

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD JUNE 26, 2023**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on June 26, 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 and Roger Newsome, Jr. were in attendance. Council Member Laura Dillon was not present this evening. 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 June 12, 2023. John Harshbarger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Unsafe OE 237 E Columbia St: Huntington County DCD's Kim Hostetler said that the foundation was inspected and approved by Greg Ricker, the county building inspector, and that the missing window is in place. Maggie Chino, representing the owner Hipolito Rodriguez, asked for an extension to the final deadline but realized there was a misunderstanding of the requirements within the OE after discussion with Hostetler. All parties agreed to continue with the original timeline and next meet on August 28th for the second update.

Unsafe OE 75 S Main St: Hostetler said the DCD received the required engineering report on the structure and it's not good as the plans have been deemed undersized for the floor load. There are also other concerns noted in the report according to Hostetler. Building Inspector Greg Ricker also told her that the owner, Elmira Castillo, cannot move forward with interior renovations until an engineer approves a new set of plans.

Sidewalk Project: Clerk-Treasurer Powell reported for Eric Woodmansee, saying that today he received the recap material specs from Mr. Bolinger and that he will review the product. Once reviewed and approved, Woodmansee will notify Attorney Claxton. Also, AME Consulting should have the ADA/Title VI plans completed soon.

Ordinance 2023-4 To Amend Salary Ordinance 2022-10 was read to the public for a second time by Council President Harshbarger. The ordinance, if adopted, would amend the hourly rate paid to Part-Time Police Officers of the Town of Andrews from \$23.37 to \$25.00 per hour, as approved at the May 22, 2023, meeting at the Town Marshal's request. Roger Newsome, Jr. motioned to accept Ordinance 2023-4 To Amend Salary Ordinance 2022-10 on its second read. John Harshbarger seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought before council.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Deputy Marshal Josh Platt reported that Town Marshal Bullock was attending training at the National Drug Court Conference this week. Platt said there has been an increase with juvenile mischief and vandalism in town. Also, several additional ordinance violations have been written for yards not in compliance.

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Fire Department: Dean Young presented and discussed a quote from Aboite Township Volunteer Fire Department to purchase 16 MSA SCBA bottles for Truck 201, and 3 complete MSA SCBA sets (packs & masks) for Truck 203. The total list price came in at \$9,900.00 for everything, but Young said he was offered a package deal on the equipment for \$8,700.00. After brief discussion, Harshbarger and Newsome agreed this is a great offer to update old and expired equipment, giving their approval for the AVFD to purchase the equipment from Aboite.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock said his crew is still imaging septic lines with the camera and has been trimming trees. He also noted the increased vandalism and trouble in town, especially at the park.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported the Town received \$4,975.65 in Special Assessment Collections, proceeds of liens placed on properties for non-payment of mowing abatement fees. She said this is the culmination of teamwork between MVH, the deputy clerk, and herself to properly document, invoice the work, and file liens on unpaid balances. Powell also added that 2 of the 3 remaining FEMA reimbursements, totaling \$5,579.25, should arrive at the bank this week.

CLAIMS

Roger Newsome, Jr. made a motion to approve the claims as presented, which was seconded by John Harshbarger. The Motion was approved 2-0.

OTHER BUSINESS


Neal Snyder, 55 N Main St, asked when the second basketball goal would be replaced at the park. Utility Superintendent Bullock said it would be another week.

With no further business, Roger Newsome, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m., which was seconded by John Harshbarger.

Approved this 10th day of July 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