

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 2026**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on March 9, 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 23, 2026. Laura Dillon seconded the motion, which was approved 2-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

2026 CCMG: Powell informed Council that the signed 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 submitted to INDOT in a timely manner.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mirriah Bigelow discussed preliminary plans with Council for the second annual fireworks festival she is planning for July 3, from 6pm to 10pm. There will be a band, pro wrestling, food trucks, vendor booths, party inflatables for children, and fireworks. Mirriah requested access to electricity on town property for the band and inflatables, use of town picnic tables and trash cans, along with using town hall as a staging area for the wrestlers. She also sought Council's approval to close portions of Main and Jefferson Streets downtown for the evening. Finally, she asked for two \$500 donations; one each for the fireworks and entertainment expenses. Mirriah added she is seeking other sponsorships and donations and is also applying for the Andrews Hometown Grant to help cover other event expenses. The council agreed to sponsor the fireworks festival and allow the use of town property as requested. Roger Newsome motioned to donate \$500 towards the fireworks, with another \$500 towards the entertainment expenses. This motion was seconded by Laura Dillon, which passed 2-0.

A letter from the Friends of the Library was read, requesting a donation to the annual Andrews Easter Egg Hunt to be held on April 4 at the fire station. Newsome motioned to donate \$250.00 to the event. Dillon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Powell informed the Council that Matt Ditzler and this year's class of the Huntington County Community Leadership Program will meet Wednesday morning, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Andrews Town Hall. Dillon and Powell were asked to help welcome the group and share local news of interest.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt reported that he and Deputy Marshal Raber have completed 5 hours of state mandated training. He reported that both he and the Huntington County Department of Community Development have submitted an unsafe violation complaint concerning 474 Monroe St, where a detached chimney poses a risk of falling onto adjacent properties and vehicles. Additionally, Platt stated that he issued a warning to a resident regarding garbage and debris on their property and inquired whether a date has been established for the town-wide spring cleanup. Powell stated that May 8 is expected to be the date, based on previous years, but she still needs approval from H&H Disposal first.

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Fire Department: No report was given.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock said work is still ongoing at the wastewater plant due to a frozen water pipe bursting which flooded the basement. A second pump has been ordered, and he is working with Industrial Controls to program the plant's electronics with the new pumps. Additionally, the dump truck has been repaired, and the next task will be to proceed with repairs on the vector truck.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that Deputy Clerk Sarah Geiger-Okuly is working to update W9 files in the office. She said that with the winter season's extreme cold there have been five water leak adjustments processed, with a total of \$860.98 credited to those accounts. Powell expects several more leak adjustments to be made once repairs are completed by the homeowner due to frozen, burst pipes and leaky toilets. Finally, a reminder to council members of this year's project to update the employee handbook.

**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**

There were no additional matters presented to Council this evening.

With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m., seconded by Dillon.

Approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> 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