

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD OCTOBER 27, 2025**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on October 27, 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 October 14, and the other an Executive Session held on October 21, 2025. Dean Young seconded the motion, which was approved, 3-0.

**HUNTINGTON COUNTY DCD**

Originating with an August complaint, Jessica Beal was present to discuss an Order of Enforcement at 400 W Monroe St, where a partially demolished mobile home stands on a lot overgrown with weeds and high grass. As the November 6 deadline is near, Beal asked Council for guidance on how to proceed, given that the deeded owner is deceased, the tax sale redemption period is over, and the buyer is in the process of obtaining legal ownership of the property. Young motioned to table the OE until the DCD can speak with the new owner once the property transfer is completed by the court. Newsome seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

HARTA Bicycle Trailhead: Nick Hancock reviewed the bicycle trailhead project for all in attendance. The kiosk should be delivered in 7-10 days, and he is ready to begin the planning phase with town officials. Delivery, signage, build site plans, fundraising and sponsorship were all discussed. Young, Newsome, and Bullock will coordinate with Hancock to meet and work together to finish the trailhead project.

2026 Salary Ordinance 2025-7: Dillon read through Ordinance 2025-7 for its second read. With no comments voiced, Newsome made a motion to pass 2026 Salary Ordinance 2025-7. Young seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

2026 CCMG Application: CT Powell distributed draft copies of the CCMG application documents for council's review while Council President Dillon discussed the prioritization of the proposed roadway improvements to be included with the application. Jefferson St leading up to the school is listed as the top priority. Clerk-Treasurer Powell told Council that for an additional \$3,325 the west split of Clifton St could be added to the project (\$665 of town funds with the 80/20 match). Council agreed to do this for a uniform appearance of the road. Powell's goal is to submit the application tomorrow ahead of the October 31 deadline.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Prepared 2026 Meeting and Holiday Calendars were distributed to Council for their review and approval. Newsome motioned to table approval of the calendars at this time, which was seconded by Young. Motion carried 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt reported new tires will be put on Vehicle 1 before winter and he discussed the department's Halloween weekend schedule with council.

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Fire Department: Council Member Young reported the department assisted with extrication training for the Fire & Rescue Program youth at Huntington North High School. He announced another reminder on the department's November 8 fish fry from 4-7 p.m. Finally, there will be no Halloween Dance at the fire station this year as the department will participate in the Boys and Girls Club trunk or treat on Halloween.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock said the leaf pickup season is currently underway. He informed the Council that, based on a discussion with Anthony Goodnight, ME Simpson has submitted their reports to Lochmueller Group. As of today, the Town has not received an official update on the report contents from Lochmueller.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported she will be attending the ILMCT Virtual Institute & Academy on November 4, 5, and 6. She announced the new town website is Live and that the new web address is at the bottom of the agenda. Powell has also been set up and trained on FFSB's new business banking platform that will be fully effective November 4.

**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**

Braxton Craft, 87 E McKeever St, mentioned several utility-related issues discussed at recent council meetings that have not been addressed this summer, implying that Utility Superintendent Bullock is not performing his duties and should be held accountable by this council. He also claimed the town's wastewater plant is a testing facility for other entities while the Town receives no compensation for that service. During the discussion, Young asked for evidence regarding Craft's claims on reported activity at the wastewater plant. However, Craft could not present any supporting documentation to the council this evening. Craft additionally requested access to a list of Andrews WWTP documents for his review. Council President Dillon instructed him to complete Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request forms available at the clerk-treasurer's office and then submit the completed forms to Clerk-Treasurer Powell. There was no further discussion on the matter.

Kathy Gamble, 350 S Pearl St, and Rachel Brown, 611 N Main St, asked Council to support this year's Christmas Light Decorating contest, and to approve the proposed prize amounts: First Place, \$150; Second Place, \$100; and Third Place \$75. Young motioned to approve the sponsorship request and prize amounts for the top three places. Newsome seconded the motion which passed with a 3-0 vote. Gamble and Brown both announced their appreciation for town employees and officials. They and other community members have come together to sponsor a town employee brunch on November 20 to show their support and appreciation. Council members will each receive a catered box in lieu of attending the brunch together.

Council Member Dean Young said that the Boys & Girls Club will host a trunk or treat at the Lions Club on Halloween and the school hosts their trunk or treat event on Wednesday, October 29.

Elizabeth Grover, 20 S Maple St, reported an ongoing situation in her neighborhood. Marshal Platt will gather additional information from her after the meeting and investigate the complaint.

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| With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m., seconded by Young.

— Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

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

APPROVED BY Roger Newsome 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