

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD AUGUST 25, 2025**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on August 25, 2025, 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 11, 2025. Dean Young seconded the motion, which was approved, 3-0. Roger next motioned to approve council minutes for an Executive Session held on August 20, 2025. Dean seconded the motion, which was approved, 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

HARTA Bicycle Trailhead: Dillon stated that there are no updates at this time, except that she has organized festival photos and points of interest to provide to Nick Hancock for the kiosk map and signage. She plans to contact him tomorrow.

2026 Budget: Powell reminded everyone that the Budget Form 3 is now advertised with the Budget Public Hearing scheduled for September 8 and approval on September 22. She also reminded Laura and Roger to be in attendance on both of those dates since Dean is not eligible to vote on the budget.

Roger Newsome asked about valve turning. Colin replied that Lochmueller is responsible for this process as part of the water regionalization study, but the schedule is delayed and may not begin until late October or early November.

Newsome stated an interest in reconsidering Dillon's proposal to hold council meetings monthly rather than twice a month, noting that meetings usually last between 20 and 40 minutes. Dillon recommended further consideration and suggested postponing any decision until the following meeting. The discussion was tabled for the time being.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Dillon said she was contacted by Mike Kleinpeter about applying for the OCRA Utility Planning Grants council approved to move forward with last year. The grant applications will open up in October. Last year it was decided that all three utilities would benefit from the study, but Colin Bullock said now he believes only Wastewater and Storm Water should be done. Council agreed to have Dillon contact Mike Kleinpeter and have him begin the application process for the two utilities as recommended by Bullock.

Dillon reminded council members of the next WHARMM meeting to be held at 6:00 on Wednesday, August 27 in Markle.

Finally, Dillon thanked the AVFD for putting on a great festival.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt reported that trail camera batteries have been swapped out. Also, Vehicle #2 now has all new tires mounted and balanced for \$651.76. Next month he plans to replace tires on Vehicle #1. Platt then presented an estimate in the amount of \$12,766.40 from Taylor's Equipment & Sales to order and install equipment on the new police car next year.

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While some equipment will be transferred from the old car to the new car, Platt will purchase the necessary new equipment out of this year's budget and will then pay for the installation and labor in 2026. In conclusion, Josh updated council on the situation at 400 W Monroe St and Deputy Marshal Raber's upcoming vacation leave.

Fire Department: Dean Young thanked all who helped at the recent Andrews Community Day. He said it was a great time.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported his department has been busy with school bus, stop sign and right-of-way tree and shrub trimming. He is still seeking quotes on stump grinding and the replacement of a damaged hydrant at Main and McKeever that he expects to exceed \$12,000.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that the Town recently received \$124.86 in Opioid Unrestricted funds. She also took part in the AIM Medical Trust Comprehensive Survey of employment benefits offered by municipalities across Indiana for which she will receive a summary. She added that 47 shut-off tags were issued with payments due by noon on September 2. Powell added that the two-inch water meter at Living Waters MHP stopped working, resulting in a low consumption reading. Colin Bullock added that he just received a quote from Utility Supply Company for \$1,449.66 to replace that meter.

CLAIMS

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

OTHER BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no other business or public comments this evening.

With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Young.

Approved this 8th day of September 2025.

APPROVED BY LAURA A. DILLON as
LAURA A. DILLON  COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY ROGER NEWSOME, JR. as
ROGER NEWSOME, JR.  COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY MICHAEL D. YOUNG as
MICHAEL D. YOUNG  COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY LAURY L. POWELL as
LAURY L. POWELL  CLERK-TREASURER