

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD JANUARY 24, 2022**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on January 24, 2022, 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 January 10, 2022. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Trash Contract: Clerk-Treasurer Powell told Councilmembers that she spoke with Attorney Mike Hartburg regarding the December 13, 2021, discussion held on a trash contract example he previously submitted. Hartburg will incorporate Council's recommendations into a revised draft and present for consideration soon. A new contract must be in place by May 1, 2022.

FEMA Buyout: Delays still persist with the program. Appraiser Buzzard submitted one new appraisal on January 12 to the Huntington County DCD, leaving five remaining for him to complete. Attorney Halverstadt is working on the offer packets that will contain the closing agreements for the Dobson and Newsome properties

NEW BUSINESS

Joan Prus, 192 S Market St, contacted Councilmember Dillon about whether the Town would cut down two small trees located in the Town's right-of-way near her home. Prus believes the tree roots are affecting her septic line. Colin Bullock will inspect the situation soon.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Marshal Austin Bullock said the new radio is installed in the deputy marshal car and he will now obtain quotes to update the radio for his car since the last order took 8 months to fulfill and prices only continue to escalate. Canal Lock has the part necessary to fix a door lock issue and will complete the repair soon. Austin asked permission to hire a Reserve Officer which was granted by Council. This position receives no pay compensation.

Fire Department: Dean Young reported the old fire truck has been moved to the red barn for storage. New photos of the fire truck, in the proper format, must be submitted to the online sales broker before it can be listed. Young also announced the AVFD will hold a tenderloin/auction fundraiser at the Huntington VFW on March 19th.

Utility Department: Superintendent Colin Bullock stated that the rehabilitation of well #3 is now done and it has been operating with no problems since last weekend. Peerless Midwest should begin work to rehab well #2 next week. Also, Bullock said the ADA ramp railing is here but hasn't been installed yet due to weather conditions.

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Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell said she met the new owners of 63 N Main St, the former Ice Cream Vault, and had a good conversation with them. Mirriah and Robert Bigelow have plans to reorganize the space to be a family friendly café open 6 days a week. Details are yet to be worked out, but they hope to be open for business by April. Powell said she has begun the paperwork and will soon bring to Council an Additional Appropriation for the remaining money left from 2021 in the ARPA Fund No. 176. She is waiting on confirmation from the SBOA that this action is required to spend the money in 2022.

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.

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.

Approved this 14th day of February 2022.

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