

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

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on July 22, 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 with changes as noted for the public meeting on July 8, 2019, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Marla Stambazze from Huntington County Department of Community Development appeared to present demolition bids for a property at 195 W Jefferson Street in the name of Ronald & Tony Fairchild. There has been no progress to repairing the property or response from the owners or bank. Bids were as follows: Amor Excavating Inc. \$8,760.00 and Dirt, Inc \$9,040.00. Council member John Harshbarger made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Amor Excavating Inc of \$8,760.00, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

Stambazze updated council as to Anitoch Mobile Home Park. She gave council notice of a public hearing to be held on August 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The property was inspected Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, out of 20 mobile homes, 11 are good to stay, 7 need to be removed, 1 is starting to be renovated. Stambazze's inspection report will be completed in the next few days.

The property at 46 & 48 S Main Street, owned by Yobroco LLC has been inspected. The owners are going to start working on the properties. The only real damage is the portion that had fire damage.

24 Main Street, owned by Kermit Little has been sent a violation letter for bricks falling off the back of the building close to a Vectren gas line.

President Johnson went to the Huntington County Drainage Board meeting with Tim Davis on July 18, 2019. This was regarding the standing water on Davis's property at 431 California Street. County Surveyor Jay Poe told members and residents at one point the county was going to cleanup the ditch that runs close to Davis's property. At that time the county was told to stop all ditch cleanup by IDEM because of sand contamination that plugged the drain or ditch from Kunkle Foundry. Meanwhile a couple of years ago the railroad came through and trimmed trees and bushes which has plugged the drain or ditch even more.

Clerk-Treasurer Dillon explained at the last meeting council approved \$75.00 for the parade bands and this needed to be changed to the amount of \$100.00. John Harshbarger made a motion to accept increasing the funds for the bands in the parade to \$100.00, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passes unanimously.

Mike Clabaugh came before council to discuss his mother's (Elizabeth Bigelow) home at 28 N Chestnut Street. He is still concerned about the water running down the street from the school into his mother's house during a large rain event. Mr. Clabaugh and Colin Bullock will attend a meeting with representatives from the Huntington County School Corporation on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Updates will be available at the August 12, 2019 meeting.



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**NEW BUSINESS**

Julie Newsosme, Dallas Township Trustee came before council with the Dallas Township-Town of Andrews Fire Contract for 2020-2024. The contract was tabled due to the four years contract with the same amount of money. Dillon will look at other contracts to include a change in the wording allowing a change of funding during the contract period. John Harshbarger thinks the funding amount should be reviewed annually. Newsome told council she would have to be notified before her budget process in June to make changes in order to get into the next year budget cycle.

Eric Woodmansee, Project Manager for RQAW engineering firm presented a contract for independent fees. The contract is \$20,000.00 for on call rates and the hourly are specified in the contract. Town attorney Mike Hartburg is currently reviewing the contract with RQAW officials. Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the contract with the approval of the town attorney, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

Eric also explained round two of the Community Crossing Paving Grant. The plan is to mill and pave Hendricks Street from McKeever Street to the bend at South Street and Leedy Lane starting at McKeever Street to just pass the baseball field. Grant applications are due no later than August 2, 2019. Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve RQAW to start the grant application, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

Council met with Jay Stankiewicz from Flies and Vandenbrink about different projects. It was decided to discontinue the business relationship with Flies and Vandenbrink as of the date of a letter sent to them on June 12, 2019. Harshbarger made a motion to discontinue the business relationship with Fleis and VandenBrink, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passes unanimously.

Dillon gave quotes for a new gasoline system to council. The system came in at \$5,481.05 but there was no installation cost in the quote. Dillon stated installation costs need to be included with the quote and that should be settled before moving forward. Council decided to table the discussion until more information can be gathered.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Marshall Austin Bullock reported he is working on a few criminal investigations and dealing with dogs. He is continuing to work on mowing and trash violations and reminded residents not to blow grass clippings into the road.

No personnel from the Fire Department were present.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent and his staff are still working on cutting and trimming trees. He is still waiting on the water service pump.

Laura Dillon, Clerk-Treasurer reported 2020 budget information will be given to council for the next meeting. The public hearing for the 2020 budget will be held on Monday, August 26, 2019 at their regular meeting and adoption will be Monday, September 23, 2019. She also told council 2020 is the year there will be 27 payrolls instead of 26 payrolls. Dillon will gather payroll information for the budget packets. Dillon also announced the increase in liability insurance is 1.2%, totaling \$383.00 for the year.

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLAIMS**

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



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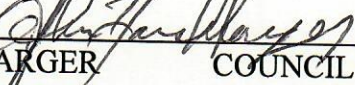
**OTHER BUSINESS**

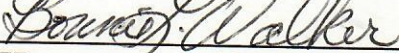
Summer festival chairperson, Julie Newsome gave a list of the cost for the festival bands which is \$3,700.00. Newsome has the State Road 105 closure permit. She also put out a plea for volunteers to help during the festival.

Bonnie Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 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