

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on February 8, 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 January 25, 2021. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

It was briefly discussed there were no updates or news on 237 E Columbia St at this time. Harshbarger then said Eric Woodmansee was not in attendance since the water study proposal was not complete at this time. Woodmansee plans to be at the next meeting with a proposal. Also mentioned was the need of a candidate for the Andrews BZA since the position was recently turned down again. Council members will continue their search.

Dillon spoke regarding a conversation she had with Fire Chief Tom Weunsch. He recently attended a meeting where the County clarified prior miscommunications and made it clear they will not pay the matching grant on the new emergency radios. The Town will pay 50% of the expense, not the County. Dillon also stated she has begun reviewing the fire department's budget going back to 2011. This will be a lengthy process to document tax revenue and expenditures and how much was left over in their budget every year. Plans are to compile a spreadsheet in order to gauge the fire department's cash money available to further discussion on the purchase of a new fire truck. An additional appropriation would be needed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was discussion on a Five Alarm invoice for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera. The company billed the Town as well as the Fire Department. The AVFD Treasurer will discuss with Town Officials how best to resolve the situation and prevent it from happening again.

John Harshbarger said he has noticed one recycle bin is always overflowing. He feels all 3 bins are not being emptied on a weekly basis. Dillon mentioned a recycling bin program that the County is working on. It is not curbside service, only a dedicated plastic bin to carry back and forth to recycle bins. There is no cost to the Town or residents. Council wants to gauge residential interest before replying to the County

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock said the new police vehicle has been delivered. The Tahoe had all the lights and equipment stripped out of it before it was traded in. Currently, the new vehicle is at the installer to have the lights and equipment put into it. After a study, the County Commissioners have lowered the speed limit on 200 North (Old Andrews Road) to 40 mph from 700 West to Leedy Lane or stop sign at the elementary school. Additional school zone signs have been ordered to place on both McKeever and Jefferson Streets. Bullock stated he will be attending Firearms Instructor School later this month.

He also added that the Police Department's 3 in-car radios will need switched out to the same type of radio the fire department is acquiring so they all communicate on the same frequency. Motorola will no longer honor maintenance contracts on the existing in-car radios after the end of this year. Austin Bullock then asked for permission to use the town garage on March 10 for county taser and pepper spray recertification. The County will supply the materials. Council approved the use of the garage, as did Colin Bullock.

Fire Department: Dean Young remarked that the diesel fuel was gelled up early Sunday morning when the fire department returned from a structure fire. They were unable to pump diesel, only gasoline. Colin Bullock will inquire with Ceres to make sure the diesel has the winter additives in it.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock stated they have been kept busy with snow and ice removal in town, so the demo of the old barn has not started yet.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell presented a list of outstanding checks, all at least 2 years old, to write off and thereby balance the books. Powell had inquired with the local vendors to determine if those amounts were still owed. They informed her that the Town's account was in good standing with no past due balance. After brief discussion, it was agreed by all this is certainly a baffling situation. Laura Dillon then made a motion to approve the list of checks to write off and balance the books. Roger Newsome, Jr seconded the motion, and it was approved 3-0.

### CLAIMS

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

### OTHER BUSINESS


Ed Asher informed Council that he will not be moving forward with plans for the Bluegrass Festival this year due to COVID. He also inquired if Council was still considering improving the downtown business area sidewalks in 2021. Dillon responded in the affirmative however Council will seek additional bids since only one was received last year.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 P.M., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 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