

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD AUGUST 24, 2026**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on August 24, 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, Roger Newsome, Jr., and Michael Dean Young were in attendance. 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 August 10, 2026. Dean Young seconded the motion, which was approved 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

2027 CCMG Application: Powell reported that she emailed INDOT to request changing Railroad St to Terrel St on the Town's road inventory map. She also confirmed that the Town owns the full length of California St, including its eastward extension to the dead end, rather than sharing ownership with Huntington County. Colin Bullock determined that Colorado St north of Illinois is a private drive, not a platted road. The Council also decided to add the section of Madison St between SR 105 and Snowden to the application because of improvements the Baptist Church has made its facility and parking areas. The mapping phase should be completed before the next meeting with Lochmueller regarding the 2027 CCMG application.

2027 Budget: Powell said the Budget Form 3 is posted on Gateway and at the Town Hall for the public. She said the percentage increases seen in Column 6 are not tax hikes, but structural adjustments made internally to support MVH road paving projects and equipment, along with other future General infrastructure and capital improvement needs. Powell will look into why the CCD Fund shows an increase on the Form 3 without re-establishing the rate last spring and how to correct that.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented for discussion.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt reported no issues during Andrews Community Day. He thanked Neal Snyder for purchasing parade candy for the department. Platt also said Vehicle 3 should return to service by the end of the week after warranty-covered problems with its new transmission are resolved.

Fire Department: Young thanked the Town for its festival support, along with Neal Snyder for donating fireworks. He reported all went well but asked to work with the Town on upgrading breakers for the street vendors.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported that recent storms caused temporary outages for both utilities, but operations have returned to normal. A roof leak at Town Hall was repaired, and the air-conditioning unit was serviced. Tree trimming along school bus routes and near the HARTA bicycle trailhead is planned for this week.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that the new Comcast phones arrived today and will be activated soon. She will attend a MUST planning meeting tomorrow morning and reminded everyone of the September 18 public hearing at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse, where the County will present the unanimous, nonbinding agreement developed by the Municipal Unit Strategic Taskforce (MUST).

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Powell emphasized that Dillon and Newsome must attend the September 14 and 28 meetings for the budget public hearing and adoption. Because Young is both a councilmember and an active volunteer firefighter for the Town and Township, state law considers his participation a conflict of interest, requiring him to abstain from the budget vote.

CLAIMS

Dean Young made a motion to approve the claims as presented, which was seconded by Roger Newsome. The motion was approved 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council reviewed the Community Foundation of Huntington County's 2025 Annual Report, which will be available for public viewing at the Clerk's office.

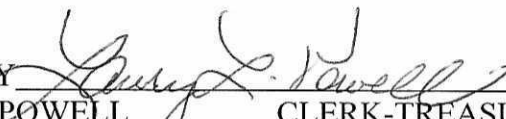
With no further business, Young motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m., seconded by Newsome.

Approved this 14th day of September 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