

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on February 14, 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 24, 2022. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The public hearing opened at 6:03 p.m. Ordinance 2022-1 Additional Appropriation for ARPA Fund No. 176/2401 was read by John Harshbarger. It was explained this action would make the remaining balance of 2021 ARPA money received, in the amount of \$89,468.69, available for expenditure in the 2022 budget for designated water infrastructure expenses. C-T Powell and Council President Harshbarger answered questions from Richard Teusch, 280 S Clifton St, explaining what ARPA funds are, how the money was ordained for use, and why it must be appropriated again this year. With no further questions raised, Harshbarger closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. Laura Dillon made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-1; Roger Newsome seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Laura Dillon made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2022-1 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 accept Ordinance 2022-1 on its second read. Roger Newsome seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trash Contract: Clerk-Treasurer Powell told Councilmembers that Attorney Mike Hartburg is still working on a revision for the new trash contract. She should have it by the February 28 meeting for council's review. The matter was tabled for now.

FEMA Buyout: Powell said Kim Hostetler, Huntington County DCD, has received two additional appraisals, which are for the Johnson and Howell W. McKeever St. rental properties. A total of four properties are now in the purchase offer packet phase of the process with Attorney Halverstadt. The federal requirements are extensive, and the inclusion of new documents were learned of just this year. Discussion ensued with the realization that the Town and County may need to ask for an extension on this project.

Eric Woodmansee, AME Consulting, was in attendance and stated he is still working with attorney Mike Hartburg on documenting repairs for a sanitary sewer line damaged during a CCMG project. Engineering estimates will be included in a resolution letter to DC Construction that Hartburg is writing. If both sides cannot agree to resolve the situation, a claim on the company's performance bond may be necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was announced that Antioch MHP has a new owner, Brian Sneed, who called and asked the Town to fix leaking water service lines and install meters at each lot in the mobile home park. Harshbarger and Utility Superintendent Bullock said town ordinance does not allow such work on private property and the Town is responsible only up to a 2-inch meter that feeds the entire park. A possible solution to discuss with Sneed would be for the Town to install meters at the street for each mobile home, all at his expense and according to the Town Ordinance.



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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department: Marshal Austin Bullock said the new part-time officer begins orientation this week while the new reserve officer begins his basic training courses in March. Bullock asked Council permission to rewrite a portion of his department's manual to allow facial hair on the Town's officers, which was granted. The update will be modeled like what the Huntington County and City police departments use. He also said the fines for animals-at-large in the existing ordinance is outdated with the new fee structure the Huntington County Humane Society implemented in 2022. Discussion ensued. Council gave him permission to notate necessary changes and then forward to legal counsel so an ordinance amendment can be formally written.

Fire Department: Dean Young reported all fire hydrants in town have been shoveled out. Young also reminded everyone that the AVFD will hold a tenderloin/auction fundraiser at the Huntington VFW on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Utility Department: Superintendent Colin Bullock stated both water wells #2 and #3 are fully rehabbed and working well. Production has increased so much that it appears to have flooded out the building with the air stripper. He also said several sewer lines have been cleared out recently. Finally, Bullock presented brochures and quotes from EJP for water leak detection equipment. Bullock prefers the HydroLux 7000 Acoustic Listener that would allow utility employees to detect underground leaks instead of hiring a business to perform the same work. Council told Bullock to proceed with the purchase of the HL 7000 equipment as quoted in the amount of \$5,726.00.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that today she submitted the 2021 Annual Financial Report to Gateway. She will next tackle the SBOA required Fund Number conversion and look to secure professional services for the capital asset reporting as required by the State. Also, in progress is setting up access to and completion of reports with the US Treasury for the ARPA money received in 2021.

**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**

Richard Teusch, 280 S Clifton St, asked how to have large items picked up for trash removal and whether a town wide cleanup would be scheduled this year. Council advised him to contact H&H Disposal for a price and that the new contract will address both matters with more details known once it is signed and in effect. Teusch commended the street crew on snow removal after the recent winter storm. He then asked Utility Superintendent Bullock to inspect a problematic septic line now that the Town owns a sewer camera. Bullock said he believes the issue lies with a small lateral on private properties running along Monroe Street. He agreed to camera the line from Teusch's cleanout to the septic main, possibly even draw up a map to illustrate the situation at the Clifton and Monroe Street area if needed.

Laura Dillon asked John Harshbarger for an update on the waterworks project. John said the regionalization option has been turned in to the State and is under review for a response.

Deputy Marshal Young stated he has been using the Duke Energy website to submit streetlight repair requests. He said it is simple to do and anybody with internet access can submit these requests to Duke.


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Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> 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