

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on February 22, 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 February 8, 2021, as well as an Executive Session from February 16, 2021. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Brant Ricker, Huntington Co. Health Dept, initiated discussion on Antioch MHP Lot #16. Robert Mathis, representing Antioch MHP, was also in attendance. The deadline for compliance with the Order of Enforcement passed on February 15th and the property is now condemned. The decedent, deeded owner of the trailer, left no will and owes the mobile home park money for lot rental and utilities. In addition, rehabilitation of the trailer would be cost prohibitive for future use as a rental by the mobile home park owner. Therefore, Council felt the town attorney should be involved to determine ownership of the trailer and who is responsible for the clean-up. Clerk-Treasurer Powell will follow up with Adrian Halverstadt.

Council President Harshbarger brought up an issue with the DG wastewater fee draft agreement. Dollar General informed the Town they recently sold the property to an investor. As a result, communication with the new owner and modifications to the existing draft agreement must be done. Council asked Powell to contact town attorney Mike Hartburg and tabled the subject for now.

Laura Dillon spoke with Mike Kleinpeter last week on financing a new water plant. These are long term plans in the event the Town does not receive a favorable decision with the court hearing. The Town is in line for state revolving loan funds (SRF), but time is not on our side this year with application deadlines. Awards are announced each year in June. The Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and Environmental Report would have to be completed before May 1st to apply this year. Dillon said it is just not possible to complete the reports and meet the application deadline for this year's funding.

NEW BUSINESS

Eric Woodmansee joined the water plant funding discussion referencing a professional service agreement he brought before Council on behalf of AME Consulting. The agreement, "Andrews Drinking Water Preliminary Engineering Report Update – 2021" lays out steps 1 & 2 of services to be provided, a timeline, and the expense to complete the PER and apply for \$700,000.00 in OCRA money later this year. OCRA and SRF monies would flow late 2021 into 2022. Woodmansee stated the court decision is important and first piece of the puzzle before moving forward with the PER. He also agreed timelines are a huge issue with this project to happen this year. He feels it is wise for Council to "slow play" this project for now, allowing more time for Council to review the PSA and to receive a court decision. Council agreed to table the matter for now. Meanwhile, Powell was asked to have town attorney Mike Hartburg review the PSA.

Council made plans to meet face-to-face with DC Construction to discuss the company's CCMG 2020-1 change order request, the poor quality of paving along East McKeever Street, and the additional costs the Town incurred due to construction mishaps last year. Clerk-Treasurer Powell will properly notify all parties of interest once a date and time is agreed upon. CCMG 2020-2 plans are being finalized and Woodmansee will send out to contractors for bidding by midweek. Bids will be opened on March 15th and one will be awarded at the March 22nd regular council meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock reported he graduated from Firearms Instructor School last Friday. He also said the new vehicle is still at the installer receiving finishing touches. Bullock and Deputy Marshal Young will attend a drug intervention training course in June, for free.

Fire Department: Dean Young reported that the new radios are in the County, where they are being programmed before distribution to the various fire departments.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock said snow and ice removal is keeping his crew busy. Surprisingly, only one customer reported a frozen meter during the extended cold spell.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that the 2020 financial year has been closed and the Annual Report has been submitted to the State.

CLAIMS

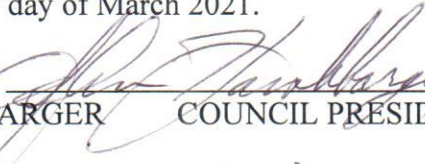
Laura Dillon made a motion to approve the claims as presented, which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.


OTHER BUSINESS


No other business was brought before Council at this time.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

Approved this 8th day of March 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