

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD DECEMBER 13, 2021**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on December 13, 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 November 22, 2021. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CARRIE REES, CHITTICK INSURANCE

Rees distributed informational packets and several plan proposals for Council and town employees to consider. Discussion ensued comparing the Anthem BCBS grandfathered plan currently in place and the PHP proposals. Council asked employees to review the insurance packets and report back to Clerk-Treasurer Powell as soon as possible with a preference.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY UNITED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill Johnson addressed Council on behalf of Mark Wickersham who was unable to attend the meeting. Discussion ensued on the 2022 Program as presented in a booklet as well as a contract fee. Johnson spoke about a new industrial park planned on the west side of SR9 at County Road 200 North and its potential benefit to the Town and residents. "A Return on Investment of the \$3,000.00 contract fee" was stated by Johnson. Laura Dillon made a motion to accept the 2022 HCUED contract. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Sidewalk Improvement Project: Railings for ADA ramps were discussed. Colin Bullock said a portion of the order has arrived at Menards. He plans to pick it up once the order is complete and then will install the railings. C-T Powell clarified the Ice Cream Vault ramp concrete expense has been paid by the owner, while she awaits payment from the owner on the Sports Bar ramp concrete expense.

FEMA Buyout: The current holdup is Joel Buzzard has only appraised two properties. Matt Capozza has completed all eight appraisals. Once this process is complete, Attorney Halverstadt will use those documents to prepare option to purchase packets for each property owner in the buyout.

NEW BUSINESS

C-T Powell presented Council with an agreement drawn up by Attorney Halverstadt to participate in the 2022 TRECS program. She stated the Town has recovered over \$3,300.00 in unpaid utility bills over the last two years with TRECS. Laura Dillon motioned to accept the 2022 TRECS contract. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

C-T Powell presented Council with a list of the 2022 Board Appointments. After a review of the candidates, Laura Dillon motioned to accept the slate of appointments for 2022. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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C-T Powell relayed she has spoken with Attorney Hartburg about the current trash contract which expires at the end of April 2022. An example was submitted by Hartburg to Council Members to initiate discussion, which included a customer's option to arrange pickup for acceptable, large items and continuing the Spring Clean-up with curb-side service. Recycling would not be included in a trash contract since Huntington County Solid Waste has recycling bins in town. The matter was tabled until early next year.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Marshal Austin Bullock said the new laptop and radio have recently been delivered and the radio needs to be programmed before use. His department has kept busy working traffic accidents and serving warrants.

Fire Department: Dean Young shared that the Christmas Family Project is underway. Also, Santa Claus will ride a fire truck thru town on Christmas morning to greet children.

Utility Department: Superintendent Colin Bullock stated Peerless Midwest plans to scrub or clean wells 1 and 2 the first full week of January 2022. Snow equipment is being assembled and prepped for use. Eight new trees were planted at the town park. Also, Bullock has purchased a Kubota skid steer with leftover Wastewater SRF money. Delivery is expected on or about December 27.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell asked Council if a Special Meeting would be needed on December 27. The consensus amongst council members was no.

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

Cathy Johnson, 215 S Main St, wanted to share that she received a text message from a family thanking the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department for their professionalism working a recent car accident involving a family member.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.


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Approved this 10th day of January 2022.

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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