

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD MARCH 11, 2024**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on March 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Andrews Town Hall in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Roger Newsome, Jr., and Michael Dean Young were in attendance. Laura Dillon was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Dean Young made a motion to approve council minutes for a Regular Session held February 26, 2024. Roger Newsome seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Sidewalk Repair Quote: Newsome tabled the matter as he has not received a quote back from Stoffel Brothers yet and he may have a second contractor willing to inspect and quote repairs to the pitted sidewalk panels.

Vacate Alley 186 S Main St: Powell updated council members on the February 26 Eckert request to vacate the alley and combine two parcels on either side of it at this address. Utility Superintendent Bullock inspected and found both water and septic lines running down the alley, so permission would be granted by the Town to vacate the alley with utility easement rights. Powell notified the property owner that permission was granted for their request with the condition the Town retains utility easement rights in that area.

NEW BUSINESS

Eric Woodmansee with AME Consulting discussed two proposals he presented to council members: the PSA (Professional Services Agreement) for Drinking Water SRF PER Update and Asset Management Plan in the amount of \$8,800.00 and the PSA for Drinking Water USDA Rural Development Application, PER & ER Submission in the amount of \$36,820.00. With Council President Laura Dillon absent this evening, Newsome said he preferred to wait on this matter until she returned, making a motion to table both PSA proposals at tonight's meeting. Young agreed and seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

Powell next informed council that Laura Dillon is unable to attend a meeting tomorrow morning at the Huntington County Economic Development office per the request of County Commissioner Tom Wall. Roger Newsome said he should be able to clear his work schedule on short notice to attend in her place.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt reported that a large dumpster is now on site and improvements can be seen at Living Waters MHP. The manager told Platt he would be there monthly to inspect the mobile home park for compliance with town code. Platt also shared that the business is licensed to operate within the state of Indiana. He then said two body armor vests have been ordered and that he will be taking a weeklong training course soon to become a Certified Firearm Department Instructor.

Fire Department: On behalf of the fire department, Dean Young reminded everyone that their benefit at the Huntington VFW is this Saturday at 5 p.m. He also reported that receipt of a recent gear order remains incomplete.

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Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported that his crew will be working to satisfy IDEM's new requirement for utility mapping to include a layer for lead and copper water lines. His department has also been cleaning sewer lines, with roots being the culprit of most trouble.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell gave a report on a recent countywide town and city Clerk/Treasurer lunch meeting she and Deputy Clerk McNally attended, at the invitation of Indiana State Treasurer Daniel Elliott. Discussion included the available financial opportunities offered to small towns and cities, such as Trust Indiana and the Indiana Bond Bank, and to learn more about what the State Treasurer's job entails. Powell also informed Council that she is planning to hold a public hearing at the March 25 meeting to do an additional appropriation, making the ARPA funds available for expenditure in calendar year 2024.

CLAIMS

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

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the Council this evening.

With no further business, Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m., which was seconded by Newsome.

Approved this 25th day of March 2024.

APPROVED BY _____ as
LAURA A. DILLON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY  as
ROGER NEWSOME, JR. COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY  as
MICHAEL D. YOUNG COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY  as
LAURY L. POWELL CLERK-TREASURER