

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD APRIL 26, 2021**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on April 26, 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 April 12, 2021. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Eric Woodmansee, AME Consulting: Eric presented to Council the CCMG 2020-2 Notice to Proceed for their approval, which gives Watson Excavating permission to begin the project. A pre-construction meeting will be called soon. Laura Dillon moved to approve the Notice to Proceed and allow Council President John Harshbarger to sign the document on behalf of Council. Roger Newsome, Jr seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Woodmansee said he will bring a Comprehensive Plan Proposal to the next meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>. He has spoken with Dillon on ideas to update the current comprehensive plan and asked for additional input from Harshbarger and Newsome, including thoughts on a new water plant and the Water Study. AME's Paul Vincent has sent out the addendum for the Wastewater SRF project. Harshbarger inquired if the Town should get an independent assessment on the McKeever Street paving job which is in dispute with DC Construction. The consensus is the new road is getting worse and a repair will likely go deeper than just the paving. The worst part is in the State Street area, and the matter technically falls under the warranty of workmanship of the CCMG project. This is a settlement issue with DC Construction and another meeting should be called as both sides are at an impasse now. The dispute needs settled in order to close the project.

The Dollar General Wastewater Service Agreement has been agreed upon; however, the Town has not received a signed copy back from the new owner's attorney. Therefore, Ordinance 2021-10 to Amend Section 52.081 of the Town Code was tabled.

License for Improvement on Town Property: Harshbarger explained Stantec showed up at the water plant April 19<sup>th</sup> without notifying the Town of a start date to install a generator at the air stripper building. The agreement was in place and signed by Raytheon the prior Friday; with the Town Council's formal approval planned for this evening. Harshbarger signed the agreement on the 19<sup>th</sup> with the approval of Attorney Hartburg so construction could begin. He also explained that Raytheon will provide a revised Exhibit B due to a conflict with buried utilities in one area. After brief discussion, Dillon made a motion to approve the License for Improvement on Town Property. Roger Newsome seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Antioch MHP Lot 16: Clerk-Treasurer Powell relayed her conversation with Attorney Halverstadt prior to the meeting. He said the Writ of Possession (a court order typically used to evict tenants, or in this case remove the trailer) awarded to Antioch MHP allows them to now move the trailer from their property. The Owner (deceased) failed to do so by March 31<sup>st</sup> as stated in the court order. The owner had no will, and her family has shown no interest in the trailer. So now the Town can order the mobile home park owner to remove the trailer from town with a deadline to comply. Attorney Halverstadt will send the owner Brian Salerno a letter explaining the situation on behalf of the Town. After brief discussion,



Council decided to order the trailer removed from town by May 10<sup>th</sup>. Dillon made the motion; Newsome provided a second; motion passed unanimously. Powell will contact Halverstadt with the decision.

Dillon inquired about the 75 S Main and 57 N Main Street properties. Powell stated that Halverstadt informed her that the County DCD had mailed out an Order of Enforcement for 75 S Main. Neal Snyder informed Council that as of today, he owns 57 N Main St and plans to replace the roof soon. He asked for time to accomplish this and said he hopes to open some type of enterprise at this location in the future.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Powell brought 3 ordinances to Council for consideration. Powell reminded them Ordinance 2021-10 will be tabled until she has received the fully signed Dollar General Wastewater Service Agreement.

Ordinance 2021-9: A synopsis of the Ordinance to Establish a Policy for Electronic Funds Transfers and Online Banking Transfers for the Town of Andrews was read by President Harshbarger. After brief discussion, Dillon motioned to pass the ordinance on its first read, which was seconded by Newsome, and approved 3-0. Dillon next moved to suspend the rules and do a second read of the ordinance at the same meeting. Newsome provided a second, motion carried 3-0. Harshbarger again read the synopsis for Ordinance 2021-9, to which Dillon motioned to approve on its second read. Newsome seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. Ordinance 2021-9 passed unanimously on its second read.

Ordinance 2021-8: A synopsis of the Ordinance to Establish the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund of 2021 was read by President Harshbarger. Dillon motioned to pass the ordinance on its first read, which was seconded by Newsome, and approved 3-0. Dillon next moved to suspend the rules and do a second read of the ordinance at the same meeting. Newsome provided a second, motion carried 3-0. Harshbarger again read the synopsis for Ordinance 2021-8, to which Dillon motioned to approve on its second read. Newsome seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. Ordinance 2021-8 was passed unanimously on its second read.

