

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 8, 2021**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on November 8, 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 October 25, 2021. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Eric Woodmansee, AME Consulting, was not in attendance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Sidewalk Improvement Project: Roger Newsome, Jr. said the sidewalk project is finally near completion and may be finished by the end of the week. He also remarked the new sidewalks look great. Ed Asher shared his disappointment over damage to the edge of his patio adjoining the sidewalk, the length of time his business has been closed, and relayed a potential issue with the handicap ramp trapping rainwater on his patio at the corner of his building. A drain solution was discussed which Newsome will follow up on tomorrow; and council said the patio edging would be repaired when the new sidewalk is poured.

FEMA Buyout: The project is still at a standstill because of the lack of action by both appointed appraisers. The last 4 resolutions required for the project were presented to Council for approval. Stating the Town's intent to purchase property and appointing appraisers, Resolutions 2021-10, for 237 W McKeever St; 2021-11, for 218 W McKeever St; 2021-12, for 280 W McKeever St; and 2021-13, for 181 S Berry St, were read by John Harshbarger. Dillon made a motion to pass all 4 resolutions, 2021-10 through 2021-13. Newsome seconded the motion; motion approved 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2021-25 Additional Appropriation for ARPA Fund No. 176 was read by John Harshbarger. This action makes the Town's ARPA funds, in the amount of \$128,351.69, available in the 2021 budget for Clerk-Treasurer Powell to write checks from for the designated waterworks project. With no questions from citizens in attendance, Laura Dillon made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-25; Roger Newsome seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Laura Dillon made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2021-25 on a second reading. Roger Newsome seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Council President Harshbarger read the ordinance for a second time. Laura Dillon made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-25 on second reading. Roger Newsome seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Christmas Light Contest: Dillon asked Council to consider sponsoring the town-wide event with awards for the best displays. Discussion ensued and it was decided cash prizes of \$125, \$100, and \$75 be given for first, second, and third place winners, respectfully. Dillon motioned to approve the contest sponsorship; Newsome seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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Health Insurance: Clerk-Treasurer Powell discussed a 26.6% rate increase notice from Anthem BCBS for the 2022 health insurance policy. In an attempt to keep health insurance costs more in line with the 2022 budget, she has contacted Mettler Insurance to have this quote reviewed. Also, Powell is actively seeking quotes from AIM Medical Trust and another insurance agency for a traditional PHP health insurance plan. Discussion ensued on rate increases due to medical history, and the pros and cons of medical trusts.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department: Marshal Austin Bullock reported his department will receive one portable radio through a grant from the Huntington EMS. He expects to receive the new radio in January 2022. The new part-time officer, Quentin Greer, started orientation today and will be on the December schedule.

Fire Department: Deputy Marshal Dean Young reported the new fire truck went into service Sunday, November 7. He also said the recent fish fry was successful.

Utility Department: Superintendent Colin Bullock stated his department has started taking down bad trees along North Main Street. Leaf pickup will begin soon once more leaves are on the ground. Once all leaves are raked to the street, residents are asked to call the utility clerk to be placed on a list for pickup. Repairs are being made to the water plant's chlorinator.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported on a recent proposition from Crossroads Bank to move the Town's banking. Despite potential benefits and perks, she feels this is not a good move for several reasons and will not be making a move to Crossroads. Five mowing abatement billing letters were recently mailed out by the office. In addition, she said there is some movement in the appeals court regarding 237 E Columbia St. The judge has requested minutes, the Town Code for Unsafe and Minimum Housing, and a county ordinance for review

**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**

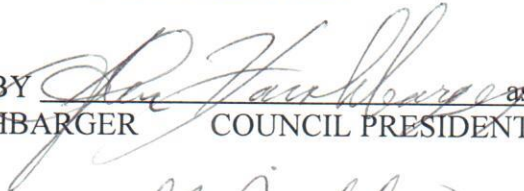
There was no other business to come before Council this evening.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.


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Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 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