

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

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

ROLL CALL

Council Members John Harshbarger, Laura Dillon, and Roger Newsome, Jr were in attendance. 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 council minutes for a public meeting held on October 26, 2020, and for an executive meeting held on October 29, 2020. Roger Newsome, Jr. provided a second for the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Brant Ricker, DCD, informed Council that the roof has been repaired at 63 E McKeever St, Richard Wheeler's property. He will do a final walk-through to make sure other interior items have been taken care of.

Stellar Communities Update – Laura Dillon reported that the Stellar Community Program has closed for 2020, and maybe yet in 2021 due to COVID. Huntington County representatives are meeting via ZOOM to prepare an application. A huge amount of grant money is available with this program. For Andrews, Dillon would like to see streetlights at the bridge running out to the Dollar General, and some landscaping or decorative lights coming into Town along Main Street. Dillon is working with DCD to update the Town's comprehensive plan to be ready when the opportunity is right to apply for the program.

Marshall Austin Bullock reported on the work progress at 421 Clifton St. Now that the garage demolition has begun, Harshbarger and Dillon are concerned with the pile of debris accumulating in the yard with the absence of a dumpster on site. Council decided to allow the owners 90 days to finish the project and clean-up of the property, as stated at the September 14th meeting.

Eric Woodmansee, with AME Consulting, reported that the CCMG 2020-1 E McKeever storm sewer project should be complete by the end of the week and that he will push to have the remaining mill and pave work finished by the end of next week. Harshbarger stated that at least one lane of the road needs to be opened as soon as possible. The Contractor is being assessed \$500.00 per day since November 2, 2020, for delay of project completion. DC Construction will also be billed for expenses relating to the water and gas main breaks. Contractor bills to the Town have not been received yet; upon receiving those bills the retainage money, the delay charges to the contractor, and bills for expenditures on the Town's part for the water and gas breaks will be considered. Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock said clean water is still flowing in the storm water construction area. He must locate and repair the leak before the contractor paves that section. Finally, Woodmansee stated the CCMG 2020-2 application has been submitted to INDOT.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk-Treasurer Powell reported that she has received a CARES Act reimbursement check for claim #1 and completed the necessary paperwork documentation.

Council President John Harshbarger discussed issues regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on the Town. No changes in the daily operations of Town Hall were made at this time; need to continue safety efforts as they are currently recommended by the Governor and CDC. This is subject to change with evolving news on the virus resurgence in the area.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock reported continuing nuisance ordinance violations that have been noticed and resulted in property cleanup. Dog-at-large violations have increased and resulted in immediate citations and fines on dog owners in violation of the zero-tolerance policy. Marshal Bullock stated he would like to hire Jordan Corral as a part-time officer. The Council said they have given prior approval for this action.

Fire Department: No one was present from the Fire Department.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock reported that his employees have been working trees, leaves, and water main break repairs, in addition to their normal utility duties. He also stated the cleanup of the fence row along North Main St is nearly done.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell asked for a clarification on closing the doors to the public while dealing with the COVID-19 spread. Council advised to close the office doors while leaving the public entrance open for now unless the situation changes.

CLAIMS

Laura Dillon made a motion to approve the November 10th claims as presented, which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Joyce Fisher, 490 Star St, complained about a barking, aggressive German Shepherd dog in her neighborhood. The dog runs through the electric fence often and was recently seen attacking two smaller dogs being walked on leash. Mike Fisher, 490 Star St, and the Clarks, 163 Chestnut St, also spoke to the dog problem in the neighborhood. Marshall Bullock will speak with the dog owner again.

Cathy Johnson complained about junk and debris on a property at Snowden and Terrel St. Marshal Bullock will check on this.

Neal Snyder, 55 N Main St, inquired on the downtown sidewalk quotes. Dillon stated the Town has only received one quote and needs at least three to move forward with consideration of a sidewalk project. Due to cold weather conditions, the subject will be tabled until next Spring.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 P.M., which was seconded by Roger Newsome.

Approved this 23rd day of November, 2020.

APPROVED BY *John Harshbarger* as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY *L. A. Dillon* as
LAURA A DILLON COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY *R. Newsome* as
ROGER NEWSOME, JR. COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY *Laury L. Powell* as
LAURY L POWELL CLERK-TREASURER