

## **ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD MAY 13, 2019**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on May 13, 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, 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**

Council instructed Clerk-Treasurer Dillon to listen to the audio version of the minutes and make changes to the public hearing as there were some discrepancies with the minutes. Bonnie Walker made a motion to table the council minutes for the meeting of April 22, 2019, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Changes to the 2018 Market and State Street Community Crossing Paving Grant were discussed. The grant awarded from the state is \$203,500.00 with the town match of \$67,500.00. The understanding is the drainage pipe will be approved from Madison Street to Jefferson Street. The original plan was to replace the pipe from McKeever Street to Madison, then after further inspection on that block the plan was scrapped. This is the reason tonight's discussion to change and only replace pipe from Madison to Jefferson. Council approved the change to put drainage pipe in the block from Madison to Jefferson.

Jay Stankiewicz and council talked about Amendment No 1 for professional services to design and prepare documents for McKeever Street in accordance with Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs – Stormwater Improvement Program. The original contract dated October 23, 2017 was the for 2017-2018 CCMG Paving project. After the CCMG award for the project council decided to scrap the paving project of McKeever St, notify the state we did not need the CCMG funds and apply for an OCRA grant to correct the drainage on the street. That was the reason for Amendment No 1.

President Johnson updated residents about the possible buyout of properties in the flood plain. Johnson and Clerk-Treasurer Dillon met with county officials on April 25<sup>th</sup> to see how the town should move forward in conjunction with the Loon Creek bridge project. Motion by John Harshbarger to approve the Town of Andrews commitment towards the FEMA buyout project, seconded by Bonnie Walker. The motion will allow the town to send letters to residents notifying them of the town's buyout intent and asking for their approval.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Clerk-Treasurer Dillon informed council of a conversation with Shelly Love of the State Revolving Loan department. The town has had an SRF application for the construction of a new water plant since 2016. Ms. Love needs a letter from the town denying any SRF funds from this date until June 30, 2020. Motion by John Harshbarger to compose a letter stating the town



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would not be asking for SRF funds for a water plant from this date until June 30, 2020, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

Johnson told council that the Huntington County Community Development will be compiling information in order to complete a Comprehensive Plan for the town. This plan will give an overview of the goals for economic development and priorities all the capital projects the town will be doing over the next several years. The CCD will be completing the plan for all small towns with their help in compiling information along with a steering committee.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Town Marshall Austin Bullock gave an update that Austin Smith will graduate this Saturday, May 18th. Bullock is working on violation letters for tall grass and junk.

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No fire department report. Julie Newsome, Dallas Township Trustee informed council she is planning to do some landscaping at the fire department along with new flag poles.

Colin Bullock, utility superintendent told council the high service pump for the water plant will be in sometime in July. His staff will begin to mulch at the park. Rick Wright and Colin talked about taking down the tree by the swing set and repainting the curb lines at the park and the pavilion canopy.

Laura Dillon, Clerk-Treasurer told council the ADA Transition Plan will be worked on over the next month.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Jason Oppy and Doug Hutchinson of the Goat Eater Organization told council on August 6, 2019 they were going to hold a hog roast and fireworks across the street from Bud's Sports Bar. Hutchinson was told to meet with the fire department about having a fire truck on hand during the fireworks.

Ed Asher came before council about the easement behind his building at 63 N Main Street. He indicated he needs access to the back of the property. There is a Duke Energy pole at the area with a guide wire going through the access alley. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Duke Energy to inquire about relocating the pole. Asher wanted to know if the town was aware that UTEC/Stantec was drilling again in the area of California and Colorado Street. Council member Harshbarger told residents they were drilling test wells. Council thinks the scope of the contamination problem is bigger than UTEC originally thought because of the numbers of test wells that are being drilled. Asher plans to put in an ice cream shop. He asked council how he



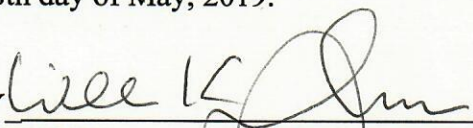
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can go about getting CEDIT funds to improve his building at 63 N Main Street. Dillon will get the correct forms for Asher to apply to Huntington County CEDIT Board. Asher complained about the property on North Main Street at the railroad tracks that is an eye sore for people driving into town. Member Harshbarger will contact the owner.


Adam Yoder came before council requesting the CEDIT funds for his building at 48 S Main Street. Again, council was directed to the county CEDIT Board and Dillon will get the application for Yoder. Dillon also reminded residents that the town does not have an Economic Development Board because they cannot get volunteers to be on the board in order to get state grants.

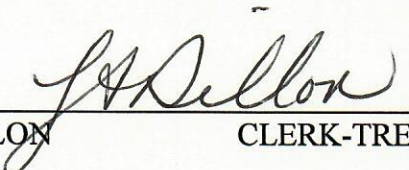
Bonnie Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved this 28th day of May, 2019.

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