

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD APRIL 24, 2023**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on April 24, 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 April 10, 2023. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**HUNTINGTON COUNTY DCD**

Kim Hostetler presented to Council for consideration a proposed amendment to the Town of Andrews Zoning Ordinance, which received a favorable recommendation from the Andrews Plan Commission on March 8, 2023. Ordinance No. 2023-2, To Add Section 714: Shipping Containers, Semi-Tractor Trailers, and Other Non-Conventional Structures, was read and discussed. Going forward, these types of storage structures would be prohibited in all zoning districts other than Agricultural, Open Space, and M-1, M-2, and M-3 Manufacturing Districts. The DCD will not go after existing non-conventional structures in residential zones as long as they are maintained and do not become an eyesore. Laura Dillon made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-2 on its first read; Roger Newsome seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Since the Plan Commission had already approved the amendment, Dillon made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2023-2 on its second read. Roger Newsome seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Council President Harshbarger read the ordinance for a second time. Laura Dillon made a motion to accept Ordinance 2023-2, To Add Section 714: Shipping Containers, Semi-Tractor Trailers, and Other Non-Conventional Structures, on its second read. Roger Newsome seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2023-3 LRS BRIDGE MATCHING GRANT FUND**

The public hearing opened at 6:10 p.m. with C-T Powell explaining the Fund was in association with CCMG 2020-1, the DC Construction project on E. McKeever St that is now in litigation. Unused money remains in the Fund that has not been appropriated for use since 2021. An additional appropriation is now required to write a check from the Fund to reimburse INDOT \$5,533.35. The remaining money will be transferred back to the MVH and/or LRS Street Paving Funds where it originated from with local money provided towards the construction project. John Harshbarger next read the ordinance, stating the amount requested, \$10,827.79. With no questions from those in attendance, the public hearing closed at 6:12 p.m. Laura Dillon made a motion to accept Ordinance 2023-3 on its first read. Roger Newsome seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. With this being grant money previously appropriated, Dillon made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2023-3 on its second read. Newsome seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Harshbarger read the ordinance for a second time. Laura Dillon made a motion to accept Ordinance 2023-3, Additional Appropriation to the LRS Bridge Matching Grant Fund, on its second read. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Powell informed council members that Eric Woodmansee had a situation arise and was unable to be in Andrews on time for the meeting. but she said the ADA sidewalk inventory is in its final stages and that Eric hopes to have it fully completed by the end of the week. Woodmansee also reports that on Council's behalf, he has reached out to Burt Blee to inquire why Bolinger Concrete's insurance could not be used to rectify the current sidewalk issues, as in replacing the defective panels, instead of capping them.



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FEMA Buyout Project: Clerk-Treasurer Powell said that after conferring with Attorney Halverstadt and the DCD, the Town of Andrews is obligated to pay the Huntington County Treasurer for 2022 property taxes payable in 2023 on all thirteen properties acquired in the FEMA Buyout Project. This surprise will cost the Town \$8,322.44. Powell will work with Kim Hostetler to submit this expense to FEMA for reimbursement even though it was not addressed in the 2019 contract. She next reported that demolition locates have been called in for both 498 and 237 W McKeever St properties, and said that last week Andrews received \$38,216.11 in reimbursement money from the state.

Unsafe OE Update: To keep everyone informed, Powell and Hostetler briefly discussed timelines and status updates for several properties the Huntington County DCD is monitoring with an Unsafe Order of Enforcement: 133 S Jackson St, 75 S Main St, and 237 Columbia St. Those with interest in the latter property are scheduled to appear before council at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council President Harshbarger shared news from a recent Huntington United Economic Group meeting that the town's appointed representative Bill Johnson attended. Harshbarger feels the predicted growth at the new industrial park just west of Huntington could be good news for Andrews in the future.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock was not in attendance. John Harshbarger announced that congratulations are in order for Deputy Marshal Josh Platt who recently graduated second in his Tier II training class at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Evan Schenkel said all of the new gear has finally arrived and that everything fit. Also, the fire department will hold a tenderloin dinner fundraising event on May 20 at the station. It was also reported that Truck 201 was cleaned up and that pictures were taken for a new online sale listing.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported the department started today on North Main Street televising sewage main lines. This information will be used to plan future underground infrastructure improvement projects in the town.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell said the annual ARPA report was submitted to the US Treasury on April 12. Last week the Town received one TRECS disbursement in the amount of \$463.03 while a second TRECS disbursement is expected sometime this week in the amount of \$383.50. A reminder was given concerning the annual town-wide spring cleanup to be held on May 12, and that residents should follow H&H Disposal's guidelines on acceptable items for pickup and that garbage inside the totes should be bagged. Powell wrapped up her report by saying a total of 62 voters used the early vote center at the town hall last Friday and Saturday.

**CLAIMS**

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Laura Dillon asked Council President John Harshbarger if he had any news on the Waterworks Regionalization Project. John said Lochmueller Group submitted the PER to the State on time and that Baker Tilly had been granted an extension but should have submitted the financial documents last week.

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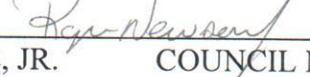
Allie Daugherty, a Northeast Community Liaison with OCRA, introduced herself and discussed several programs available to the Andrews community. Paperwork was distributed to town officials regarding the Indiana Connectivity Program, the Community Development Block Grant Program, and the Historic Renovation Grant Program.

With no further business, Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr.

Approved this 8<sup>h</sup> day of May 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