

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD JANUARY 11, 2021**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on January 11, 2021 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 regular session held December 28, 2020. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

The appointment of Council President was the first item on the agenda for discussion. Laura Dillon made a motion to nominate John Harshbarger as Council President for 2021, Roger Newsome, Jr. seconding the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The Stellar Communities Comprehensive Plan was brought up by Laura Dillon stating that she and 2 other committee members approached the County Commissioners with funding questions. The Commissioners are really pushing Region 3A to do the plan for us and stated we can apply for OCRA money if the town requires financial assistance. Dillon feels if we do not go with Region 3A, the County Commissioners may not provide the town any funding assistance with the comprehensive plan. After further discussion regarding soft costs, public hearings, etc., Council agreed the Town must keep its OCRA option available for a possible water plant project and not have that option tied up with this one. Eric Woodmansee interjected to state he believes OCRA may have 2 separate grant categories, one for planning and one for construction, that would allow the Town of Andrews to keep an option open for a water grant. Woodmansee will follow up to confirm his thoughts.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on 2 resolutions to balance the 2020 budget commenced. John Harshbarger read a synopsis of Resolution 2021-1, Adjustments To Balance The 2020 Budget. Laura Dillon made a motion to pass, Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0. Next Harshbarger read a synopsis of Resolution 2021-2, Additional Appropriation To Balance The 2020 Budget. Laura Dillon made the motion to pass, Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion, and it carried 3-0. Eric Woodmansee then addressed future CCMG projects with Council. He advised best to check the roads that have not been completed in the last 3 or 4 years to see where the trouble spots are. The current AMP on file with INDOT originated with a prior engineering firm, not AME Consulting. Woodmansee will coordinate an inspection of all roads with Colin Bullock and report back to Council. Available funding for future CCMG projects will also be discussed at that time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock his vehicle is back in the shop again with the turbo and water pump having gone out. He is currently waiting on the warranty claim to be processed. Meanwhile, the parts have been backordered until early February 2021.

Fire Department: No one was present.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock reported on MVH equipment maintenance and cleanup of town buildings.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell presented to Council a slate of the Town's annual board appointments for approval. Laura Dillon made a motion to accept the list of nominations for Appointments to Boards and Commissions, with the exception of Region 3A and the Andrews Board of Zoning ETJ until a later date. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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 had a question on the December 14 and 28, 2020 minutes regarding his conversations with Council on those two dates. Powell explained that the minutes from the 28th, which were approved this evening, clarified the previous misunderstanding.


Cheryl Chopson inquired on the status of 237 Columbia St. Harshbarger stated it is in litigation at this time and up to the Court to decide how to proceed.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 P.M., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0

Approved this 25th day of January 2021.

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