

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING HELD OCTOBER 5, 2021**

A special public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on October 5, 2021, at 6:00 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.


**PUBLIC HEARING – OCRA WATER GRANT**

This portion of the meeting was facilitated by Brandon Watts and Neil Brook with Kleinpeter Consulting Group which was authorized by the Town to conduct and transcribe the water grant public hearing minutes that are attached to this document.


John Harshbarger informed Dillon and Newsome of recent discussions he has had associated with the potential purchase of the Eckert property for the waterworks project. To avoid paying for crop damage, the Town will wait on the crops to be harvested before doing the test wells, which will be a two-week process.


With no further business to be discussed at this time, Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr.

Approved this 25th day of October 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

## PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Andrews Indiana

Water Grant

Date: 10/5/21

Call to order: John Harshbarger, Town Council President

Facilitators: Brandon Watts and Neil Brook, Kleinpeter Consulting Group

Discussion: Water Construction Grant

Town Council President John Harshbarger opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM. The purpose of the public hearing was to discuss the towns applications for grant funding from the Indiana Offices of Community & Rural Affairs. The Town Council President then introduced Brandon Watts with Kleinpeter Consulting Group.

Good evening. My name is Brandon Watts and I am a certified grant administrator with Kleinpeter Consulting.

Mr. Watts stated the purpose of the hearing tonight is to discuss the Town's application for grant funding through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (IOCRA). This public hearing was advertised in the Herald Press on September 22, 2021. The Town is applying specifically for a Water Construction Grant in the amount of \$700,000 dollars. The Town will be contributing a local match of \$5,300,000 dollars in the form of an SRF loan.

Mr. Watts indicated that the proposal is due on October 15, 2021. We want to make sure that all citizens are fully informed and have the opportunity to voice any concerns or support for the project and ask any questions they may have.

Funds for water/wastewater program through OCRA are limited and applications are very competitive. The application is due on December 17, 2021. After all the applications are submitted OCRA scores the applications and ranks them from highest score to lowest score. They then start distributing that round of grant funding and award all grant money until they run out of grant funding. If the town is successful with their application, award announcements will be on February 10, 2021.

Mr. Watts reminded everyone that there is a Survey Monkey available online. In addition, letters of support are needed to be included in our grant application discussing the issues residents are facing regarding water quality.

Mr. Watts then turned the meeting over to Eric Woodmansee, engineer with AME Consulting to tell you specific details about the project and improvements that will be made with this water project.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that an engineering study has been performed to review specific conditions, identify needs, identify alternative and recommend solutions. The existing water treatment plant has been compromised by environmental contamination and is influencing the water quality throughout the community. The town has abandoned one of their wells due to the contamination levels.

The new water treatment plant will be located on five acres of land. From the new water treatment plant, a finished water/distribution main will run along existing roadways.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that the project will include:

- 200-gpm Water Treatment Plant (WTP) based on a Tonka Dualator III packaged unit including simul-wash, high service pumps, backwash handling system with red-water holding tank.
- Red-water holding tank provided with clear-water recycle and iron-solid disposal pump system.
- Control panel with HMI touchscreen and SCADA components.
- Chemical Feed Systems: Chlorine Gas, Phosphate
- The water treatment plant will be a pre-engineered building, approximately 1,800 sq. ft. that provides for the systems described above as well as an electrical room, office, and an area for basic drinking water quality tests.
- A backup (Secondary) Power Feed will be provided by a standby generator and automatic switchgear.
- The site will include yard piping/valves, security fence, lighting, parking, curb/sidewalk, and a stone access drive.
- The project will include two wells. One will be located within the WTP building and the 2<sup>nd</sup> approximately 300 feet away within a well house (approximately 180 sq. ft).
- The distribution main will be a 12 inch in diameter and will extend from the water plant to the intersection of Jefferson and SR 105.
- The project is anticipated to last no longer than 18 months.
- The overall project cost is estimated to be \$5.7M – \$6.0 M.

There were no further comments or questions. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Neil Brook, Grant Administrator  
Kleinpeter Consulting Group, LLC