ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD OCTOBER 13, 2026

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on October 13, 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 absent 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 motion to approve council minutes for a Regular Session held on September 28, 2026. Laura Dillon seconded the motion, which was approved 2-0.

Jim Morris of Surf Internet introduced the company, described its current service area, and outlined plans to install underground fiber internet in Andrews. The Council opposed undertaking such an extensive project while planning is underway for the new water plant and distribution line, which will soon be followed by construction and lead service line replacement. Newsome said this is not the right time. The Council tabled the matter until Council Member Young could participate. Morris responded that broadband companies may install infrastructure at any time in Andrews without local permission or authorization, but Surf wants to work cooperatively with the Town and remain involved in the community. He noted that Surf had submitted engineering plans to the Council and requested a permit application. Morris also agreed to provide Dillon with a list of communities Surf currently serves.

OLD BUSINESS

2027 CCMG Application: CT Powell reported that INDOT received and acknowledged the application on September 29.

75 S. Main St.: The Council discussed the County's Unsafe Order of Enforcement for the property, which it had tabled on April 10, 2023. The owner submitted an architectural report in July 2023 and shared it with the County and Town, but the Department of Community Development took no further action at that time. It was noted that the property owner has stopped working on the building. Because Council Member Young was absent, the Council tabled the matter again wishing to have his input. Newsome said he would contact Huntington County Building Inspector Greg Ricker for his thoughts on the property and report back at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council reviewed a draft of the 2027 Salary Ordinance. Clerk-Treasurer Powell reported that premiums for the Town's current PHP employee health insurance plan will increase by 10.86% in 2027. The Council tabled the matter until its next meeting so Council Member Young could participate.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt reported that a formal warning was issued for high grass and weeds at 1041 N. Main St. Cleanup of the Jefferson and Maple Streets property is progressing slowly, and the owner plans to remove the vehicle from the yard. The former reserve police vehicle is also being decommissioned and prepared for sale.

Fire Department: No one was present to give a report.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported that he is working with Lochmueller Group on the Water Plant Project and awaiting INDOT's response to the right-of-way access application for the property south of town along SR 105.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that the 2027 Budget was submitted to the DLGF on September 29. She also reported that a new phone system and menu are now active at Town Hall and asked callers to listen carefully to all options before selecting an appropriate extension. Powell also reported that American Legal's ordinance codification quote included six supplemental copies and one digital copy in Microsoft Word format. Following discussion, the Council determined that only three supplemental copies were needed along with a digital copy, and Powell will contact the company to revise the order.

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

No other business or public comments were discussed.

With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m., seconded by Dillon.

Approved this 26th day of October 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