

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD JUNE 28, 2021**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on June 28, 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 14, 2021; and special meeting held June 23, 2021. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ERIC WOODMANSEE, of AME Consulting, thanked Council for signing the proposal to begin work on the PER and SWIF application, which are now both underway. He said Watson Excavating has finished the storm sewer portion of the CCMG 2020-2 project. Once the gravel settles over that section, the paving portion of the project will begin. In addition, DC Construction recently came in to do the punch list, as required to complete CCMG 2020-1, and failed to notify Woodmansee or the Town of their presence. There was no oversight of the work done while in town and no improvement seen with the paving on this day. Woodmansee is waiting on correspondence from the company. Since this contract needs finalized soon, the Town may have to consider legal action to get this accomplished. According to a reviewer with INDOT, the State will likely have minimal plan and cost changes for the sidewalk improvement project which, once final approval is given, will be discussed with Bolinger Concrete. Woodmansee is also working on the new Comprehensive Plan and as he nears completion will want to speak with Council for their final input. Regarding DC Construction and CCMG 2020-1, Council Member Dillon suggested if the Town closes out the project with the punch list not done, that the CEO and CFO of the company be notified the Town will make a claim on their Performance Bond. Woodmansee will call INDOT to inform them that the contractor did not fulfill their obligation and seek guidance on what needs to be done to finalize this project.

PUBLIC HEARING – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RIVERBOAT FUND.

This is to appropriate additional funds for the CCMG 2020-2 project. Council President Harshbarger read the Ordinance and asked for any comments. There being no comment from the public, the public hearing was closed on Ordinance 2021-1. Other business involving guests was first conducted before moving forward with a vote on this matter.

OLD BUSINESS

237 Columbia St – Jessica Beal, Huntington DCD, was present but the property owner was not in attendance. No communication to either the DCD or Town was made by the owner. Two bids were received and opened by Council for the demolition and cleanup of this property. One from Amor Excavating, Inc. for \$7,875.00; and another bid from TW Excavating for \$4,500.00. Roger Newsome made a motion to accept the bid from TW Excavating for \$4,500.00. Laura Dillon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

75 S. Main St. - James Manger, listing broker for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, the foreclosure owner of 75 S. Main St., reported that a closing on sale of the property will be within the next few weeks. The new owners are aware of the roof condition and will be making the required repairs. Council is requesting information on the new owners and proof of sale be provided to the Town and DCD by July 26, 2021, 6:00 PM.

22 S. Main St. – Brant Ricker, DCD, reported that the Health Department and DCD recently inspected the property with the owner. The downstairs is wet and full of mold and debris. He recommends a new roof, no tarps, to stop the influx of rain. The leaking roof is also causing damage to a lower-level property at 24 S. Main St. DCD has given the owner of 22 S. Main St. 90 days to fix the roof before they start the order process. Health Department will also give the owner 90 days to repair the roof and abate the mold. Council will revisit the matter on August 9th.

Antioch Mobile Home Park Lot #16 - Robert Mathess claimed he has a dumpster on location, which has been filled, and that the mobile home is now ready to be removed by their hauler. Laura Dillon will contact the transporter to confirm Mathess' statement. Council will revisit this at next meeting, July 12, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

A Public Hearing was previously opened and closed at this meeting for Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-11 to Riverboat Fund No. 242. President Harshbarger again read Ordinance 2021-11. Laura Dillon made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-11; Roger Newsome seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Laura Dillon made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2021-11 on a second reading. Roger Newsome seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. President Harshbarger read the ordinance for a second time. Laura Dillon made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-11 on second reading. Roger Newsome seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell reported that she has been contacted by some town residents about a community-wide garage sale. The date chosen is August 12-14, 2021. Clerk Powell requested that the Town waive the garage sale fees. Laura Dillon made a motion to waive the garage sale permit fees for that weekend. Roger Newsome seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

John Harshbarger reported that he spoke with IDEM last week expressing displeasure over the lack of correspondence and progress of work at the wells. Harshbarger requested a meeting of everyone involved and a thorough inspection of the air stripper. IDEM has agreed to meet on site with Stantec, Peerless, and Town representatives the week of July 19th. John will get that meeting set up.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock reported that both the Blues and BBQ Festival and Tayla Beal's parade went well over the past weekend.

Fire Department: No report from the fire department.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock was not at the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that she received the first invoice for the sidewalk improvement project, which was for the outdoor tables and benches. Powell is still working with Verizon on acquiring tablets for the fire department, which should be received by mid-July. Clerk Powell asked about the county's new recycle totes. Laura Dillon reported that the new totes will be available at the town garage for pick up or if residents call the utility clerk, the totes can be delivered to the residents.

CLAIMS

There was discussion on Matt Capozza bills, which lead to discussion on appraisals and on FEMA buyouts. Clerk Powell is working with Kim Hostetler on the reimbursement process. Roger Newsome, Jr. made a motion to approve the claims as presented, which was seconded by Laura Dillon. Motion carried 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Harshbarger reported there is an AIM Council Members' Seminar for Full Budgeting Course and Code Enforcement Workshop which will be on August 17, and Council can attend the meeting as a member for \$50.00 or can buy a post event recording for \$25.00.

Joan Prus, 192 S Market St., reported that there is an old drainage hole, covered with a grate, in front of her house that was supposed to be filled in last year but has not been done. John Harshbarger will contact Colin Bullock about getting it filled in.

Laura Dillon brought up the situation with the concrete ditch at the Sunderman residence, 257 S Main St. There was also discussion relating to other State storm drains near the Ice Cream Vault, Andrews Dairy Store, and Terrel St. Toni Mayo, with INDOT, recently notified the Sundermans and Clerk-Treasurer Powell that the concrete ditch will not be removed unless there is an official motion from the Andrews Town Council. Council will wait to see what happens with upcoming rains.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

Approved this 12th 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