

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

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on March 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 March 8, 2021, as well as a Special Meeting from March 15, 2021. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

KIM HOSTETLER, HUNTINGTON COUNTY DCD

Kim Hostetler, DCD, reported that she has 7 proposed Ordinance amendments. Four changes to Subdivision Control are: Ordinance 2021-1 - Adding language relating to the exemption clause in Section 8.2, A, 2, Standard Requirements. Ordinance 2021-2- Adding new language for Secondary Sites relating to on-site sewage systems in Section 8.2, A, 7. Ordinance 2021-3 - Increasing number of copies per submittal in Sections 11, A, 3 and 13, A, 1. Ordinance 2021-7 – Adding new definition of on-site sewage system to Section 4. Three changes to Zoning are: Ordinance 2021-4 – Changing minimum lot size to 2 acres in Sections 901, D, 4; 902, D, 4; 903, D, 4, b; and 904, D, 4, b. Ordinance 2021-5 - Adding and changing definitions for decorative and privacy fences in Section 201. Ordinance 2021-6: Adding new language and requirement to Section 702 Fences. The fencing ordinance and changes were discussed and clarified by Kim Hostetler in response to questions. Laura Dillon made a motion to approve all 7 proposed ordinance changes as a group. Roger Newsome seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Kim Hostetler presented an update on the FEMA property buyouts. Council President Harshbarger has signed the agreement on behalf of the Town. The Newsome property appraisal has been ordered; the Dobson property will be next; all properties are expected to be completed by the end of the year. It was clarified that the option of relocation expenses was not included in the FEMA Buyout. The timeline and order of property demolition is fluid, but the entire project must be finished by October 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan: Laura Dillon reported the Huntington County Community Foundation will not assist the Town with any financial help in completing the plan. Mandy Woods will not do the plan due to time constraints. Dillon has reached out to Eric Woodmansee and Mike Kleinpeter for their availability. Woodmansee replied that his firm, AME Consulting, can do the plan for the Town. He will put together a scope of work plan and pricing. Council does not want to use OCRA for the Comprehensive Plan.

Sidewalks: Roger Newsome reported that he received only 2 sidewalk bids after contacting 7 companies. The Bolinger quote is \$29,920.00; Stoffel quote is \$33,068. These bids may be revised depending on depth of concrete, hauling away busted up concrete, and the addition of the Snyder property. Laura Dillon questioned amount to ask for CEDIT Funds from HCUED. The Town will pay for the repairs made to a portion of the sidewalk the Town owns in the amount of \$2,816.00. After further discussion, Dillon will prepare the paperwork to ask for three-fourths of the sidewalk costs. An effort will be made to do the sidewalk in front of the Sports Bar first due to its poor condition.

421 Clifton Street: The property has been cleaned up and letter has been sent to property owner to reimburse the Town within 30 days or the Town will lien the property.

Antioch MHP Lot 16 and 237 Columbia Street are both on hold pending litigation.

NEW BUSINESS

May 7th will be the annual spring clean-up. Discussion was held about what H & H states they will pick up this year. Council was unhappy with changes H&H made to the Town's poster as used in years past. Roger Newsome will call Dan Stoffel to discuss the matter and give him a chance to respond.

Complaints have been received about trash totes being left on sidewalks and cars being parked on sidewalks which impede pedestrian passage. Town Marshal Bullock will speak with those residents who are in violation of the town ordinance.

There was also discussion about the condition of sidewalks crossing the railroad tracks in town.

ERIC WOODMANSEE:

He has reviewed the CCMG 2020-2 bid from Watson for \$257,495.00 and believes this to be a favorable bid. Laura Dillon made a motion to proceed forward with the Watson Excavating bid. Motion was seconded by Roger Newsome. Motion passed 3-0. Woodmansee will move forward with the process.

Eric briefly discussed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) recently passed by the Federal Government. Preliminary figures indicate the Town should receive \$240,000.00 for infrastructure projects soon.

Paul Vincent, with AME Consulting, just sent out the SRF letter for John Harshbarger and Colin Bullock to review and approve as to how to spend the remainder of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant moneys. Then the letter can be submitted to SRF.

CCMG 2020-1 "Additional Expenses" document: If Council is ok with the document Clerk-Treasurer Powell wrote, then Eric will send it to DC Construction. We then wait for their response.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock said the back-ordered parts have shipped for the new vehicle. It should be ready for use within a few days. All state mandated training is on schedule for the year.

Fire Department: Dean Young said one firefighter was recently injured and an insurance claim has been filed. There was a minor vehicle incident at a call and the insurance claim has been filed for that as well. The new radios have been installed, still waiting on the pagers. Laura Dillon stated there has been some confusion on reporting any incident in a timely manner. The Clerk and a representative of the Fire Department and Council should discuss the process before the next meeting.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock stated he is working on repairing water leaks around town. Tree trims and the removal of rotted trees along Main Street, north of Terrel Street up to the fire station, will be next. Bullock suggested contracting out some of the work on the large trees. Council agreed and suggested Bullock acquire quotes from insured contractors. Another project will be to put a roof over the top of the bio (sludge) bags so that he can operate all year.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported the DG Wastewater Service Agreement is ready for signatures. Town Attorney Mike Hartburg emailed it to the new owners. The May 7th spring clean-up project needs to be resolved with H & H Disposal so her office can inform customers properly. Powell has purchased 2 new computers for the office since the current computers are 9 years old. They will be installed soon and then she will coordinate the reinstallation of several licensed software products.

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

Deb Veilleux, 55 N Maple St, said her home has a whole-house water filtering system. They do not wish to fill a 30,000-gallon pool through that system. Council asked them to contact the water department when ready and a metered connection will be made from a fire hydrant located on their property to the pool. The Clerk's office will bill the Veilleux's for the water consumed and appropriate sales tax.

Laura Dillon has been asked by the Sports Bar with a request to use the empty lot between the Town Hall and the Sports Bar for their 4th of July Party. Council stated this should be ok if no beer or alcohol is served on the town's property. An ordinance prohibits such use. The Town has allowed use of the property for Halloween activities in years prior. Dillon will ask for more details on the intended use.

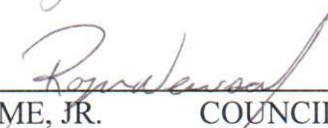
No other business was brought before Council at this time.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 P.M., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

Approved this 12th day of April 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