

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING HELD JUNE 23, 2021**

A special public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on June 23, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL

Council Members John Harshbarger, Laura Dillon, and Roger Newsome, Jr. were present. Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

NEW BUSINESS

A special meeting was called to discuss coordinating the use of available ARPA, SWIF, OCRA and SRF monies for potential infrastructure projects. To advise council, professionals in attendance were Eric Woodmansee and Paul Vincent, Principal Engineers, with AME Consulting; Steve Brock, MBA, CPA with Therber Brock & Associates, LLP; and Mike Kleinpeter, MBA with Kleinpeter Consulting Group, LLC. Kleinpeter joined the discussion via phone. Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent, was also in attendance.

Woodmansee and Vincent spoke on the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) and SWIF (State Water Infrastructure Fund) programs, and how they can benefit the Town with infrastructure projects such as water, wastewater, storm sewer, and broadband. Brock went more in depth with this discussion and how the federal grants can be used in conjunction with SRF (State Revolving Fund) which is a low-interest rate loan program available to Indiana communities for water and wastewater projects. He also explained Huntington County will receive ARPA money that the Town is eligible to make a request from. Kleinpeter eventually joined the discussion to explain how OCRA (Office of Community & Rural Affairs) money can complement the other three sources of funding. Each program has its own set of rules, requirements, timelines, required matching local funds, and associated soft costs that will need coordination in order to procure. The meeting concluded with a recommended course of action to begin the funds acquisition process: apply to SWIF round 1 due on July 15, 2021; sign the AME Professional Service Agreement (tabled on February 22, 2021) to update the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER); and submit an email to SRF detailing the current water infrastructure situation in Andrews and its effects on public health.

Laura Dillon made a motion to sign the AME PSA now to begin the PER update and to have AME complete the SWIF application to meet the July 15th deadline. Roger Newsome seconded her motion, which carried unanimously, 3-0.


With no further business to be discussed at this time, Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 p.m. which was seconded by Roger Newsome. Motion carried.

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Approved this 28th day of June 2021.

APPROVED BY  as
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