

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on September 9, 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 John Harshbarger and Bonnie Walker were present. William Johnson came into the meeting close to the end. 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 on August 26, 2019, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

At the August 12, 2019 meeting council agreed to uphold the order of enforcement from Huntington County Community Development for the Anitoch Mobile Home Park to September 23, 2019. There are mobile homes on six (6) lots that need to be completely removed, #5, 6, 7, 19, 22 and 23. Two Lots, #12 and 20 needs to be completely gutted and repaired or removed and the maintenance building needs major repairs. Lot 21 has a deck that is caved in and needs removed or repaired and Lot 12 has a bio-hazard cleanup order from the Huntington County Health Department. Brian Salerno has sent no correspondence as to the cleanup timeline since the last meeting. Marshall Bullock reported there is now a dumpster and most of the loose items have been put into the dumpster. Town attorney Adrian Halverstadt and Community Development staff Marla Stambazze have been requested to appear at the next meeting.

The Huntington County Department of Community Development is preparing the FEMA Buyout application for properties affected by flooding on the west end of Andrews. One of the questions on the application is will the town of Andrews maintain the properties after the project is complete. Council members all agreed the town would maintain the properties. Dillon explained to council the buyout is going to get expensive and hopes to meet with the county commissioners to discuss funding with their CEDIT funds. The budget estimate for the buyout is \$807,020.00 which a ten percent match would be \$80,702 if the town is considered low to moderate income. If FEMA does not consider the LMI, the match would be twenty-five percent which is \$201,755.00. Dillon gave a breakdown of the town's match stating the August 31, 2019 balance of the town's CEDIT fund is \$260,129.73; \$150,067.00 has been committed to the McKeever Street Storm Water Project from Jackson Street to Loon Creek. In January of 2020 the next project will be a Community Crossing Grant for another McKeever Storm Water project for Leedy Lane to Jackson Street. We are in the early stages of gathering information for Leedy Lane to Jackson and have no estimates as to the cost of the project but could go as high as \$100,000.00 or more.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Marshall Austin Bullock requested if he could sell the 45 caliber handguns to department officers since all the guns have changed to 9 MM. The funds would go to purchasing a new rifle for the reserve vehicle and purchasing another 9 MM. Council was in agreement with the request. Bullock announced Deputy Marshall Austin Smith has resigned from the department effective September 29, 2019. John Harshbarger made a motion to accept Smith's resignation, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no one present from the Fire Department

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent and his staff will be working on cutting and trimming trees at the park. He also explained the work that has been done on the clear well at the water plant due to an IDEM violation.

Laura Dillon, Clerk-Treasurer reported at the last meeting there had been a complaint as to the overgrown trees on the west side of Main Street. Colin Bullock spoke with Mike Richardson, property owner of the field to the south side of the fire department about the overgrown trees in his fence line. Richardson will be removing all the trees and the fence after he takes the crops off in October.

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Dillon told council members she and Bonnie Walker are going to begin the process of completing the Town of Andrews Comprehensive Plan.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLAIMS


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


OTHER BUSINESS


APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLAIMS


Bonnie Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved this 23th day of September, 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