

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 24, 2025**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on November 24, 2025, 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 November 10, 2025. Laura Dillon seconded the motion, which was approved, 2-0. Young abstained from the vote as he was not present at the meeting. Roger Newsome made a motion to approve council minutes for a Special Meeting held on November 12, 2025. Dean Young seconded the motion, which was approved, 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

2026 Meeting Calendar: After discussion of Young's 24-hour work shifts on a rotating basis, Roger Newsome motioned to keep the current meeting schedule of 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays each month, with the exception of December only having one meeting on the second Monday. Dean Young seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

HARTA Bicycle Kiosk: The equipment has been delivered to the town garage and is ready for installation. Roger and Dean need to coordinate their available time with Nick Hancock to get the job underway.

On behalf of all town employees, Laura Dillon thanked Rachel Brown, Cheryl Chopson, and all residents who sponsored and hosted last Thursday's employee appreciation brunch. Everyone was grateful and agreed the presentation was beautiful and the food was wonderful.

NEW BUSINESS

Employee Group Health Insurance Renewal: After prior review and discussion of the PHP renewal proposal from Carrie Rees, Council agreed the existing plan was the best fit for the Town and its employees despite the 12.97% increase in premium. Dean Young motioned to accept the renewal proposal for the Silver HSA HMO 5500 / 5500 26 Plan. Roger Newsome seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

2026 Appointments: Powell discussed 2026 board appointments with Council noting there are vacancies on the Andrews BZA. She plans to contact Andy Eckert about reupping for another term as the ETJ seat on the BZA. The following appointments were made: Laury Powell to the Huntington County CEDIT Advisory Board, John Harshbarger to the Huntington County United Economic Development Board, Tom Wuensch to the Huntington County EMA Advisory Board, Cathy Johnson to the Norwood RWSD Board, and Laura Dillon for another term on the Storm Water Management Board.

Notice of Change for the December 8 Meeting: Powell announced that the regular meeting of the Andrews Town Council scheduled for December 8th has been cancelled and rescheduled for December 15th at 6:00 p.m., which will be held at the Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Notice of Storm Water Management Board Meeting: Powell announced she has posted notice of a Storm Water Management Board regular meeting to be held Monday, December 15, 2025, that will begin after the regular meeting but not earlier than 6:30 p.m.

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Powell said there are personnel matters that need to be discussed in an executive session meeting. It was decided that Wednesday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. would work for everyone. Powell will make the proper public notice.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt reported that he is sorting out an invoice discrepancy with a 5-year Axon contract for dash cameras. Axon claims to have an unpaid 2023 invoice (year one of the contract) even though the equipment wasn't received until June of 2024. Powell said she did not receive an Axon invoice in 2023 and questioned why an invoice would have been issued when the equipment was shipped to and received by the Town in the spring of 2024, along with an invoice at that time. The Minutes from July and August of 2023 document the unexpected expense then was to be paid out of the Riverboat Fund. Council said to pay it if so determined. Platt will keep Powell informed of the situation.

Fire Department: It was reported that the recent fish fry was a success with the largest number of meals ever served. Jay Rhodes then presented a quote for two full sets of turn out gear in the amount of \$11,090.00 from Hoosier Fire Equipment. Newsome motioned to formerly accept the quote, followed by a second from Laura Dillon. Motion carried 2-0. Young abstained from the discussion and vote being a volunteer firefighter. With the equipment 6-8 weeks out, the expenses will be encumbered if the fire department can get an invoice to Powell.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported that the Clifton St leak has been repaired but due to an emergency job the contractor was unable to begin the hydrant replacement at Main and McKeever. He added that the high service pump is here and that his crew would begin work in preparation for installation next week. Finally, with the lift truck still inoperable no Christmas lights and banners will be hung downtown on the streetlight poles.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell shared her ILMCT Achievement Award received from AIM for this year's training participation and credits earned. She said Boyce Systems will hold their virtual yearend training on December 15-16. To better train and prepare Sarah for yearend procedures this year, Powell will close the office on the morning of the sixteenth and will reopen to the public at noon. Dillon asked Powell to register her for the virtual AIM Council Member Seminar scheduled for December 11, 2025.

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

Rachel Brown, 611 N Main St, reminded everyone of the Christmas Light Contest and prizes to be awarded for the top three displays.

Kathy Gamble, 350 S Pearl St, voiced a complaint on a property at the corner of Main and California Streets, stating the deteriorating structure and unkept yard is an eyesore on the main street through town. Town Marshal Platt will inquire with the County DCD on moving forward with action on this property.

Jay Rhodes thanked the Town for allowing the pumpkin sale wagon to be placed on town property again this year.

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Rachel Brown announced that Ellen's Blessings will be open year-round thanks to Neal Snyder agreeing to host and maintain it.

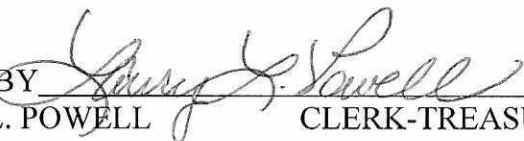
With no further business, Young motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m., seconded by Newsome.

Approved this 15th day of December 2025.

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