# ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD MARCH 8, 2021

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on March 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 February 22, 2021, as well as a Special Meeting from March 4, 2021. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

Eric Woodmansee said the CCMG 2020-2 project is out for bid currently. Bids are due at 2:00 p.m. next Monday, March 15. He also reported he has worked with town attorney Mike Hartburg to finalize the water study proposal presented at the last meeting. The professional service agreement is now approved by Legal and ready to use should Council need it. Last Thursday's special meeting with DC Construction went well according to Woodmansee. Still needed is a grand total of additional expenses incurred by the Town due to DC Construction's mishaps. Clerk-Treasurer Powell stated she is waiting on numbers from Tom Wuensch regarding the November 3<sup>rd</sup> water main break response. Powell asked for clarification on how the \$500.00/day penalty fees will be assessed for the overrun on the CCMG 2020-1 project. Woodmansee stated 13 days of penalty fees will be added to the contract documents when he finalizes the project. The Town is holding a 5% retainage until the project is formally completed.

Laura Dillon asked about the Dollar General Wastewater Service Agreement. Laury Powell stated that Attorney Hartburg had not heard back from the new owners yet.

Roger Newsome has contacted contractors for quotes on the sidewalk project and expects to have several soon. Newsome will take the lead working with contractors on quotes, while Laura Dillon will handle the paperwork for the CEDIT Funds needed to help pay for the sidewalk project.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

In response to recent developments, Clerk Powell was asked by Council to contact Attorney Hartburg regarding the Town's contract with H & H Disposal.

Brant Ricker, DCD, discussed the cleanup/removal of the mobile home at Lot 16 in the Antioch Mobile Home Park. A representative of the owner has expressed interest in the cleanup and rehabilitation of the trailer to Ricker. Questions remain concerning responsibility of the clean-up, ownership of the trailer, and even if it can be brought up to county code to be used as a rental. Town will follow-up with Attorney Halverstadt and Ricker will contact owner Salerno.

# DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock said the installer is still waiting on one part before the new vehicle is ready for use. Unfortunately, the part is backordered, out of stock everywhere. Bullock reminded everyone of the county police training at the town garage Wednesday.

Fire Department: Dean Young said the new radios are in service while the fire department is still waiting on the new pagers. Fire Chief Wuensch is lining up training to teach the department how to fully utilize the sophisticated new equipment.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock stated he will soon be taking down rotted trees along Main St. Several vacant buildings in town are reported to be in bad condition after the winter season. The "Old Hotel" on South Main St. is a major concern with its proximity to the library. He will take a closer look at the exteriors and contact Huntington County DCD as necessary.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported there are delays with mail deliveries, both incoming and outgoing. The delays are widespread, not just a local issue, and have recently affected the claims process as well as the delivery of the Town's utility bills. She also informed Council that as of March 1 H&H Disposal will no longer pick up large items from town residents at an additional cost as previously stated in January of this year.

# **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

Cheryl Chopson asked for an update on the drinking water contamination litigation. The Town is still awaiting the judge's decision on the case. No other business was brought before Council at this time.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 P.M., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

Approved this 22 <sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021,	
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