ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JUNE 24, 2019

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on June 24, 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

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the council minutes for the public meeting which also included an OCRA Storm Water public hearing on June 10, 2019, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mandy Woods, former director of Huntington County Department of Community Development gave council a service contract to the town to complete a Comprehensive Plan for the town as a subcontractor. The plan would be to complete the plan remotely and would cost \$10,000.00. This plan will give an overview of the goals for economic development and prioritizes all the capital projects the town will be doing over the next several years. Council decided to contact Mrs. Woods to offer \$5,000.00 to complete the Comprehensive Plan. Council president Johnson will call Woods and discuss a \$5,000.00 offer and report back at the July 8 meeting.

Council members discussed conditions at Antioch Mobile Home Park. The town along with Huntington County Department of Community Development is in preparation to pass a new unsafe building ordinance. The ordinance (2019-3) will be acted on the ordinance at it's July 8, 2019 meeting. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell will be handling the process of the violation letters and communicating with the attorney and DCD regarding this issue. A lot by lot inspection with photos has been completed by town Marshall Bullock then handed over to Powell to start the letter of violation to the owner of the property. The town needs to make sure the owners property rights are protected with the town's code of ordinances. Member Harshbarger stated normally within ten days after the violation notice the owner replies they cannot comply within the time allotted. Council would then set a timeframe to have the violations completed. Lee Hampton, 252 Terrel Street was present with her daughter Jackie Irwin expressing their concerns and to gather information on the progress with the property owner.

Jay Stankiewicz appeared before council to present information to close out the 2018/2019 Market Street Community Crossing Paving Grant. Jay stated the project came in under bid because of the deletion of the storm water piping. Council members are pleased with continuing the project as the match to the town is only 25% and the State of Indiana contributes 75%. There was also conversation with Stankiewicz as to a letter sent to Flies and VanderBrink as to the OCRA Storm Water Grant. This issue will have to be addressed at an executive session on a later date.

Dillon stated there is a possibility of not being able to apply for the OCRA Storm Water Grant because the Wastewater Treatment OCRA Grant has not been closed. There are numerous problems with certain forms required to close. Another conference call has been scheduled with President Johnson, Dillon and Indianapolis tomorrow.

- <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

There was no new business.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No business from the Police Department as Marshall Bullock was attending training.

No fire department report.

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Colin Bullock, utility superintendent reported hydrant flushing will started today.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

John Harshbarger stated the paving on State Road 105 was nice but when completing the driveways, they paved over property owners' sidewalks. If residents would want new sidewalks the asphalt would have to be removed to put in a concrete sidewalk.

Dave Smith, 676 Colorado Street questioned council as to who takes care of vicious dogs while he walked his dog around town. Council will have the Marshall speak with the owners of the dogs first, when violations will be issued to repeat offenders.

Tim Davis, 431 E California Street came before council to inform them of a standing water problem he has at his property. Davis stated when he bought his property ten (10) years ago there was no water problems on his property and now he cannot go to the south side because there is so much ponding. Council instructed Dillon to contact the Huntington County Surveyors Office and get back with Tim.

Julie Newsome, chairperson for the Andrews Summer Festival requesting council to pay \$4,100.00 for the bands and waive the garage sale fees. Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve waive the garage sale permit fees, 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 8th day of July 2019.

WILLIAM K JOHNSON

APPROVED BY JOHN HARSHBARGER

APPROVED BY

BONNIE WALKER

COUNCIL MEMBER

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