

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD APRIL 27, 2026**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on April 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Andrews Town Hall in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Laura Dillon and Roger Newsome, Jr. were in attendance. Michael Dean Young was not present due to a work conflict. Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Roger Newsome made a motion to approve council minutes for a Regular Session held on April 13, 2026. Laura Dillon seconded the motion, which was approved 2-0.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY DCD, KIM HOSTETLER

Hostetler presented Ordinance 2026-02 for consideration and approval of text changes to the county's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) that equates to a moratorium, or a pause, on 3 activities: Data Centers, Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and Carbon Sequestration Projects (CSP). The proposed text amendment received a favorable recommendation from the Andrews Plan Commission, by a vote of 9-1. Roger Newsome motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-02, which was seconded by Laura Dillon. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: ORD. 2026-03 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION LRS BRIDGE MGF

The public hearing opened at 6:05 p.m. with Laura Dillon reading the ordinance and stating this action gives the Town authorization from the state to spend \$150,274.30 on the approved CCMG project. With no questions or comments from those in attendance, the public hearing closed at 6:08 p.m. Roger Newsome made a motion to accept Ordinance 2026-03 on its first read. Laura Dillon seconded the motion, which passed 2-0. Newsome made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2026-03 on its second read at the same meeting. Dillon seconded the motion, which was approved 2-0. Dillon read the ordinance synopsis for a second time. Roger Newsome made a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-03, Additional Appropriation to the LRS Bridge Matching Grant Fund, on its second read. Laura Dillon seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, 2-0.

OLD BUSINESS

2026 CCMG: Powell stated that with approval of Ordinance 2026-03 the Town is ready to begin the project. E&B Paving should contact Colin soon with a work schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

Powell informed Council of a WHARMM meeting set for Wednesday, May 27 and that they should reply to Erik Long's April 22 email containing the invitation to attend.

Dillon and Powell discussed the Municipal Units Strategic Taskforce (MUST) webinar which they attended earlier in the day. The collaborative discussions between counties, cities, towns, and other local units is mandated by the General Assembly to take place this year between now and October 1, requiring communities that reach a mutual understanding regarding LIT rate allocations to file a DLGF report at that time. Mayor Strick has already scheduled a meeting for Huntington County officials the morning of May 21 to begin LIT rate discussions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt issued 17 ordinance violation warnings last week and will follow up with citations as needed before the next meeting. Domestic violence training is this evening with several more training events scheduled for June.

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Platt plans to apply for a safety grant soon and is looking into the pros and cons of a partnership program which offers financial incentives to small-town police departments.

Fire Department: No report was made.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock stated that the Peerless Midwest water well testing report has been finalized, and a site survey plan will be submitted to IDEM for final approval of the proposed south well field location. According to Pittsburgh Tank & Tower's inspection report, the water tower requires cleaning to remove scale and buildup from the tank. Newsome and Bullock briefly discussed the installation of the HARTA bicycle trailhead kiosk, tool station, and an extra bench. Bullock also informed council that he had spoken with contacts concerning both bridge projects in Andrews, one being a county initiative and the other a state undertaking.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell said the RTX settlement money has been received and the additional appropriation process is underway that authorizes the Town to use that money. A public hearing is scheduled for May 11. Two additional TRECS distributions have been received: one for \$731.82 and the other for \$176.04. She has several webinars and training sessions scheduled for May so far, and asked council is there was interest in taking AIM's Council Members Budget Seminar on the morning of May 8. Dillon asked Powell to register her for the online seminar.

CLAIMS


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

OTHER BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENT

No other business was discussed this evening.


With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m., seconded by Dillon.

Approved this 11th day of May 2026.

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