

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD MAY 11, 2020**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on May 11, 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 April 13th and the May 8th Special Meeting, which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

TIM CONRAD - 167 W. MCKEEVER ST.

Conrad was in attendance to introduce James and Amber Wiist, who are purchasing his property, and to inquire about the Wallace complaint from the April 13th meeting. Council President Harshbarger stated there was no action taken on the complaint since the Town will not become involved in a civil matter. All past orders to maintain the property's appearance are still in effect. Laura Dillon informed Conrad he is still responsible for the property with a land contract sale. Wiist learned from the discussion that most of this property is in a flood plain which is managed by the DNR. There are limitations on what an owner can do within the flood plain. Dillon advised Wiist to contact the DCD for more information before he converts a semi-trailer into a garage. She also shared a concern about the interior condition of the mobile home, and whether or not it was suitable for children. Wiist stated his plans to clean up the property and renovate the mobile home this summer.

ERIC WOODMANSEE

Eric presented to Council a Letter of Recommendation, with Certified Bid Tabulation attached, for the CCMG 2020-1 Pavement Improvement Project. From three (3) bids, DC Construction Services from Indianapolis was the low and responsive bidder coming in at \$175,301.72. Woodmansee vetted the company, and every answer they gave satisfied his concerns. He plans to be on the ground in Andrews overseeing this project as he has not worked with them before. Dillon motioned to accept the bid from DC Construction in the amount of \$175,301.72, followed by a second from Newsome. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Laura Dillon has worked with Ed Asher to finalize the Ice Cream Vault documents required for submission to the County Commissioners CEDIT Advisory Board seeking monetary assistance. Asher also has acquired a permit to construct a patio at his business.

NEW BUSINESS

Via email correspondence, Marla Stambazee of the Huntington County DCD notified the Town that a portion of Wabash St heading south to the water plant is not in the Right of Way Layer for GIS. Since it changes direction, it technically cannot be called Wabash St either. She asked Council to address the situation: add it to the ROW layer as a renamed street or make it private property/drive. After a period of discussion, Council was unable to make a decision and tabled the subject until next month.

Council room flooring was discussed as in how to repair and conceal the area where the building has settled over the years. Colin Bullock has checked pricing on laminate and carpet squares for the 35ft by 25ft room and just today received 2 quotes ranging from \$3500.00 to \$4300.00. Commercial grade carpet squares were favored by council. Samples were available to view at Lehman Floor Covering. Council tabled the subject for now.

Laury Powell relayed there was no interest from the community in starting a community garden as requested by Tammy Slagle two weeks ago. Powell also spoke on behalf of Shelly Lake, 444 W McKeever St., who was unable to attend for health reasons. Lake is asking the Town to vacate the Pearl St ROW, north of McKeever. After discussion, Council denied the request. Powell will notify Lake of the decision.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock reported mowing notices have been posted at several properties in town. Austin has also posted several notices for property clean ups and has contacted DCD about the properties at 353 Clifton St. and 421 Clifton St. DCD will do inspections at these properties. The Law Enforcement Academy has not set a return date yet, so Austin will work on training with Deputy Marshal Dean Young.

Fire Department: Dean Young had nothing to report.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock reported that a balancer used to weigh sludge quit; he has quotes; the lowest being \$2,894.00. Council approved purchase of the new equipment. Superintendent Bullock gave an update on the construction of the new Dollar General Store.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that early voting will be held in the Town Center May 28th, 9:00 to 1:00. Ken Akins from HCCSC informed Clerk Powell that food service will not be provided at the park, but will be provided at the school. Clerk Powell reported that penalties and shut-offs have ceased per executive orders but will resume when allowed. Clerk Powell will look into applying for stimulus moneys. Opening of the Town Hall Offices to the public will be considered at the next council meeting.

CLAIMS

Laura Dillon made a motion to approve the claims as presented, with a suggestion for Powell to change the Fund Account from 606 to 608 for the Industrial Control Services Wastewater claim. After brief discussion, Council Members agreed the claim is an improvement and not a repair. Dillon's motion was then seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr and approved 3-0.

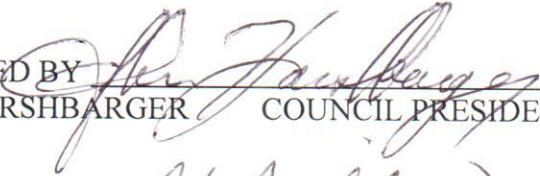
OTHER BUSINESS


Town Marshall Bullock informed that Northern-Southern Agent reported to him of illegal dumping at their dumpster. Marshall Bullock will keep a look on that and discuss the matter with anyone he observes doing that. Also, persons have been observed walking on the tracks. Marshall Bullock will keep a look out for that also and discuss the matter with anyone he observes doing that.


John Harshbarger stated that the drinking fountain remains off at the park and will remain off for now.


Roger Newsome, Jr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21, which was seconded by Laura Dillon.

Approved this 8th day of June, 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