

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD JUNE 13, 2022**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on June 13, 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 May 23, 2022. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

FEMA Buyout: Clerk-Treasurer Powell reported she has received the balance of the County's contractual obligation to the Town's CEDIT FEMA Buyout Project. She also said an offer letter has been mailed to the Johnsons for 218 W McKeever St. The next property in queue, 237 W McKeever St, must wait until reimbursement money from the State of Indiana is received for the first two property settlements. Demolition bids for those two properties are due to be opened at the June 27th council meeting.

URT: Clerk-Treasurer Powell said Steve Brock has sent the Town a proposed reduced rate tariff, a draft rate reduction ordinance, and a Procedure List to complete the State's URT Repeal Rate Reduction as authorized by HB 1002. Brock also relayed that this rate reduction does not need to be noticed to the public nor does it require a public hearing because this reduction is mandated by the State of Indiana. However, a legal notice must be printed on customers' bills for the first two months the rate reduction is in effect. Council said all documents appear to be in order and asked Powell to confer with Attorney Mike Hartburg before sending the reduced rate tariff to Boyce Systems for an update to the billing software.

NEW BUSINESS

Dana Factory: After receiving a written complaint from a resident, Town Marshal Bullock inspected and then sent written notice to United Technologies, NKA Lear Corporation, about the high grass and weeds on their property at 303 N Jackson St. Bullock reported the issue has since been addressed by the owner.

Bank Reconciliations: Clerk-Treasurer Powell said she has received several quotes that came in rather high to do the bank reconciliations. She is awaiting another two and hopes the cost is more reasonable to budget for. Council wishes to pursue the most reasonable quote from those contacted so to receive the outstanding quotes this matter was tabled until June 27.

2023 Budget Preliminary Discussion: Clerk-Treasurer Powell gave council members each a copy of two reports for review: "Budget Projections and Prior Expenditures" and "Appropriations – Proposed Budget Changes". Brief discussion ensued over inflationary trends with fuel, insurance, and operational supplies. Town Marshal Bullock offered to investigate the possibility of a fuel contract for the Town to consider. The Budget discussion was tabled for now.

A town-wide garage sale date was set for August 11, 12, and 13, Thursday thru Saturday. Council would like to see a volunteer step forward to organize a map of all the sales.

Council President Harshbarger discussed a letter received from Hartburg Roth Garrott Halverstadt Garrett, LLP announcing a municipal price increase for legal services from \$130/hour to \$135/hour effective January 1, 2023. This rate was last raised on January 1, 2017.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Marshal Austin Bullock informed Council that Antioch MHP has a new owner as of June 1. Bullock reported another drug dealer in Andrews was sentenced to ten years in prison. He has also asked his department to curtail unnecessary driving and idling to save on fuel expenses. Bullock also said he and Deputy Marshal Young will be assisting with Camp Hero this summer and part-time coverage will be added to the schedule. In addition, violations are still being written for high grass and weeds.

Fire Department: Firefighter Jay Curtis Rhoads reported that ladder certs are done and the AVFD has ordered traffic control vests and new hoses with fundraiser money. There was no update on the demolition derby plans, however he did clarify for Council that no alcohol will be sold at the event and only food trucks would be brought in. No date has been set but September is their target month.

Utility Department: Superintendent Colin Bullock was unable to be in attendance. Council President Harshbarger reported the North Main St. water line has been repaired. In addition, work on a leaking fire hydrant located at Market and Jefferson Streets began today. EJ Prescott will be in Town tomorrow to install a shut-off valve as many of the older hydrants do not have them. Other issues found once the utility department dug in for this repair will also be addressed. Tree branches will be trimmed away from signs and intersections over the next few weeks.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell said that Antioch MHP's new owner is Edward Stewart who is based out of Florida, and he is renaming the park to Living Waters Community, LLC. Powell reported that the Capital Asset Project with Larry Tippin is now complete. A 3-ringed binder and thumb drive was received in today's mail. She also told Council she was contacted by American Legal Publishing about updating the Town's Code of Ordinances, which was last done in July 2019. There have been 42 additional ordinances since that time, and several are pending. Recent ordinance copies can be submitted to Am Legal now for the S-5 Supplement so they can provide a cost estimate before editing this next supplement. Powell is budgeting for this expense in 2023.

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


Council President John Harshbarger amusingly commented on the six pages of acronyms the State uses which were printed at the back of the newest LTAP periodical he received.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr.


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Approved this 27th day of June 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