

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD JANUARY 12, 2026**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on January 12, 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.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS & APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Roger Newsome moved to retain Laura Dillon as Council President for 2026. Dillon seconded the motion which passed unanimously. In addition, Newsome made a motion to retain Hartburg, Roth, Garrett, Halverstadt, Garrett, LLP as legal counsel for the Town of Andrews in 2026. Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Roger Newsome made a blanket motion to approve council minutes for a Regular Session held on December 15, 2025, and a Storm Water Board Administrative Meeting also held December 15, 2025. Laura Dillon seconded the motion, which was approved 2-0.

OLD BUSINESS

2026 CCMG: Dillon updated everyone, saying funding has been approved for the paving project and that legals will run January 21 and 28 soliciting contractor bids. She said the start of the project would be delayed until after school ends, with an open window in June and July for work to take place.

It was discussed that two vacancies remain on the Andrews Board of Zoning Appeals, one an in-town seat and the other an extra-territorial jurisdiction seat. Powell said any resident interested in serving on the board should contact her or call Huntington DCD at 260-358-4840 to learn more about the positions.

NEW BUSINESS

Huntington County Economic Development Contract: Due to Mark Wickersham's retirement, John Harshbarger presented the 2026 HCUED contract to Council this evening, noting the contract pricing and terms remain the same as prior years: \$3,000 annually, with two payments of \$1,500 due in June and December. Newsome motioned to accept the 2026 HCUED Contract, which was seconded by Dillon. Motion carried 2-0.

2026 TRECS Registration Form: Council members agreed to reup the TRECS program for 2026.

Resolution 2026-01 End of Year Transfers to Balance the 2025 Budget: After brief discussion, Roger Newsome motioned to approve Resolution 2026-01 End of Year Transfers to Balance the 2025 Budget. Laura Dillon seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

SR105 Bridge Work Unofficial Detour Letter of Understanding: Council reviewed an INDOT letter detailing work to begin in Spring 2026 to perform a bridge thin deck overlay just north of town. Newsome motioned to accept the terms of the letter, which was seconded by Dillon. Motion carried 2-0.

Ordinance 2026-01 To Establish Fund No. 2501 RTX – Andrews Settlement Fund: The passage of this ordinance is required before receiving the RTX settlement money and its subsequent use pursuant to the December 15 settlement terms. Dillon read the ordinance and said she would take a motion to approve it on its first reading this evening.

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Newsome motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-01 To Establish Fund No. 2501 RTX – Andrews Settlement Fund on its first read. Dillon seconded the motion, which passed 2-0. The ordinance will have its second read and final approval at the January 26 meeting, with hopes Councilmember Young can attend.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt reported that The Andrews Police Department set a record with 2,413 calls-for-service last year. The new police car was ordered from Crain Ford and should arrive mid to late March. The car builder has all equipment and is ready to work, estimating a two-week turnaround on the new vehicle.

Fire Department: No report was given.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock said the bucket truck repair is finished and the vector repair is nearly complete. He also reported no trees in town were blown over during the recent high-wind storms.

Clerk-Treasurer: Powell informed the council that BNY’s internal banking transfer error was corrected in December and that the December Settlement money was received by the Town on December 16. She noted that no leak adjustments were processed last month, but six have been identified so far in January. Powell added that she has been working with the SBOA and Attorney Hartburg regarding the appropriate way to receive and administer the RTX settlement money. It was determined that a Home Ruled Fund should be created in the Town’s General bank account. Hartburg’s ordinance to establish that fund was read earlier this evening.

CLAIMS

Roger Newsome made a motion to approve all claims as presented this evening by Clerk Powell, which was seconded by Laura Dillon. The motion was approved 2-0.

OTHER BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENT

No other matters came before Council this evening.

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

Approved this 26th day of January 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