Request to Resume AA Meetings: Robert Knorr, the previous AA representative and current director of the Harmony Home in Huntington, asked Council to consider allowing an AA group to meet at the Town Hall as they did before the COVID-19 shutdown. Previously reported concerns were discussed, and Dillon asked Knorr if the participants were local or from surrounding areas. Knorr stated only a few were from Huntington County. Dillon suggested Council table the request for now and consider the matter before deciding. Powell will contact Knorr regarding that decision.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock spoke of the fund drive for the Huntington County Sheriff's Department K9 Unit. He explained it would be an investment as the dog would likely benefit the Town in the future. The K9 Unit would be available as mutual aid to the Andrews Police Department upon request. Brief discussion ensued and Dillon motioned to donate \$1000.00 from the Town Promotion Fund to Sheriff Department in support of the K9 Unit, which was seconded by Newsome. Motion carried 3-0. He also began issuing violation notices to residents concerning high grass and weeds, as well as junk and debris, on their property.

Fire Department: Dean Young approached Council with a request to purchase 2 tablets and to also allow them to be included on the Town's Verizon plan for mobile data. He explained the tablets use an app which navigate trucks directly to the scene of medical and fire runs. The Fire Department would purchase the in-truck mounts and protective cases from their own money. Roger Newsome added Fire Chief Weunsch contacted him about the need to purchase 4 sets of turnout gear for new fire fighters at



\$3,000.00 each. Young also stated the firemen voted to buy 2 new air tanks for their fill station, which will be paid out of their fundraiser money, since the Town paid directly for the new thermal imaging camera purchased earlier this year. Changes to the 2022 fire department budget were discussed. Council allowed the fire department to proceed with their plans as discussed. Young also announced that on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the AVFD will hold a tenderloin dinner fundraiser at the station.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock was not in attendance. Council President Harshbarger said Bullock and the utility employees have been repairing a water main break at the intersection of Washington and Jackson Streets. The work has progressed to a point where the water can be turned back on for tonight and the final phase of the repair will be completed tomorrow. A boil water advisory was issued for the Town Monday afternoon and continues until further notice.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell gave an update on debt recovery with the TRECS program. She also presented to Council the only proposal received from an insured cleaning contractor to clean the town hall on a regular basis. Four companies were contacted for estimates. The proposal was discussed and approved by Council. However, it was recommended a Certificate of Insurance be on file before service begins.

### **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**

Julie Newsome, Dallas Township Trustee, asked if Council had decided on any changes to the Fire Contract. It was stated the contract itself is fine, however the fee structure and a percentage increase were discussed in more detail. Both Council and Newsome agreed to a 5% increase with the 2022 Fire Contract.

Newsome also asked Council to consider reimbursing her for labor to replace siding damaged last October. A construction company's large trucks drove up Jefferson St and cut through the school parking lot to avoid the mess on McKeever St. A truck became entangled, drug down phone lines, and ripped the wires and phone box off the side of her house. Newsome said she already has the siding necessary for the repair. Council told her to get the repair done and then present a bill to Council for reimbursement.

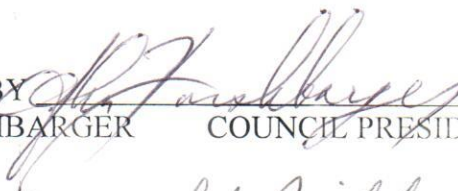
Kenneth Fields, of Huntington, asked Council if he could have a wooden Cardinal which is attached to a telephone pole near the Town's garage. The Town previously purchased the land from Bob Hacker. Fields would like to surprise his wife with the Cardinal that her grandfather made. Council had no objection to his request and offered town assistance with the bucket truck if needed.

Roger Newsome will attend the next Huntington County CEDIT meeting to represent the Town of Andrews with the sidewalk project.

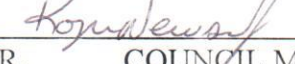
No other business was brought before Council at this time.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 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