

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD JANUARY 23, 2023**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on January 23, 2023, 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 January 9, 2023. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

FEMA Buyout Project: Clerk-Treasurer Powell told Council that attorney Halverstadt was contacted by the 498 Land Trust in early January, and he is now working with their title company to coordinate a closing. Also, ProTechs was notified to begin remediation at 181 S Berry St and Zahn Excavating was notified of Bid Award for demolition at 280 W McKeever St. There are no further updates on start times other than Powell said she received locates for the 280 demo this afternoon. Powell said she spoke to Dana Howell about the current timeline to acquire his property at 237 W McKeever St. In closing, she stated the Town of Andrews still has outstanding reimbursements due from the state totaling \$87,732.23.

Unsafe Order of Enforcement at 133 S Jackson St: Council and Town Marshal Bullock discussed the situation at this property, and it was noted the property owner still has not made any attempt to clean up the debris. Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock said his department will clean it up the first full week in February should the debris remain, which would result in a charge to the property owners for the town's expense to do so. February 13 is the official hearing date on the order of enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before Council.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock reported that the dealership has received the assigned VIN number for the department's new vehicle and Bullock anticipates pickup in late March. All state mandated 2023 training should be complete early next week. Also, LE Academy instructions for Deputy Marshal Platt were recently received as well as the third and final new radio for the police department.

Fire Department: News was shared on three planned events in 2023. A tenderloin dinner on May 20, a Community Day on August 19, and a fish fry on November 4. Fire Chief Schenkel also reported that one recruit is still in training.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock said his employees have been doing camera work and clearing blocked sewer lines. He stated that a root cutter to assist with this process will cost \$2,000.00. In addition, a pump at the WWTP needs to be replaced since cleaning and service has not helped with its operation. Bullock said a new pump will cost approximately \$13,000.00 which is nearly double the price from a few years ago. If available, he may order a second pump as a reserve because of the supply chain shortage. A new clarifier was received today to replace one with electrical damage incurred during a recent power outage.

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Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that she has posted Notice of Additional Appropriation for the ARPA Fund which is set for the February 13 meeting. W2s and 1099s have been distributed and she plans to complete the 2022 Year End Rollover later this week. Powell also noted she contacted PHP and learned the Health Insurance Invoice is delayed this month due to open enrollment changes being processed by the company. This explains why Council will not see health insurance payments on this evening's claims.

CLAIMS

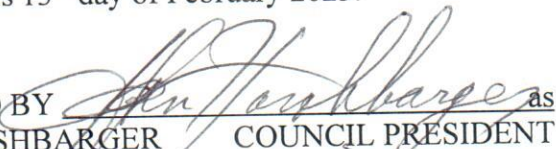
Laura Dillon made a motion to approve the claims as presented, which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. The Motion was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before Council.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr.

Approved this 13th day of February 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