

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD DECEMBER 12, 2022**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on December 12, 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**

Roger Newsome, Jr. made a motion to approve council minutes for a Regular Session held November 28, 2022. Laura Dillon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**ERIC WOODMANSEE, AME CONSULTING**

Woodmansee updated Council on several projects AME is currently working on for the Town of Andrews. Summarized topics included working with Burt Blee on the CCMG 2020-1 DC Construction issue, mediating a workable resolution between the Town and Bolinger Concrete for deteriorating surfaces on select sidewalk panels, the ADA & Title VI Policy and Plan, and the Comprehensive Plan. The 2023 LTAP Pavement Asset Management Plan is complete for roads in town.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Unsafe Order of Enforcement at 133 S Jackson St: Sarah Brunner, nor the Sands family, were in attendance, so C-T Powell relayed information and a recommendation from the Huntington County DCD to Council on how to proceed with the situation. Being there is no progress visible with the debris clean-up, Council upheld the \$500.00 fine for willful failure to comply with the Order of Enforcement. However, no further action will be taken by the Town until after the first of the year with hopes the Sands will complete the clean-up themselves, avoiding further fines payable to the Town for the time and expense required to clean up the debris at this location. The next meeting date on this property's OE will be held on February 13, 2023.

2023 Appointments: To fill upcoming vacancies, Council appointed Laury Powell to the Huntington County CEDIT Advisory Board, Bill Johnson to the Huntington County Economic Development Board, Rick Wright to the Andrews Board of Zoning Appeals, Cathy Johnson to the Norwood Regional Water and Sewer District Board, and Laura Dillon to the Andrews Storm Water Management Board. Yet to be filled is a seat on the Huntington County EMA Advisory Board.

FEMA Buyout Project: CT Powell informed Council that 280 W McKeever St was acquired on December 9, and that reimbursement money for the purchase of 520 W McKeever was received today. Therefore, all agreed to move forward now with demolition at the 280 W McKeever property. The remediation of two properties has been held up since the Land Trust Company has not agreed to a settlement yet on 498 W McKeever. Plans were for these to be completed by ProTechs at the same time. As of today, outstanding reimbursements total \$85,600.20

**NEW BUSINESS**

Christmas Light Fight: Councilmember Dillon discussed sponsoring a Christmas light contest and awarding cash prizes of \$100, \$75, and \$50 for the top 3 displays in Andrews. All three council members agreed with this request.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department: Marshal Austin Bullock reported the Deputy Marshal car will go back to the body shop to have several small items corrected. Also, both the Marshal and Deputy-Marshall vehicles are

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having new tires installed in advance of the winter weather. Lights, equipment, and a police radio for the new vehicle, now expected to arrive in 2023, are coming in and Bullock should have invoicing for the 2022 budget.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Evan Schenkel said the department is still training new volunteers. Gear Replacement will be discussed with a sales rep at their next fire department meeting. Also, on that evening's agenda is filling the vacancy on the Huntington County EMA Advisory Board with a volunteer firefighter. Schenkel was approved to list the old fire truck for sale on the GovBid website.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock said his staff is still working on equipment for the winter season and using the last of their PTO for the year. John Harshbarger suggested to Bullock a change from Element Materials Technology to Pace Analytical Laboratories for water testing service. After discussion, Council and Bullock agreed this would be beneficial to the Town. Colin will contact Pace Analytical to initiate business.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported American Legal Publishing's S-5 Code Supplements were delivered today and that the online Code of Ordinances was also updated. In response to Powell's question as to whether a meeting should be called for December 27, Council answered no and then appointed Laura Dillon to review all year-end claims for approval ahead of the next meeting on January 9, 2023.

**CLAIMS**

Laura Dillon then made a motion to approve the claims, which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. The motion was approved unanimously.


**OTHER BUSINESS**


Dillon asked when the Council would want to consider a water rate study in the future. Discussion ensued on the matter, and all agreed they should wait until the next SRF application is submitted in early 2023. A rate study would be carried out once the Town's application is approved and grant money awarded.

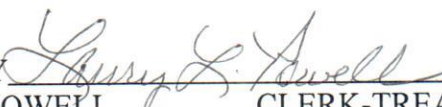
Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr.

Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

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