

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on February 23, 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 Newome made a motion to approve council minutes for a Regular Session held on February 9, 2026. Laura Dillon seconded the motion, which was approved 2-0.

OLD BUSINESS

2026 CCMG Contract Award: Lochmueller Group's Angie Moyer was present to tell Council that Lochmueller has reviewed each of the three bids received and recommends that the Town of Andrews award the 2026-1 CCMG contract to E & B Paving, Inc. who submitted the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$150,274.30. Council President Dillon stated the Town was awarded \$213,996.80 from INDOT for this project, however with E&B's bid the Town will only be requesting \$120,219.44 from the State with the local amount coming in at \$30,054.86. Newsome motioned to accept the E & B Paving bid for \$150,274.30 for the 2026 CCMG Project. Dillon seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 2-0. The Contractor's Bid for Public Work – Form 96, 2026 Community Crossings HMA Overlay Project Contract Agreement, and Notification of Contractor Award & Request for CCMG Funds were all signed.

Dillon and Powell discussed attempting an update to the 2013 Employee Handbook again this year. Powell said she has identified areas of concern since she has been in office and is asking Council to review the handbook and make recommendations before she contacts the attorney to begin work at his end.

Dillon said she was contacted by Nick Hancock about setting up an installation date for the HARTA Bicycle Trailhead Kiosk in downtown Andrews. The equipment is in town, ready to go, however she advised Hancock to contact Roger and Dean who had previously volunteered to help with the installation. It was commented that there is no hurry at this time due to the winter weather conditions.

NEW BUSINESS

Dillon shared that several entities have joined together to hold an Easter Egg Hunt at the fire station, Saturday, April 4 at noon. A donation request letter is being sent out for sponsorship. All donations should be taken to the Andrews-Dallas Twp Public Library with checks made payable to Friends of the Library.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt was not in attendance due to state mandated training.

Fire Department: No report was given.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock was not in attendance due to a family obligation.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported back to Council that since Dean Young does not use an iPhone or Facetime, any meetings he may have time to attend remotely would require setting up video and audio to run through two laptops, connecting to the chamber room's large viewing screen so that both in-person attendees and those watching on YouTube can see and hear him clearly.

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He told Powell he has no concerns with the Town's current business agenda but wishes to be kept informed of any potential hot-button issues that may arise until he returns from training. She said the 2025 Annual Financial Report, the SAM Renewal, and the US Census Boundary & Annexation Response Form have all been completed and submitted to the proper agencies. Powell also shared with Council the most recent AIM Legislative Summary concerning HB 1210's latest amendment including a delay to the implementation of the new LIT system to 2029 and HB 1055's latest amendment regarding requiring all towns under 10,000 in population to move their municipal elections to the presidential election cycle.

CLAIMS

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

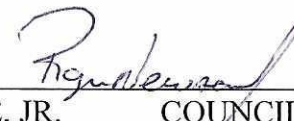
OTHER BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Chopson, 212 Columbia St, shared concerns about irregular trash pickup times and frustration with recent high winds blowing over totes, allowing access to feral cats that rip open bags, scattering trash. Due to the many variables encountered by the local trash disposal business, no easy or acceptable solution to her concern was identified.

With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m., seconded by Dillon.

Approved this 9th day of March 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