

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

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

Laura Dillon made a motion to approve the council minutes from February 10th, which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2020-1

John Harshbarger did a second reading of Ordinance 2020-1, which would raise the tax rate for the Cumulative Fire Special Fund. He explained how the fund helps the volunteer fire department and asked if anybody had any questions. Laura added that the Special Cum Fire Fund rate had not been re-upped in years. She then motioned to adopt the ordinance on its second reading. Roger seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. The Notice of Adoption will be published and then a 30 day remonstrance period begins. Roger made a motion to close the public hearing, with a second from Laura.

RYAN MACKOS, STRAND ASSOCIATES – TECHNICAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

Ryan presented a contract for engineering consulting work, which had been briefly discussed late last year. The agreement for on call technical services would assist the Town with water and wastewater matters, as well as work with IDEM on behalf of the Town. Hourly rates were discussed with a maximum charge of \$10,000 annually. John questioned the fees associated with this contract. Council agreed to table the subject and that the contract should be discussed with Mike Hartburg before reconsideration.

MARLA STAMBAZZE, HTGN CO. DCD – ANTIOCH MHP

Marla stated that Brian Salerno has complied with the Order of Enforcement, finally. He just did not comply in a timely manner. Laury supplied Council with a list of associated attorney fees, in the amount of \$1287.00, which the Town incurred throughout the lengthy process. Mr. Salerno again explained his situation and the difficulties he had with his vendor, CB Transport. He apologized to council, and agreed to move forward in a positive light with the mobile home park. Laura made a motion to assess a \$1500.00 fine, Roger seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ANDREWS BZA APPOINTMENT – CATHY JOHNSON

Marla Stambazze explained to Council that since Laury Powell is now an elected official, she can no longer serve on the Andrews BZA. Cathy Johnson has volunteered to serve in this position. Council appointed Cathy to replace Laury for the remainder of her term on the BZA.

BRANT RICKER, HTGN CO. HEALTH DEPT – REINSPECTION OF 237 E COLUMBIA ST

While a slideshow was presented, Brant reported he is pleased with the work performed at this location. Progress is visible inside and outside of the house. The owner told Brant of plans to finish the interior of the house. An old privacy fence still needs to be replaced. As long as the exterior of the house and vegetation is maintained to code during the summer, Council agreed to continue the Order of Enforcement until August 10, 2020 allowing the Marra family time to continue with the interior work.

OLD BUSINESS

An update on the Dollar General Project revealed that INDOT Permits have been submitted to State, which may take several weeks to turn around. A commitment letter from the developer, Andrews Partners, LLC, was received by the Town and it confirmed the developer would share the cost of running a sanitary sewer line under the Wabash River, not to exceed \$25,000. John read the letter aloud to all in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

John said he was made aware that it would be beneficial for the Town to have an official cleaning contract signed with the vendor. The Clerk's office will compile the contract and list of duties to present to council at a future meeting. Once approved by Council and Legal, bids will be accepted for consideration. The matter was tabled until such a time a draft contract was presented for consideration.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Marshal Austin Bullock reported that the reserve vehicle does not have internet access, therefore unable to sync with county dispatch or write tickets. He requested to equip it with MDT internet at the cost of \$1,226.00. Each police vehicle requires its own individual MDT access and would each be charged this price annually. Deputy Marshal Dean Young and Fire Chief Tom Weunsch each spoke in favor of the equipment, citing multiple safety benefits. Approval was given to Marshal Bullock to update the reserve vehicle with MDT. An ongoing ordinance violation at 883 N Jackson has been cleaned up, but has accumulated \$275.00 in ordinance violation fines. There are also attorney fees of \$53.40 associated with this case. Marshal Bullock asked if Council would consider waiving the \$275.00 in violation fines should the property owner reimburse the Town's attorney fees. Council agreed to this request, but stated no further leniency would be granted to the individual.

Andrews Volunteer Fire Department, Tom Weunsch, spoke about a county wide grant under consideration for new radios. The estimated cost is \$15,000 to \$20,000 to replace all of the current pagers and radios. Tom will provide each council member a written copy of the expense as he learns more. Council agreed to let Tom work with the County to secure grant money to replace the aging radios. Weunsch also offered to test fire hydrants for the utility department, as several have been identified with low water pressure. Colin Bullock agreed to coordinate efforts. Laura Dillon inquired about recent repairs to 2 fire trucks.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent, had nothing new to report.

Laury Powell, Clerk-Treasurer, reported that Ben, with Utility Supply Company, came in on February 24th for the initial meeting regarding new meter read equipment. Ben will return March 18th to set up, install, train personnel, and do a test run. April 27th is targeted to be the first billing to utilize the new equipment. Colin requested a tablet or I-Pad to accompany this new system instead of using the water operator's mobile phone. The final right of way document concerning the mortgage on the Oppy property was sent to legal on February 21st, with no news of completion as of today. The Clerk also read a letter from HNHS Post Prom Committee requesting a donation for the 2020 prom. Council took no action on this request.

CLAIMS

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

OTHER BUSINESS


Neil Snyder, 192 N. Market St, questioned if there is an ordinance for defining the age of a trailer that may be brought in to the mobile home parks. Council is not sure if an ordinance exists, but stated it would have been codified and now searchable online. The County DCD would also be a good resource for this information. Eric Woodmansee stated OCRA released funds today for the storm water project. He will schedule a pre-construction meeting in the next couple weeks. The DNR and INDOT permits still have some back and forth with his office in being finalized. Laury will speak with Mike Hartburg to have ownership transferred from the County to the Town for portions of E McKeever St and Leedy Lane. This should be complete before the second round CCMG application in July.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12, seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr.

Approved this 9th day of March, 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