

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD AUGUST 8, 2022**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on August 8, 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 July 25, 2022, and a special meeting held July 28, 2022. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

FEMA Buyout: C-T Powell reported that demolition is complete at 255 W Jefferson St. After reviewing the CEDIT FEMA Buyout Fund, she contacted the DCD's Hostetler and Attorney Halverstadt to begin moving forward with the acquisition of the next two properties on the list, 237 and 498 W McKeever St.

Waterworks Project: John Harshbarger announced the Town will not get SRF funding this year for the project. Sixty applications have been submitted to the State so far, and Andrews ranks #47. Dillon stated she recently spoke with Camille Meiners with IFA-SRF and learned that the Town's ranking dropped because the VOCs in the Town's finished drinking water have not tested above the State's MCL according to IDEM. Council stated that in 2020, Vinyl Chloride was detected at the maximum contaminant level of 2.0 ug/L in faucet water. The Town has been unable to get a test result over the MCL with the current testing schedule and would like to perform more frequent VOC tests but say expense is a factor for the Water Department.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2022-2 Amending Chapter 53 Garbage and Refuse Code: Council President John Harshbarger read the ordinance synopsis to those in attendance. The ordinance amends the Town's Code, Chapter 53 Garbage and Refuse, to better reflect the terms used in the new trash contract. Laura Dillon motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-2. Roger Newsome seconded the motion, which carried 3-0. Dillon next motioned to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance on a second reading. Newsome seconded the motion, which carried 3-0. Harshbarger read the ordinance synopsis for a second time. Dillon then motioned to adopt Ordinance 2022-2 on its second read. Newsome seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Ordinance 2022-6 Amending Section 91.99(D) to Increase Fines for Animal Related Expenses: Council President John Harshbarger read the ordinance synopsis to those in attendance. The ordinance amends the animal control ordinance violation fee range to better reflect what the Huntington County Humane Society will charge the Town for their services when utilized. Town Marshal Bullock explained why the change is needed. Laura Dillon motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-6. Roger Newsome seconded the motion, which carried 3-0. Dillon next motioned to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance on a second reading. Newsome seconded the motion, which carried 3-0. Harshbarger read the ordinance synopsis for a second time. Dillon then motioned to adopt Ordinance 2022-6 on its second read. Newsome seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Opioid Settlement: Council discussed a letter received from Todd Rokita, Indiana Attorney General concerning a multi-state litigation case that was negotiated over the past three years with various opioid companies. The Town will receive funds in this multi-year settlement for which details are still being determined. More information is forthcoming from the Office of the Attorney General.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Marshal Austin Bullock reported on various training activities involving his department. In addition, officers are busy working the roads.

Fire Department: No member of the fire department was present to report.

Utility Department: Superintendent Colin Bullock said water leaks within several meter pits have been repaired. Also, updates were just completed at the water plant's retention pond per IDEM's request.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that as of today bank reconciliations are complete through June. She will now begin working on the 2023 Budget in preparation for the DLGF budget meeting on August 24.

CLAIMS

Laura Dillon made a motion to approve the claims, which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

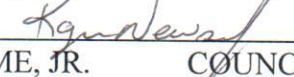
Neal Snyder, 55 N Main St, asked Council if residents can use the town's property across the street from the municipal building to set up yard sale tables next weekend. Council was agreeable with his request as long as folks clean up after themselves when done.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m., which was seconded by Laura Dillon.

Approved this 22nd day of August 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