

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD AUGUST 10, 2026**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on August 10, 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 July 27, 2026. Laura Dillon seconded the motion, which was approved 2-0.

OLD BUSINESS

2027 CCMG Application: Dillon presented a map showing the streets the Council proposed paving at its previous meeting. She earlier shared the map with Lochmueller's project engineers, who identified several street-name discrepancies on the road inventory list as compared to the map. The Town hopes to correct the identified discrepancies within the LTAP program so the September application includes all highlighted street sections. Dillon noted that the 80/20 matching grant will be available again next year. Powell reported receiving a letter today confirming that the 2026 CCMG project is officially closed.

2027 Budget: Powell asked whether the Council had any further discussion on next year's budget. If not, she said she was prepared for the DLGF Budget Workshop scheduled for tomorrow afternoon. No further budget talk took place.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented. Powell reminded the Council that the current trash contract expires next spring and that the signed copy of the recently approved fire contract will be submitted to the Council by the Dallas Township Trustee before year-end.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt reported issuing several high-grass warnings. The discussion then turned to other properties, including one at the corner of Jefferson and Maple Streets that was identified as being extremely overgrown. Platt next announced he passed the ILEA firearm instructor course last week and is now qualified to conduct firearm training. Finally, the transmission went out on Vehicle 3 and is in for repairs. He hopes the reserve police car returns to service next week.

Fire Department: Nobody was present to report.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported that trees and mowing have kept his department busy. He expects school bus tree trimming requests soon.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that August billing statements were delayed again, this time by both Boyce Systems and the U.S. Postal Service. The final MUST planning meeting is scheduled for August 25. Huntington County will hold a public hearing on September 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the Courthouse's GAR Room to discuss state-mandated income tax changes and the resulting nonbinding agreement drafted during previous MUST planning sessions.

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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

Cheryl Chopson, 212 E. Columbia St., reported that a young man riding an extremely loud scooter had again been riding on his property and has been seen traveling on town streets during evenings and weekends while disregarding stop signs. Town Marshal Platt said Deputy Raber would investigate and could issue a citation if the rider were observed committing a violation. The Council then discussed the increasing use of e-bikes on town streets, including by children, and whether a future ordinance may be necessary. Platt will first monitor how the state and other local communities address the issue.

With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m., seconded by Dillon.

Approved this 24th day of August 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