

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2022**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on July 11, 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 June 27, 2022. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DAVE METTLER, METTLER INSURANCE

EMC Insurance Liability Renewal Premium Recaps were distributed and reviewed with Council by Dave Mettler. After discussion on changes with deductibles and the 5.7% rate increase, Council agreed to sign off on the new premium effective 7/21/2022 to 7/21/2023. Next the Andrews VFD Liability Renewal Premium Recaps were distributed and reviewed with Council by Dave Mettler. This policy is with National Union Fire Insurance Co. of Pittsburgh, PA. Dillon questioned what savings would be realized by reducing the insured value or going with PLPD on the 1996 International Pumper which is out of service and listed online for sale. Mettler will investigate and report back to C-T Powell. Council then agreed to sign off on the new premium effective 7/21/2022 to 7/21/2023. Insurance cards and invoices were also given to Powell.

ERIC WOODMANSEE, AME CONSULTING

There were no updates on the SRF Water Project. Powell added that today she received reimbursement checks for the sewer camera equipment and skid steer from the leftover SRF Wastewater Project Funds. She will work with AME's Paul Vincent on making a third request for disbursement from the leftover funds for IDEXX equipment since the purchase price also increased from what was quoted in the original letter to IFA SRF.

OLD BUSINESS

FEMA Buyout: C-T Powell said utility disconnects are complete at 240 W McKeever and 255 W Jefferson and that Kim Hostetler gave Wuensch Excavating the green light to begin demolition at 255 W Jefferson. Hostetler is still monitoring a lead remediation issue at 240 W McKeever therefore demolition is on hold. Powell also reported that the FEMA Buyout Fund would support the purchase and demo of 218 W McKeever at this time, but the project would stall until the State reimburses the Town 75% of funds spent on the first two properties.

75 S Main Street: Sarah Brunner, Huntington County DCD, updated Council on the Unsafe Order of Enforcement for this property. Owner Elmira Castillo was unable to attend the meeting but reported to Brunner that the roof repair was complete, and work is underway on the third floor to replace the rotted flooring and she plans to continue this type of work down to the first floor. Brunner recommended another 90-day extension to the Order of Enforcement. Council agreed with the recommendation and asked all parties to appear at the October 11 meeting for an update.

NEW BUSINESS

Julie Newsome, the Dallas Township Trustee, told Council she sold her home and is moving out of the township. Therefore, she has resigned from her position. Julie then introduced her successor, Sandra Bowers. Newsome will stay on as the Deputy Trustee to train Bowers.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Marshal Austin Bullock reported that the County Highway Department contracts fuel pricing with Ceres Solutions. Austin also added that both he and Dean Young will be assisting with Camp Hero this week.

Fire Department: Dean Young announced the AVFD will hold a Public Safety Day on October 1, 2022. A committee is formed, and plans are underway.

Utility Department: Superintendent Colin Bullock said water lines are being mapped on GIS and that the Vac Truck is still down for repairs. Finally, Colin said recent street cuts made during water line repairs will be paved after the stone settles.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell said additional TRECS money is trickling in from the State. She also reported the new URT Repeal rates are ready to install, test, and make active for the August 1 billing. Powell has been working with Culp CPA Group on the bank reconciliations. Then Powell and Austin Bullock reported good news with the situation at the Town's gasoline equipment. A service tech determined the motherboard did not need replacement, only a reset and reconfiguration. The technician also recommended the Town build a structure over the gasoline equipment to shield it from direct sun and extreme heat. A small fan is its only cooling mechanism. The fuel pumps seem to be operating normally at this time.

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

Calvin Holley, 669 N Market St, was present to dispute with Council a Citation for Violation for failure to timely complete corrective action regarding a domestic farm animal on their property. The Town has received multiple complaints of foul odor emitting from the pig's enclosure prompting the initial Notice of Violation. Since then, the pig has bit a resident causing injury. After much discussion, Council agreed to uphold the Ordinance and told Holley to rehome the pig within ten business days as the Citation for Violation states, otherwise daily fines may be assessed. Town Marshal Bullock will follow up and check in with the owners after several days to see how the search is progressing.


Dean Harris, Bethesda Baptist Church, announced a free luncheon will be held at the church August 13 to coincide with the town-wide garage sales. All are welcome.

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

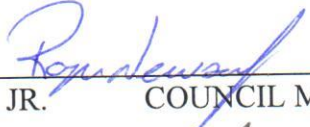
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Approved this 25th day of July 2022.

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