

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD MAY 24, 2021**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on May 24, 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 May 10, 2021. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

75 S Main St: Jessica Beal said the DCD scheduled an inspection for April 12th, but no contact was made. The title search came back with nothing, and a notice was published twice in the Huntington Herald Press with no response. The 2021 property tax bill was also returned to the county. The property is in the name of Wilmington Savings Fund Society. The Town may have to demo the building for liability reasons and then attempt to recover that expense from the property owner. Council chose to extend the enforcement order and allow more time for DCD to track down the owner. Beal will return to the first meeting in June with an update.

Roger Newsome informed DCD of a building complaint he received from Kermit Little, who owns the lower level of 24 S Main St. A leaking roof overhead has damaged his downstairs storefront. Yobroco LLC owns 22 S Main and the upper level of 24 S Main Street. DCD was asked to look into the situation and report back to Council.

Antioch MHP Lot 16: Brant Ricker, with the DCD, inquired if the Town has heard from Robert Mathess or Brian Salerno about the trailer removal process. It was stated there has been no communication since May 10th. Ricker will drive by the location to see if any progress is visible.

Powell told Council that DCD Director Kim Hostetler has attempted to contact the two appraisers involved with the FEMA Buyout, Joel Buzzard and Matt Capozza, to learn of their progress over the last few weeks. As of today there has been no response, so she plans to reach out again this week.

Sidewalk Improvement Project: Kevin Hutchinson, owner of Bud's Sports Bar, was present to discuss his wishes to add a handicap ramp and new step to the portion of the sidewalk project in front of his business. He offered to pay for the additional work. He also has concerns with the AC unit, which is next to the sidewalk being replaced, and its drainage. It was decided best to discuss the request with project engineer Eric Woodmansee once he returns from vacation.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2021-10: A synopsis of the Ordinance to Amend Section 52.081 of the Town Code to include the wastewater service agreement between the Town of Andrews and Dollar General/MBM Downs Realty, LLC was read by President Harshbarger. Dillon next motioned to pass the ordinance on its first read, which was seconded by Newsome, and approved 3-0. Dillon then made a motion 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 2021-10, to which Dillon motioned to approve on its second read. Newsome seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. Ordinance 2021-10 passed unanimously on its second read.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock stated out of all the ordinance violations he cited, only 5 lots have required the Town to mow for compliance. He also informed Council he has been asked by the LE Academy to instruct firearms classes. He can trade his time spent instructing the basic training classes for credit hours to apply towards his department's training, in other words free training. Council had no issue with his request and gave their approval.

Fire Department: Dean Young reported that the recent AVFD tenderloin dinner fundraiser was a success and thanked all who came out to support the fire department.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock reported wastewater plant maintenance is underway. Work at the town park is nearly complete and ready for the new equipment to be installed. The vac truck has been in the shop for repairs. Also, discussion ensued on a phone upgrade for a utility employee. The phone's capability to monitor the wastewater plant scadata was deemed an important factor, as well as the higher upgrade cost for the android phone desired by the employee. Powell will continue to work with Verizon to find a balanced solution. She also noted phone and tablet availability has been affected by the global semiconductor chip shortage. It was also mentioned that Stantec, on behalf of Raytheon, has not completed several urgent projects at the water plant they started earlier this year, including the well cleaning, the generator installation for the air stripper, and the drawings for a roof project. Newsome asked Bullock to place the Town of Andrews signs on the white trucks to identify employees at work.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell said her office collected two additional TRECS payments over the last two weeks for a grand total of \$2,588.68 recovered in utility debt owed to the Town. The annual SAM renewal is now complete. Powell also attended via webinars the Clerk-Treasurer's School and two budget workshops, one each from the DLGF and AIM. Several highlights were shared with Council. She also discussed a scam email she received prompting her to renew the domain for the town's website. At first glance the email appears legitimate, especially since the domain renews every June and the email contains pertinent information unique to the town.

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

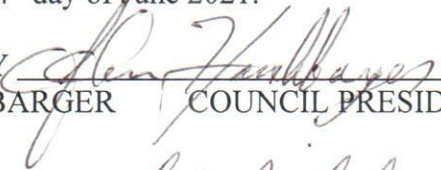
No other business was brought before Council at this time.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.


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Approved this 14th day of June 2021.

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JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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LAURA A DILLON COUNCIL MEMBER

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ROGER NEWSOME, JR. COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY  as
LAURY L POWELL CLERK-TREASURER