

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD OCTOBER 14, 2025**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on October 14, 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 two sets of council minutes, one for a Regular Session held on September 22, and the other an Executive Session held on October 8, 2025. Dean Young seconded the motion, which was approved, 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

2026 CCMG Application: Clerk-Treasurer Powell said she has been working with Lochmueller Group's Angie Moyer to get estimates in place for the CCMG application due to be submitted by October 31. She asked for several clarifications from Council, including planned work in this application around the Berry and McKeever Street intersection which is also included in Huntington County's McKeever St Bridge Replacement Project with a letting date (opening of bids) in July 2029. With the existing bad condition of the two roads and their intersection, along the uncertainty of a finish date for the federally funded bridge project, Council members all agreed it was in the Town's best interest to move forward with the CCMG project as planned. Powell added that tonight's signatory resolution is required to be submitted along with the application.

HARTA Bicycle Trailhead: Dillon reported everything is ready to go but the delivery of the kiosk equipment may be another four weeks out yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Reduction Resolution 2025-4: Dillon read the resolution and explained it is best to cut this year's unobligated balances in CEDIT versus trimming next year's budget with the planned CCMG work. The following CEDIT appropriations would be reduced in the following amounts for a total of \$26,500.00:

- Street Paving \$20,000.00
- Andrews FEMA Buyout \$500.00
- Miscellaneous Expenses \$6,000.00

Roger Newsome motioned to approve Reduction Resolution 2025-4 with a second from Dean Young. The motion was approved unanimously.

Signatory Resolution 2025-5: To proceed with the 2026 CCMG application, a resolution authorizing the President of the Andrews Town Council to electronically sign contracts, grants, and agreements involving Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) funded projects for the Town was considered. Dillon read through the resolution emphasizing this authority applies only to council approved actions as documented in town council minutes. Dean Young motioned to approve Signatory Resolution 2025-5, which was seconded by Roger Newsome. The motion was approved unanimously.

2026 Salary Ordinance 2025-7: Dillon read through the synopsis of Ordinance 2025-7. She then asked if the other board members had any concerns or questions regarding the salary ordinance. Dean Young asked Clerk-Treasurer Powell why there was a line for a non-certified wastewater operator to which she replied it was only on the draft ordinance as a clarification to council members since those wages have been a topic of discussion in the past.

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Young then motioned to approve the 2026 Salary Ordinance 2025-7. Roger Newsome seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Dillon announced the ordinance passed on its first read and that it would have a second read at the October 27 meeting before approval.

Council agreed upon and approved a Halloween Decorating Contest for the Town, sponsoring prizes of \$100, \$75, and \$50 for the first three places.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt shared an updated quote from Taylor'd Equipment on new equipment and installation labor for the new police vehicle arriving in early 2026. He also said that the Huntington DCD will be at the October 27 meeting to discuss the 400 W Monroe St property with council members and the new property owner. No communication has been received from the owner of 183 W Jefferson St; however, Josh noted that the deteriorated front porch and overgrown weeds along the foundation have been removed from the property.

Fire Department: No report was given.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported that ME Simson finished up their work last work. No information has been shared with him regarding water infrastructure problems the company may have identified, but Colin plans to contact Anthony Goodnight. He also said his crew is ready to start leaf pickup and asked for residents to rake leaves into the right of way next to the streets.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported all budget forms, along with the ordinance, have been submitted to the State in a timely manner. She shared that she has secured a redirect from the old website to the new one, for the recommended period of two years, and that the new website should go live by the end of next week. Powell also said she has been working with Lochmueller's Angie Moyer on estimates for the 2026 CCMG project.

CLAIMS

Dean Young made a motion to approve the claims as presented, which was seconded by Roger Newsome. The motion was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENT

Dean Young announced that he has accepted a new job that will be in conflict with the current meeting schedule causing him to miss some meetings. He asked the other two council members to consider meeting once a month next year. No action was taken this evening.

With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m., seconded by Young.

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Approved this 27th day of October 2025.

APPROVED BY Laura A. Dillon as
LAURA A. DILLON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY Roger Newsome, Jr. as
ROGER NEWSOME, JR. COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY Michael D. Young as
MICHAEL D. YOUNG COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY Laury L. Powell as
LAURY L. POWELL CLERK-TREASURER