

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on February 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Laura Dillon, John Harshbarger and Roger Newsome, Jr were present. Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

With no corrections notated, Laura Dillon made a motion to approve the council minutes from January 27th, which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The OCRA Storm Water project was discussed concerning the Right of Way purchase from four property owners. Three out of the four sales are now closed and recorded. One sale is still open because of a mortgage which may pose a liability to the Town should the owner default on the loan. Laura Dillon said the issue was briefly discussed in the fall of 2018 between the attorney, project engineer, and grant administrator. After losing out on the first round of grant funding in early 2019, the issue was apparently dropped. At this point, the Town's options are to pay a minimum of \$2,000.00 for a partial mortgage release from the lender and have clear title to the ROW or to purchase the ROW subject to the mortgage. Pros and cons of the situation were debated. Considering the unknown additional amount of time needed to pursue a partial mortgage release, the consensus was to purchase the ROW subject to the mortgage. The announcement for this grant will be made in late March or early April. It is critical the Town obtains the one remaining signature for this jointly owned property and closes on the ROW purchase before that happens. Powell will contact Legal to relay Council's decision.

Dillon handed out a CCMG document to Council and the Clerk-Treasurer which explains how the program works.

John Harshbarger gave an update on Antioch MHP. The last mobile home still remains even though the owner, Brian Salerno, stated last Friday via email that it would be removed early today. Debris still remains where a home was pulled out last Wednesday. Salerno has had ample time to bring the mobile home park into compliance. Harshbarger also stated Amor has been awarded the job and still has the right to remove the remaining home and clean up the two lots. Appropriate payment would be made for the scope of work done. Council agreed.

Colin Bullock gave an update on the permit process for Dollar General. A General Permit application was allowed by the State and is nearly ready to submit. The State may take two weeks to grant approval. The sanitary sewer line expense will be split 50/50 with Dollar General and leftover wastewater treatment plant construction funds should be approved for use on the installation. Bullock will also request a commitment letter from Dollar General on the project.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Marshal Austin Bullock reported the owners of 237 E Columbia St. have been working on the house. Many exterior improvements are visible. A dilapidated privacy fence still needs to be removed or repaired. An official re-inspection is scheduled for February 18th. Deputy Marshal Dean Young has all of the academy study materials and is now acquiring his uniforms and completing pre-class certifications.

Nobody was present from the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent, reported on work at the Water Plant. A large underground water leak will be repaired. EJP will assist with the installation of a special 6 inch valve and new pipes. Bullock is still pushing for warranty work concerning issues with the headworks/screener at the new wastewater treatment plant. Excess water loss is a result of this issue.

Laury Powell, Clerk-Treasurer, presented forms to Council for signature, including the State's Certification of Elected Officials and Nepotism Laws. Per Laura Dillon's inquiry, a delinquent utility account was discussed and the owner's negligence in maintaining the home's plumbing.

CLAIMS

Roger Newsome, Jr. made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Laura Dillon. Motion passed unanimously.


OTHER BUSINESS


Bonnie Walker, 935 N Market St, asked why the property behind the Town's welcome sign on North Main St. is not mowed during the growing season. The tall weeds are still standing and she feels they are an eyesore when driving into Town. Colin Bullock explained the area in question is in the county and not inside the town limits. Marshal Austin Bullock added the property is listed as a tree preserve and signs are posted to not cut or spray the vegetation. Council Member Newsome also said the farm fence line along North Main Street has not been cleared. Colin Bullock stated he will contact the owner again.

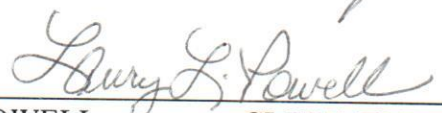
Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m., seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr.

Approved this 24th day of February, 2020.

APPROVED BY  as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY  as
LAURA A DILLON COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY  as
ROGER NEWSOME, JR. COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY  as
LAURY L POWELL CLERK-TREASURER