the deadline. There are issues with the required second public hearing and applying two weeks before the application is due. Clerk-Treasurer Dillon indicated if council chose to continue with Region 3-A she would work together to make the public hearing schedule work with the two week notice. After discussing the situation council decided to wait until after the New Year and bring the subject up again. The next opening for the OCRA grant is March 25, 2019 with proposals due on May 3rd and the application June 28th, 2019. Grants would be awarded on August 15th, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Robert Jeffers, Director of Huntington County Emergency Management came before council to approve Resolution 2018-7 for the Huntington County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan establishes framework for the development of a multi-jurisdictional County Hazard Mitigation Plan to include a risk assessment including past hazards, hazards that threaten the County, estimate of structures at risk and share the plan with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Agency (FEMA). John Harshbarger made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-7, Huntington County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Wickersham, Director of the Huntington County United Economic Development board came before council with a service contract proposal of \$3,000.00 for the year 2019. After Wickersham noted some fine points of the contract and economic development projects they have done in the county, John Harshbarger made a motion to approve the service contract, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

Council agreed to keep the list of board appointments the same from 2018; Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the appointments of Laura Dillon to the Huntington County CREDIT Advisory Board and ADA Administrator, John Harshbarger to the Region 3-A Advisory Board, Tom Wuench to the Huntington County EMA Advisory Board, William Johnson to the Huntington County United Economic Development Board and Tim Ness as the Andrews Board of Zoning, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed by voice vote 3-0.

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Dillon gave council a request #16 for OCRA funds in the amount of \$25,296.10. Motion by Bonnie Walker for the approval of the funds, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Marshall Austin Bullock wanted council to know they have been busy and Deputy Marshall Austin Smith passed his agility test in preparation for the academy in February.

No fire department to report.


Colin Bullock, utility superintendent reported the new wastewater treatment plant was 99% complete and all the equipment was running. He noted they are caught up with the leaves. Council discussed the purchase of an enclosed all-terrain vehicle with a snow plow. Funds would be disbursed from General, Water and Wastewater for the vehicle. John Harshbarger made a motion to purchase the vehicle but spend no more than \$25,000.00, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Dillon asked council if they wanted to codify the town ordinances for the years 2017 and 2018. Council agreed with the request. She also asked if members wanted to give hams or turkeys to employees. Council agreed with the request.


Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the claims presented with an additional voucher of \$653.00 for the fire department's annual 911 system, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

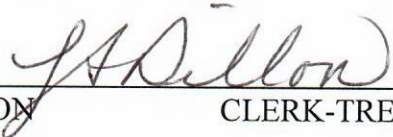
Bonnie Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved this 28th day of December 2018.

APPROVED BY  as
WILLIAM K JOHNSON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY  as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY  as
BONNIE WALKER COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY  as
LAURA A DILLON CLERK-TREASURER