

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 3, 2021**

A special public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on September 3, 2021, at 1:00 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.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Resolution 2021-4: Clerk-Treasurer Powell presented a final draft of the resolution to the council. Council President Harshbarger read the synopsis aloud to those in attendance: a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana Adopting Initial Fiscal Recovery Plan for Use of ARPA Local Recovery Funds. He said the Town plans to use all ARPA funds it receives to pay in part for water utility improvements, including well testing and acquisition of land; and the planning, engineering, and construction of a new water treatment plant. Laura Dillon moved to pass Resolution 2021-4. Roger Newsome seconded the motion; and it carried 3-0.

Water Well Relocation Project: Clerk-Treasurer Powell presented Council with Kleinpeter Consulting Group's Environmental Review & Uniform Relocation Act Professional Services Contract that would allow Mike Kleinpeter to begin work to bring the Town into compliance with OCRA guidelines. John Harshbarger discussed various action timelines and a deadline to meet for the application; appraisal and purchase process; and a proposed site south of Andrews on SR 105, or county road 800W. The 4.3-acre site belonging to Andrew and Stephanie Eckert was determined to be in a clean water aquifer by Peerless Midwest. Final approval on this location depends on water flow capacity and contaminant testing. The coordination of various state and federal grant deadlines, however, poses a sticky situation to overcome. Council hopes to have good news on September 10<sup>th</sup> with the Town's SWIF application for \$5 million dollars which may reduce or even eliminate the need for OCRA and SRF moneys. The IFA has already delayed this announcement twice in August and Council now worries the OCRA application deadline may be jeopardized if no action is taken today with Kleinpeter's contract. Council took questions from several town residents in attendance. Laura Dillon made a motion to approve Mike Kleinpeter's ER & URA Contract. Roger Newsome seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Fire Truck Purchase: Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell discussed loan rates she received from First Federal Savings Bank and Bippus State Bank. She is still waiting on rate information from the Indiana Bond Bank through their HELP equipment lease program. Township Trustee Julie Newsome stated she is favorable in donating money towards the purchase of a new truck but would first need to amend an ordinance that states no trustee money can be used to purchase fire equipment or vehicles. Trustee Newsome will meet with her advisory board September 7<sup>th</sup> before making a commitment. Fire Chief Tom Wuensch reported he has negotiated the truck price from \$160K down to \$125K. Laura Dillon motioned to proceed forward with purchasing the fire truck, a 2009 Seagrave Custom Rescue Pumper, for \$125,000.00 with \$25,000.00 down from the Fire Department's Truck Replacement Appropriation and financing the \$100,000.00 at the best rate available from the three institutions contacted. Roger Newsome seconded the motion, and it was

approved 3-0. Roger Newsome asked Wuensch to arrange plans with the fire truck broker to sell the truck being replaced, a 1996 International E1 Pumper. The proceeds from that sale, as well as any money received from the Township Trustee, would be used to pay down the loan ahead of schedule.

The 2021 Sidewalk Improvement Project was briefly discussed. Bolinger Concrete provided the Town with a revised estimate showing the breakdown of various costs. Roger will contact Ed Asher and Kevin Hutchison about the ramp expenses. Council asked Powell to contact Bolinger Concrete and authorize work to begin as soon as possible. Clerk-Treasurer Powell also reported that the County has reimbursed the Town for the Belson Outdoors picnic tables and benches, which are part of the sidewalk improvement project.

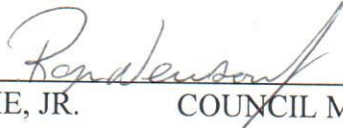
Dillon and Harshbarger reported that Stantec has delayed the cleaning of wells 2 & 3, which was planned to begin in September. There are contractor delays, and the necessary materials were not ordered. Before Peerless Midwest can begin rehabbing the wells, Stantec's contractor must first install a roof hatch that would accommodate the equipment required to clean the wells.

With no further business to be discussed at this time, Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:46 p.m. which was seconded by Roger Newsome.

Approved this 13th day of September 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