

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD APRIL 22, 2019**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on April 8, 2019 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 and John Harshbarger were present. Bonnie Walker was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Laura Dillon declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

John Harshbarger made a motion to approve the council minutes for the public meeting on April 8, 2019, seconded by Bill Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCRA STORM WATER GRANT

PUBLIC HEARING

Storm Water Construction Project

Town of Andrews

Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order: The Town Council President, William Johnson formally called the public hearing to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Facilitator: Mike Kleinpeter, Kleinpeter Consulting Group, LLC.
3. Discussion:
 - a. The public hearing was officially opened by Bill Johnson and the meeting was then turned over to Mike Kleinpeter with Kleinpeter Consulting Group LLC
 - b. Mike Kleinpeter stated that the purpose of the hearing is to discuss the Town's application for grant funding through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). The Town is applying specifically for a Storm Water grant in the amount of \$600,000 dollars. The Town will be contributing a local match of \$150,067 dollars in the form of CREDIT funds.
 - c. Mr. Kleinpeter intends to submit the Town's application on May 3rd, 2019. The Town Council wants to make sure the citizens of the Town are fully informed and have an opportunity to voice any concerns or support for the project and ask any questions they may have.
 - d. Funds available for the program through OCRA are limited and applications are very competitive. If the town is successful with their application, award announcements will be on August 15, 2019.
 - e. There is a sign in sheet circulating please make sure you have signed in this is a requirement for the OCRA grant.
 - f. If you have any questions or concerns after you leave the meeting I will leave business cards on the corner of the table, I encourage everyone to grab one should you think about questions after you leave, or if you want to write letters of support for the project.
 - g. I will turn the meeting over to Eric Woodmansee with RQAW to tell you more about the project.
 - h. Eric stated that he had reviewed the scope of work and the scope of work from this round has changed slightly. The project location will be along McKee Street going from Jackson Street to Loon Creek. The scope of work includes the installation of 180 linear feet of 12" stormwater drains, 330 linear feet of 18" stormwater drains, 660 linear feet of 24" stormwater drains and 480 linear feet of 30" pipe. There will be 9 inlets and 7 manholes installed along the way. There is money allocated in the budget to replace the sidewalks that are damaged and to move any utilities that we run into. The Town is in their right-of-way the whole project and no acquisition will be required.
 - i. Mike stated, a scoring component to these grants is residential participation. OCRA strongly encourages residential support for the project in the form of comments during the public hearing and by

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writing letters of support describing the issues they have experienced with the water. If you have had issues with stormwater, please let the Town know. Additionally, if you have any photos showing the stormwater issues please send those. One of the questions on the scoring sheet is showing a 5-year history of the problem. If you have any documentation showing that this problem has plagued your residence for the last five years, please send that to me. I am working with the Town to get documents that indicate a five-year issue. Finally, the Town will be conducting a brief survey monkey questionnaire as another way to get residential input. That will be put out via the Town's Facebook account.

j. The floor was then opened for comment. Mike stated that there were public comments during the council meeting that residents wanted entered into the minutes. The following are those comments:

1) My name is Phil Sunderman and I live at 257 S. Main Street. The stormwater flows from McKeever Street to Main Street washes out our asphalt driveway. This problem has been going on for a long time and we need to do something about it.

2) Bill Johnson, the Town Council President said, "Community Crossing is currently putting in storm sewer and repaving the road on Main Street where it intersects with McKeever. This will help some because some of the water when it hits the bottom of the hill it turns and crosses Main Street so that should help some. I want OCRA to know we are going after other grant funding and making improvements, but McKeever Street is the busiest road in Town and again our #1 priority we have to get this done".

3) Tammy Slagel, a resident stated, "I live at 388 W McKeever Street and when the creek gets up and there is flood water outside my basement gets flooded. I have multiple sump pumps that run to try and keep it dry. I have had to replace at least three hot water heaters".

4) Cathy Johnson, a resident stated, "I live at 215 S Main Street. The asphalt in front of my street has been washed out part of our yard and at the end of the driveway. The inlet that is there doesn't go anywhere, water just fills up and runs down Main Street south to Loon Creek then creates flooding on west McKeever. It's like a pond out there when we have a hard rain.

5) Joanne Prus, a resident stated, "I live at 192 S. Market Street. My driveway has been washed out and the water backs up into my basement and yard. Prus indicated she has a sump pump to get the water out of her basement. I hope the council can do something to get the issue fixed".

6) Randy Decker, a resident stated, "I live at 221 S Market Street and the water gets to be ankle deep in front of my house. The rain water creates a large pond around my house and I can't see the street because of all the water. The stormwater has deteriorated my yard. I don't even try to keep it nice because I know it's going to get destroyed. The high water in the streets is a safety hazard. I know many of you in this room have driven through water, correct".

7) Nancy McCourt, a resident stated, "I own a house at 137 E. McKeever Street and 5 years ago I had to replace my whole basement wall due to the flooding. Since then I have braced the wall and it cost me a lot of money to replace the wall and I also lost rent money while I had to make repairs to the wall. Expenses included labor, cement blocks, priming and painting the wall and then fixing the basement. I have had multiple sump pumps as well".

8) Christy Miller, a resident stated, "I live at 465 E McKeever Street which is basically in a valley. I have put loads of gravel and stone multiple times in my driveway and every time it rains it gets washed out. There is water in my basement constantly. I also have a pothole that keeps reoccurring and gets bigger and bigger. I hope the Town is successful this time with our grant application.

