ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on September 14, 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, 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 August 24, 2026. Dean Young seconded the motion, which was approved 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2027 BUDGET FORM 4

The public hearing opened at 6:03 p.m. Council President Dillon introduced Ordinance 2026-06 for next year's budget. Clerk-Treasurer Powell explained difficulties she had using the new Budget 2.0 Program this year. She corrected an error in the CCD tax-rate percentage from the Form 3 public notice in the adopted column of the Form 4 Budget Ordinance. She also asked the DLGF to correct the entire Adopted Budget Column, which initially showed inflated amounts. With no comments or questions from the public, Dillon closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. The 2027 Budget Form 4, Ordinance 2026-06, will have its final read and adoption at the September 28th council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2027 CCMG Application: Anthony Goodnight of Lochmueller Group attended to discuss and finalize plans for the 2027 CCMG application. He presented a $33,800 professional services agreement for council approval. The total includes $4,800 to collect and verify pavement-management field data and update the inventory rating for the town's 8.707 miles of paved roads, as required for grant eligibility. Minor changes will be made to the application plans to add a short segment of Madison Street, between Snowden and SR 105, to the preliminary project map and cost estimate. Young motioned to approve Lochmueller's 2027 CCMG Professional Services Agreement in the amount of $33,800.00. Newsome seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Goodnight then updated the Council on the new water plant and distribution line to town, focusing on easements and how best to bury the 12-inch water main across farm fields without disrupting harvests or damaging drainage tiles. Bullock presented the final drilling reports for the two new water wells from Peerless Midwest. He added that INDOT is reviewing the SR 105 access permit for the well field property, a process that may take four to six weeks, and that the property will be mowed again this week.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council discussed American Legal Publishing's estimate for the S-6 Supplement. Powell noted that the Town's ordinances had not been codified since September 2022 and that the estimated cost was $1,400 to $2,000, excluding shipping and handling. She said the appropriation line for code of ordinances this year and next year would cover the expense. Newsome moved to proceed with codifying the ordinances at the estimated cost, and Young seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Powell will confirm the number of print copies and flash drives included in the estimate.

Halloween Trick or Treat hours were set by council for Saturday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt reported that all police vehicles are back in service and running well. Upcoming department training includes a defense tactics class. Several high grass and weed warnings were recently issued. Council and Platt discussed one property in particular where the owners mowed over the weekend but left cardboard boxes in the yard which Platt learned were being used for storage. He will address the situation with this homeowner again.

Fire Department: Jay Rhoads had nothing to report other than the department has not discussed major equipment needs this year. Powell did remind Rhoads that the fire department should bring invoice copies to her so she can make payments to vendors in a timely manner.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported that, after working with the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water, the town's newly completed Water Loss Report estimates water loss at 16%. He also briefed the Council on recent revisions to the EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Improvements, which require all lead service lines to be replaced within 10 years, and on related IDEM requirements, including an inventory and replacement plan due by the end of 2027. Bullock estimates that 60% of the town's service lines are galvanized or lead and must be replaced to comply with federal law. Because the project will be costly, the town may need SRF funding and grants.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that the SBOA engagement is underway and reminded council members to complete their questionnaires. She also noted that the town's in.gov website will receive a compliance update later this year and reminded the Council of the MUST public hearing scheduled for Friday morning, September 18, at the courthouse.

CLAIMS

After Dean Young asked for clarification on an invoice for stump grinding, he 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

In response to Jay Rhoads request, council members agreed to allow the Rhoads brothers to sell pumpkins on town property across the street from town hall.

Gasoline Equipment serviced the fuel pumping system for the third time in two weeks. The company believes it has resolved the software issue, allowing the system to accurately track fuel consumption. Although Powell hopes the repair is successful, she requested quotes for options on a replacement system.

The council approved Powell's request to apply a second adjustment to a utility customer's account within ten months. Because the matter is complex, Powell will keep the customer's identity anonymous and details confidential while staff and others work to resolve the matter.

With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Young.

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Approved this 28th day of September 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