

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD JUNE 22, 2026**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on June 22, 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 June 8, 2026. Dean Young seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved 3-0.

NEW FIRE CONTRACT

Dallas Township Trustee Kay Schwob presented a draft 2027–2028 fire protection contract for an annual sum of \$39,000.00, reflecting Clerk-Treasurer Powell's recommendation to keep the existing agreement unchanged to begin negotiations. Schwob then proposed increasing the annual amount by \$3,000.00, to \$42,000.00, if the Town resumes mowing and snow removal at the fire station. During discussion, it was noted that Schwob's advisory board has already approved the additional offer, and Colin Bullock stated he had no concerns about resuming the work. Roger Newsome moved to approve the 2027–2028 fire protection agreement at \$42,000.00 per year, with the Town's street department resuming grounds maintenance at the fire station. Laura Dillon seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0, with Dean Young abstaining because he serves as a volunteer firefighter.

OLD BUSINESS

No new business was discussed, however correspondence was discussed concerning increasing fees for services in 2027.

NEW BUSINESS

A CCMG Call Out for Projects discussion was led by Dillon, noting that the due date is September 1, 2026, for the fiscal year 2027 CCMG Program. The Town of Andrews qualifies for the 20% local match. Wishing to move forward with another paving project, board members agreed to review their road asset inventory list while the public was asked to submit road and/or sidewalk improvement suggestions to the Clerk's office for consideration in the next application.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt reported on the department's recent and upcoming training events. Also, the town council approved Platt's request to enroll in a US DHS partnership program offering financial incentives.

Fire Department: Dean Young shared that the AVFD is planning for the Andrews Community Day on Saturday, August 22. More details forthcoming.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported on storm damage cleanup and said he met with Lochmueller Group last Friday regarding the new well field development and water plant.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell informed council that the June Settlement for property taxes had been received, along with special assessment collections from three high grass and weed abatement liens. She reported that Surf Internet is moving forward with design plans to bring dedicated fiber-optic lines to Andrews and that its regional development manager is expected to contact Colin and Laura before presenting a proposal to the full council.

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Powell also noted that pre-budget reports are due June 30 and that she will attend a MUST meeting in Huntington that same day for a county-wide discussion on LIT changes.

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

Kim Harper, 809 N Jackson St, asked the council to consider a second leak adjustment to her utility account within six months, citing a recent bill exceeding \$3,200.00. She had all new plumbing, heating, and air conditioning installed last December, and after a warranty inspection no leaks were found. Although a faulty water meter was initially suspected, Utility Superintendent Bullock inspected the meter and found it working properly with no indication of a leak. However, he reported that the data logger showed two weeks of continuous high-volume water use. Following discussion, Young moved to approve the leak adjustment at no charge to Harper. Newsome seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Bullock was asked to continue monitoring the meter for any issues that may require its replacement.

Andrews Freedom Fest: Mirriah Bigelow, owner of The Place To Bee at 63 N Main St, reported that plans are in place for the Andrews Freedom Fest, scheduled for July 3 in downtown Andrews. She stated that she has coordinated with Marshal Platt and Utility Superintendent Bullock regarding needed support before and during the event. The Bigelow family also plans to return Sunday to clean up the downtown area.

With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m., seconded by Young.

Approved this 13th day of July 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