

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD JULY 12, 2021**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on July 12, 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 June 28, 2021. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

22 S. Main St. – Brant Ricker, DCD, reported that he has met with Kermit Little and inspected his portion of the building, which was found to be in better condition than Yoder's portion. Ricker also met again with Greg Yoder to inspect the basement of the building which was wet from being closed with no air circulation. Yoder advised Ricker that he has quotes on new roofing. Council will continue to monitor this situation.

237 Columbia St – Council President Harshbarger reported that the owner of the property filed a second appeal; so, the order of enforcement and demolition will be on hold pending a court decision.

75 S. Main St. – Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell reported that the new owners of the property have contacted her office and inquired about the building, utilities, and the town in general. The new owners plan on family dining, retail, and living quarters in the building. Powell also referred the new owners to the DCD for more information on the order of enforcement for the roof. Council member Laura Dillon reported that the new owners have been to the property and have cleaned around the building.

Antioch Mobile Home Park Lot #16 – The mobile home was removed on Friday, July 9. There is a little clean up yet to be done on the lot.

NEW BUSINESS

SWIF Application- President Harshbarger explained that this application is an attempt to receive available infrastructure grant money and that the purpose of this action is to move the drinking water wells outside of town, away from the groundwater contamination, and that the estimated cost of the project is \$6,000,000.00. This application is due the 15th of July. Laura Dillon made a motion to sign the SWIF Grant Application; Roger Newsome seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Laura Dillon reported that the town is applying for State and Federal moneys to help with the costly well relocation project.

Resolution 2021-3 – This resolution is a CEDIT funds transfer to support the CEDIT/FEMA Buyout Project. The CEDIT Fund has the money, just not enough was appropriated to the FEMA Buyout Project to bridge the gap between increased appraisals, demolitions, and the 6-week turnaround to receive State reimbursements. This action will help keep the process moving along. Laura Dillon made a motion to pass Resolution 2021-3; Roger Newsome seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Laury Powell reported that Roxy Gray has resigned from the Andrews BZA, which needs filled to avoid a "no quorum" situation. Powell reminded Council that the Andrews BZA still has an open seat for an

ETJ position, the extraterritorial jurisdiction surrounding the Town. Phil Sunderman stated that he would serve in Gray's place. Powell will notify Kim Hostetler of the new appointment.

Laury Powell has received notification that IPEP is now accepting applications for the 2022 IPEP Safety Grant Program. The deadline is October 1st. There is a web link that can be used to apply.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock reported one of the part time officers is unable to give the town the time necessary for that position. Marshal Bullock asked the Council for permission to replace that part time officer and was granted permission to do so. Roger Newsome inquired about a North Main Street property with a circle track car, and other vehicles in questionable operating condition, parked in the yard. Marshal Bullock had already notified the property owner and tenant.

Fire Department: Dean Young reported that the new data tablets are in and activated for use. He gave a brief description of how the emergency response application works with the fire department.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock reported that he has been working to bring a new State contact up to date on the Town's request for authorization to purchase wastewater related equipment with leftover SRF funds from the wastewater treatment plant project. Bullock has requested bids for tree removal along N. Main St. with no response to date. Council informed Bullock of the old drain situation at the Joan Prus residence which was brought up at the June 28th meeting. Hydrant flushing will be done the week of July 26th.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that Eric Woodmansee will be here July 19 to go to the County Commissioners' meeting. Clerk Powell has received additional TRECS money to be deposited. She also relayed that she questioned the dollar amount Boyce charged for the annual water quality report that was mailed out with the July 1 utility billing statements, as it was considerably higher than in the past. Powell was informed that an error had been made and that she will receive a \$221.00 credit.

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

2022 Budget. Laura Dillon suggested a 3% salary increase across the board, including the Council President but not the other two council members. Roger Newsome agreed with Dillon. Clerk-Treasurer Powell will work up a draft ordinance with the new figures.

Richard Teusch, 280 S. Clifton Street, inquired about the purchase of equipment to camera a septic line near his residence. Utility Superintendent Bullock informed Teusch that the money for this equipment is coming from leftover SRF funds associated with building the new wastewater treatment plant. The equipment is ready to purchase as soon as the State authorizes the requested use of this money. Richard Teusch also inquired about the snow removal on his street.

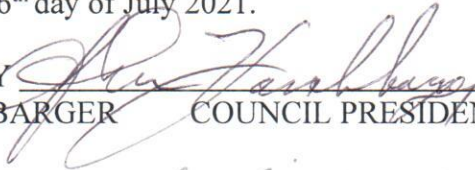
Joyce Fisher inquired about advertising in The Huntington County Tab for the town-wide garage sales August 12-14 and a map showing the streets. The Town will run the advertisement and can also provide a map for Fisher to mark the sale locations on. Joyce Fisher then inquired about the Summer Festival. She was informed that the committee did not have enough volunteers. Roger Newsome, Jr agreed to meet with her and former festival organizers to discuss planning, fundraising, and running the festival.


Cathy Johnson inquired on the FEMA buyouts. Powell answered that appraisals for two properties have been received by Kim Hostetler. The next step is to have Attorney Halverstadt finalize the closing agreements before proceeding to the demolition phase. Cathy Johnson also stated she and Bill are moving forward with a request to vacate the alleys south and east of their property. The Johnsons have invested money with a surveyor and attorney for services to accomplish this task. She was advised to update the DCD and come back to Council with the appropriate documents for further action.


Linda Bunting, Star St., spoke about her dog Bailey. She is building a dog run to prevent Bailey from running loose. She was informed to contact DCD about a permit for fencing.


Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

Approved this 26th day of July 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