

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 23, 2020**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on November 23, 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 November 10, 2020, and for executive meetings held on November 16 and 19, 2020. Roger Newsome, Jr. provided a second for the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

It was noted that the DCD staff was quarantined and not in attendance to discuss 237 E Columbia St. Brant Ricker, with the HCHD, was also quarantined and unable to report on a final walk thru at 63 E McKeever St. However, a representative of the Columbia St property was in attendance to state the Land Trust Company disagreed with the demolition order made at the October 26th meeting and was prepared to take action to stop it. He asked Council to consider granting additional time for the property owner to work on the house. Council called town attorney Adrian Halverstadt to advise on the new development. After discussion, Council President Harshbarger asked the representative to immediately schedule an inspection date with Kim Hostetler and Brant Ricker before the next meeting on December 14th. The representative was agreeable and seemed interested in working with the County and Town to amicably resolve the situation. Phone numbers and names were exchanged. Laura Dillon next made a motion to not award demolition bids at this time and that all parties were to appear at the December 14th meeting to share the inspection findings. The Order of Enforcement could be modified at that time should all agree to a list of necessary repairs and a timeline to complete them, thereby bringing the property into compliance. Roger Newsome seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion ensued on a proposed Christmas Light Contest in the community. The idea came about on Facebook and has received much attention. Council liked the idea and stated it would bring holiday cheer to our residents after a tough year. All 3 members agreed to donate 3 prizes in the amount of \$100.00, \$75.00, and \$50.00 to the winners. More details are to be announced on the Andrews Community News Facebook Group, which is operated and administered by several town residents.

Harshbarger reported that Stantec, on behalf of Raytheon, asked the Town to approve and sign off on a construction application to IDEM. This will allow the installation of a generator for the air stripper.

Dillon reported that she inquired with the State to learn more about a new program called Heroes Insurance. The Town Marshal and Deputy Marshal would be eligible to enroll for the insurance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Council President Harshbarger reported on behalf of Marshal Bullock. The Andrews Police Department received a Norfolk Southern \$2500.00 Safety Grant. He also said Bullock continues to work on a continuing problem with a German Shepherd dog in Town.

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

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock reported on the recently completed street paving and storm water work associated with CCMG 2020-1. It is his opinion the job was rushed by DC Construction leaving the Town with unsatisfactory results. Roger Newsome will meet with AME Consulting's Eric Woodmansee to inspect the road surface on E McKeever St and discuss what needs done to correct the wavy surface.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell stated there will be a change with residential trash service pick-up the last 2 weeks of the year. H&H Trash will move pickup days from Friday to Thursday due to the holidays. She also reported Anthem Health premiums will increase by 1.3% in 2021. Indiana Finance Authority emailed confirmation of approval for the Town's second CARES Act claim for public safety payroll. Finally, Powell distributed schedules for the 2021 council meeting dates and holidays.

CLAIMS

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

OTHER BUSINESS


Ed Asher commented that he will table the Bluegrass Festival plans at this time due to COVID-19. Should it not be safe to resume organizational meetings by early next year, he will postpone the event until the summer of 2022.


Roger Newsome, Jr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 P.M., which was seconded by Laura Dillon.

Approved this 14th day of December 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