

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD APRIL 13, 2020**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on April 13, 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 John Harshbarger and Roger Newsome, Jr were present. Council Member Laura Dillon participated electronically by speaker phone. 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 March 23rd, which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

SCOTT WALLACE - 117 W. MCKEEVER ST.

Scott spoke in regards to the condition of and activity at Tim Conrad's property, 167 W. McKeever St. Ongoing illegal backfill in a flood plain has cut off water drainage to several properties bordering the creek, including Wallace's. Scott submitted written complaints from Dennis Huston and Steve Davis in support of his complaint. Jed Ness has been seen emptying his dump truck full of wood chips and debris along the creek on Conrad's property. While out of state on business, Conrad has previously given Ness permission to care for his property. As learned in prior years, Council President Harshbarger stated this is a DNR issue. Council is more concerned with the condition of the trailer. Conrad recently stated he is moving to Tennessee, and a land contract sale has been arranged. Wallace also said more junk and debris was visible on the property, and a semi-trailer full of junk. The shell of a stripped RV camper has been abandoned on the property too. The ongoing property line dispute was brought up again, to which Harshbarger said was a civil matter for Conrad and Wallace to resolve. Town Marshal Bullock said he would contact Tim Conrad, the new contract buyers when seen at the property, as well as DCD to gather more facts on the situation. Pictures of Conrad's property on file with the Town and DCD will be compared to current conditions. The DCD can begin the inspection process once business returns to normal after the COVID-19 public health emergency ends. The interior living conditions and the installation of a woodstove for heat were noted as a concern should a family with children move into the mobile home.

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OLD BUSINESS

Council discussed Spring Clean-Up with Dan Stoffel, co-owner of H&H Disposal. The subject of large furniture, and quantity of such items, was the focus. The Contract was brought up, which illustrated what the company agreed to do. Stoffel said the residents abused the program over the last couple of years, with excessive amounts set out for collection. They now have to drive to Wabash to dump at the landfill. Dan eventually agreed with Council to pick up large items, couches, mattresses and box springs. Colin Bullock's Utility Department will help with the backhoe to lift and crush items as notified by H&H the day of the clean-up. The date for Spring Clean Up was postponed until June 26, 2020.

The newly received draft of a new trash ordinance was briefly discussed. It gives the town residents the option to purchase orange tags for the pickup of furniture and large items throughout the year. It likely will require an amendment to the contract before taking effect. The subject is currently tabled until after the public health emergency.

OCRA Storm Water Project start date is April 13th. No visible work seen today, but Watson Excavating was in contact with Mike Burton to use his lot as a staging area for the project. Dollar General sanitary sewer line work is also set to begin the week of April 13th, with the week of the 27th for boring under the Wabash River.

NEW BUSINESS

CCMG 2020-1 Award in the amount of \$231,750.00 has been awarded to the Town.

The kitchen refrigerator recently quit chilling. Parts have been ordered. If the inexpensive repair does not fix the problem the Town will buy a new refrigerator from a local business.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock had nothing new to report, but noted traffic flow has decreased significantly due to the Governor's Executive Order in effect.

Fire Department: Dean Young reported all fundraisers, including the auction, have been postponed. The Department has Covid-19 procedures in place and has trained all volunteers. They have yet to deal with a suspected COVID-19 infection.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock said the Town Hall will be cleaned and spruced up in the near future. New flooring tiles, which were in storage, have been located. Plans are to replace tiles and then buff floors. The use of leftover SRF money was discussed. Colin will get a letter and invoices to Shelly Love soon. The Wabash River boring expense will not be included in the SRF money request because it involves labor and would be subject to all rules and regulations required by OCRA. Dollar General will pay a percentage of the expense, then an approximate \$30,000.00 will be paid from Wastewater funds.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported the Town has received TRECS money in the amount of \$2,108.99. This money can be disbursed once a Trust Indiana Account is opened and setup to transfer the funds. Powell spoke with the Huntington County Clerk, Shelley Septer about early voting in Andrews. A tentative date for the Primary Election is set for June 2nd, with a date in late May for Andrews to serve as an Early Vote Center. Septer will have more details by late April. A letter has been mailed to delinquent utility account customers to inform them of their balance and to pay what they can at this time. Due to the Governor's Executive Order, at this time the Town will not shut off services for non-payment, but the customer will be responsible for the balance once the emergency is lifted. In addition, Powell has registered to attend an AIM Budget Workshop Webinar on April 28th & 29th. She also stated she received a Certificate of No Remonstrance for the Cum Fire Special Fund and it has been submitted to the DLGF with all of the appropriate paperwork for review.

CLAIMS

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

OTHER BUSINESS

The Bob Dyer property at 586 N Market St was briefly discussed. Marshal Bullock has verbally asked Dyer to clean the junk and debris up with no results yet. An official Notice of Violation is forthcoming.

Roger Newsome, Jr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50, which was seconded by Laura Dillon.

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD MAY 8, 2020**

A special public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on May 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Laura Dillon and John Harshbarger were present. Council Member Roger Newsome, Jr. was not in attendance. Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

BID OPENING: CCMG 2020 ROUND 1

Eric Woodmansee welcomed all in attendance and thanked them for their interest in the project. The sealed bids were opened by Council Member Dillon. Council President Harshbarger read the base bid prices aloud to the public.

- API Construction, LaOtto, IN: \$244,940.00
- Watson Excavating, Redkey, IN: \$252,640.00
- DC Construction, Indianapolis, IN: \$175,301.72

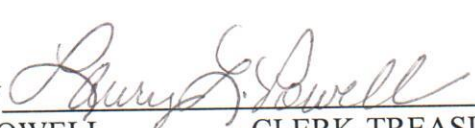
With no further business to be discussed at this time, Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 which was seconded by John Harshbarger.

Approved this 11th day of May, 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