

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

A special public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on September 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL

Council Members John Harshbarger, Laura Dillon, and Roger Newsome, Jr. were present. Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

NEW BUSINESS

John Harshbarger announced Deputy Marshal Dean Young has resigned from his position giving two weeks' notice, with September 12 as his final day. Josh Platt has since applied to take the Deputy Marshal position. Platt has worked as a Reserve Officer for over four years with the Town of Andrews and is currently employed with Huntington County as a Jailer with six years' experience. Discussion ensued on hiring Platt, and on Young's final pay compensation.

Laura Dillon motioned to accept Josh Platt's application for the Deputy Marshal position. Roger Newsome, Jr seconded the motion which passed 3-0. Council congratulated Platt, who stated he is excited to work full time for the Town. His first day will be Monday, September 19.

Clerk-Treasurer Powell gave Council a list of Young's remaining PTO that she is allowed to pay out according to the employee handbook. Vacation hours, earned comp time, and six holiday pays will be included on Dean's final paycheck. Council agreed on Young's excellent work history and dedication to his job. Dillon motioned to accept Powell's list of final payout categories and to also include a special one-time bonus payment of \$1,921.88 (his current bi-weekly salary) with Young's last paycheck. Newsome seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Marshal Austin Bullock stated that Platt will attend Tier 2 Police Training in January and asked to have the Oath of Office administered on Monday, September 12. In addition, Council agreed to Bullock's request to grant pro-rated PTO benefits to Platt for the remainder of the year consisting of 3 personal days and 2 vacation days.

OTHER BUSINESS

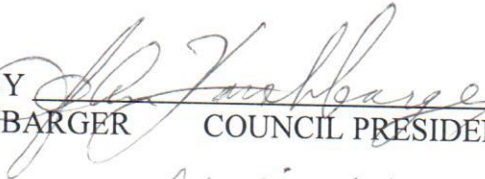
A discussion began over reports that Huntington County Council plans to take a percentage of LIT-Public Safety money away from all taxing units except the school corporation to help fund the County's 911 and EMS Budget in 2023. Dillon and Powell expressed concern that this plan was made with no public discussion on record and without notification to the Town and other taxing units prior to preparing their 2023 Budget. Powell stated that the Town depends on this tax money to fund one half of the Town Marshal's salary, PERF for the Marshal and Deputy Marshal, and all police payroll taxes. Many questions and concerns remain. Dillon said taxpayers should rally at a yet to be announced public hearing where Huntington County would introduce this change. She will be seeking additional information on this matter to share at a future town council meeting.


Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.


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Approved this 12th day of September 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