

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD JANUARY 26, 2026**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on January 26, 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 blanket motion to approve council minutes for a Regular Session held on January 12, 2026, and a Special Session held January 21, 2026. Laura Dillon seconded the motion, which was approved 2-0.

OLD BUSINESS

2026 CCMG: Dillon said she has resigned the INDOT construction contract due to new verbiage required at the start of this year. Powell said the Indiana Plain Dealer will be advertising the Notice To Bidders on January 21 and 28, with bids due to Council at the February 9 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

In accordance with IC 36-1-21 and IC 36-1-20.3-2 respectively, Contracting & Nepotism Forms were certified by Laura Dillon and Roger Newsome for the Clerk's office records.

Clerk-Treasurer Powell shared copies of an electronic communications resolution with council members that she received today. After a quick review of Resolution 2026-02, A Resolution Of The Town of Andrews Establishing The Policy By Which Members Of Council May Participate By Electronic Means Of Communication and also taking note of pertinent information sent by Attorney Mike Hartburg, Dillon and Newsome tabled the resolution until the February 9 meeting to allow time to read and comprehend everything before considering it for approval. Dillon added that the passage of this resolution would allow Dean Young to fully participate in council meetings remotely while out of town for job training.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt reported storm and road conditions are still being monitored due to the wind and drifting snow. He also shared his department received LifeVac kits through a grant received by the Huntington County Sheriff Department. The new equipment was issued to all officers throughout the county last week, accompanied by training on the use of the choking rescue devices.

Fire Department: No report was given.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock said the recent weather has kept his crew busy clearing snow.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell said she rolled 2025 over in Fund last Friday and has begun work on Gateway with the Annual Financial Report. She also reported on the Outlook email outage late last week and that her town credit card had a fraud alert on it which she had to clear, thus the reimbursement to her as seen on the claims tonight. Council President Dillon asked Powell to research if the town needs to reestablish cumulative fund rates this year and report back to Council.

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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

John Harshbarger reported that according to Tim Hill with Peerless Midwest, temperatures for drilling test wells is not ideal this week and the project is on hold waiting on warmer temperatures.

With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m., seconded by Dillon.

Approved this 9th day of February 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. ROWELL CLERK-TREASURER