## ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD OCTOBER 10, 2023

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on October 10, 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 September 25, 2023. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

FEMA Buyout Project Update: Powell informed Council that attorney Halverstadt has run into a slight delay in closing out this project. One of the forms changed during the midst of the project and he is now required to have the updated form signed by everyone. Halverstadt is contacting the sellers first for their signatures and then will have Council President Harshbarger add his to each document.

Council President Harshbarger next discussed the two recent Notice of Ordinance Violations that Town Marshal Bullock formerly addressed in writing with the property owners. Council members agreed no response is visible at either property. The county health department is to inspect 756 N Market St at any time and councilmembers want to see that report before deciding on this matter. Further action on this property has been tabled for now. However, since the property owner at 443 E McKeever St has not responded to the Notice of Violation council members decided the Town should move forward with a cleanup. Laura Dillon motioned to proceed with a "Town Cleanup" of 443 E McKeever St to bring it into compliance with town ordinance and then billing the property owner for the job. Roger Newsome seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Laura Dillon asked Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock if the leaf collection equipment was ready for use. Bullock replied that it was ready to roll, and his department would begin leaf pickup once most of the leaves have fallen.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock was not in attendance, as he was attending Active Shooter Training.

Fire Department: Dean Young said the department has been busy planning the last fundraiser of the year. The fall fish fry will be held on November 4 at the fire station.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock said they have been busy mapping sewer lines in town and will soon begin picking up leaves and trimming trees.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported she is working on the 2024 salary ordinance to bring before council soon. She also said training continues and is going well with her new employee. In addition, payments are coming into her office from delinquent utility accounts issued shut off tags recently.

#### **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.

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### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Neal Snyder, 55 N Main St, questioned what the paint markings are for along McKeever Street. Colin Bullock replied that the locates along East McKeever are for fiber optic repairs while Duke Energy plans to replace power poles further west on McKeever.

There was a brief discussion on the status of the SR 105 road repairs south of Andrews. It was noted that the state highway is still under construction between Division Rd and 100 South.

With no further business, Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr.

Approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2023.

APPROVED BY JOHN HARSHBARGER

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY\_

LAURA A DILLON

COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY\_

ROGER NEWSOME, JR.

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ATTEST BY LAURY L POWEDL

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