9) Lynn Harris, a resident stated, "there is so much water that sits in everyone's yards you can't sit on the front porch without getting eaten up by mosquitos. The mosquitos are so bad that when I cut my grass in the middle of the day, I use bug spray because I get eaten up. If there is a drain in there, I don't think it works. I think it is broken because it doesn't take any water away from our street". Mrs. Prus also added that the drain pipe on her corner fills with water and creates mosquitos.

k. Bill Johnson, Town Council President stated, "This is the number one priority for our community. For those in the room that don't know we had to turn down a Community Crossing Grant of over \$200,000 because it

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doesn't make sense to pave a road that doesn't have the stormwater infrastructure below it. This is our fourth attempt for this grant. We want residents to know we are trying, and this project should have long been funded but unfortunately due to some issues it hasn't been, but we will hopefully get it done this time. I live on McKeever Street myself and see the stormwater issues we are dealing with. The water runs from the top of the hill to the bottom and has taken out the internet relay box on multiple occasions that sits just off the road. The water just comes rushing down and hits the box. I know of at least three occasions where this happened".

l. Bill said, "Julie I know when you were delivering food you stepped into a huge puddle of water when trying to get to Rick Wheeler's house." Wheeler's resides at 63 E McKeever Street. Julie said yes it was bad that day there was flooding everywhere".

m. Bill Johnson stated, "thank you to everyone for taking time out of their evening and coming. We had a great turnout tonight and I encourage you to write letters and provide photos to Mike. I am optimistic that we will get this project funded this round". Mike Kleinpeter stated, "I encourage residents to write letters, send photos, and plan on attending the June meeting to reiterate your concerns and let OCRA know how serious we are about the problems and that the residents of this community need assistance".

Adjournment: There being no further questions, Bill Johnson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:25 PM.
Mike Kleinpeter, Grant Administrator

Recorder (See attached Third Party Authorization to Record Minutes)

John Harshbarger made a motion to close the OCRA public hearing, seconded by William Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant administrator Mike Kleinpeter and Eric Woodmansee, engineering firm RQAW were present to explain the OCRA McKeever Street Grant process and take questions regarding the public hearing. Woodmansee told residents the project is for storm water piping from Jackson Street to Loon Creek on McKeever Street.

President Johnson explained this project will be two parts, the original project was storm water piping from Leedy Lane to Loon Creek but because of inflation since the beginning of this project in 2017, OCRA grant funding would only accommodate Jackson Street to Loon Creek. He also stated the part of the project between Leedy Lane and Jackson Street could be replaced with Community Crossing Grant Funding after the OCRA portion is completed. Kleinpeter told residents OCRA required two public hearings, one of which is tonight and another which will be on June 10th, 2019. The proposal is due on May 3rd and the application is due on June 28th, 2019. The cost of the OCRA project is \$750,000.00 with the OCRA share of \$600,000.00 and the town share of \$150,067.00. A voluntary survey will be gathered from residents during the month of June.

There was a need to review the 2019 Community Crossing Paving/Sidewalk Grant. Clerk-Treasurer stated the Market Street paving project has run into a problem with the original plans because of the increase in bids. The plan was to put in a storm water pipe from McKeever to Madison Street. Jay Stankiewicz informed council we needed to hire him to shoot the elevation from McKeever to Madison for around \$2,000.00. Council agreed to have Stankiewicz do the elevation work. John Harshbarger made a motion to allow \$1,100.00 to E&B Paving for changes to sidewalks at the railroad tracks. E&B will not pour a portion of sidewalk on the south side of the railroad tracks where the sidewalk is not in need of repair but instead pour a section on the north side of the tracks that needs repair, seconded by William Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve Dobson asked council for an update on the possible buyout of the residents living at the flood area on McKeever and Jefferson Street. President Johnson stated he and the Clerk-Treasurer will be meeting with county officials on Thursday, April 25th to discuss the county's McKeever Street bridge project which will run parallel with the possible buyout of properties.

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NEW BUSINESS

Request #41 State Revolving Loan Funds for Strand Associates in the amount of \$1,111.801. John Harshbarger made a motion to approve Request #41, seconded by William Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Marshall Austin Bullock reported he is working on violations and reminded residents not to blow grass clippings into the road.

No personnel from the Fire Department were present. John Harshbarger spoke with Tom Wuensch about getting the fire trucks DOT inspected. Harshbarger feels the trucks need to be inspected every year for liability purposes. Council agreed with the DOT inspection. The fire department is checking on insurance for the county wide emergency equipment. This equipment is estimated at \$120,000.00. Harshbarger suggested all the county wide fire departments should go together and split the cost of the insurance.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent is looking at a street sweeper going up for bid at Converse, Indiana. The bid will be sealed and are due May 15th. He will begin to work on cutting and trimming trees. He is still waiting on the water service pump.

Laura Dillon, Clerk Treasurer announced the Terrell Street compost pile has been reopened.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLAIMS

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

OTHER BUSINESS

John Harshbarger made a motion to accept the contractual agreement with Kleinpeter Consulting for services of filing the application for the OCRA Storm Water Grant Project.

John Harshbarger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill Johnson. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of May, 2019.

APPROVED BY William K Johnson as
WILLIAM K JOHNSON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY Bonnie Walker as
BONNIE WALKER COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY John Harshbarger as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY Laura A Dillon as
LAURA A DILLON CLERK-TREASURER