ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on September 28, 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 September 14, 2026. Dean Young seconded the motion, which was approved 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Dallas Township Trustee Kay Schwob presented the 2027–2028 Fire Protection Agreement negotiated at the June 22, 2026, council meeting. The Township's Advisory Board approved and signed off on the Agreement with a $42,000.00 annual compensation, payable in two installments of $21,000.00. The Town also agrees to resume mowing and snow removal at the fire station with this contract. Newsome motioned for approval of the 2027-2028 Fire Protection Agreement as presented, with a second from Dillon. Being a volunteer firefighter, Councilmember Young abstained from the voting process. The Agreement was approved 2-0.

2027 CCMG Application: Laura Dillon presented the final plans for the 2027 CCMG application. Because Madison Street between SR 105 and Snowden Street was not listed in INDOT's Road Asset Inventory, it was ineligible to be included in the project and could not be added at this late stage. Dillon reviewed the Financial Commitment Letter which accompanies the application to INDOT. The paving projects are estimated to cost $637,106.00, with Andrews committing to a 20% match of $127,421.20. She added that contractor bids may come in lower. Dillon signed the letter, which Powell will forward to Lochmueller Group for inclusion with the application.

Second Reading of the 2027 Budget Ordinance: After its first introduction at the September 14 Public Hearing, Council President Laura Dillon presented Ordinance 2026-06, the 2027 Budget Form 4, for its second read. It was noted that councilmember Dean Young, due to Indiana Code, must abstain from this vote as a member of the Andrews VFD. After confirming there was no further discussion on the budget, Dillon stated she would accept a motion to pass the ordinance. Roger Newsome motioned to pass and adopt Ordinance 2026-06: Budget 2027 Appropriations & Tax Rates. Dillon seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Surf Internet's Jim Morris was unable to attend tonight's meeting and rescheduled for October 13.

Council President Dillon summarized an Access Agreement granting RTX continuous access to the Town's current water plant property to install a new redundant air stripper and to maintain and operate Municipal Wells 2 and 3 after the Town stops using them. This agreement is in accordance with the December 15, 2025, RTX Settlement Term Sheet. Young motioned to approved the Access Agreement. Newsome seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dillon next introduced Ordinance 2026-08 ERO Prohibiting the Installation of Water Wells & Use of Groundwater, also a requirement of the December 15, 2025, RTX Settlement Term Sheet. Young motioned to accept Ordinance 2026-08 on its first read. Newsome seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. There were no questions or comments from the public in attendance. Young motioned to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2026-08 for final adoption on the same day of introduction. Newsome seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Dillon then conducted the final reading of Ordinance 2026-08 Environmental Restrictive Ordinance Prohibiting the Installation of Water Wells and Use of Groundwater Within the Town of Andrews, Indiana. Young moved to adopt the ordinance, and Newsome seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Powell will notify the Huntington County Health Department of the new restrictions with a copy of the signed ordinance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt reported on recent high grass and junk/debris violation citations that have been ignored, saying the Town can now abate the properties. He shared plans to get new tires for Vehicles 1 and 3 before winter. Also, the old reserve car will soon be decommissioned and listed for sale on GovDeals.

Fire Department: Dean Young shared that two new volunteers will soon begin orientation and training.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported on recent flash flooding that overtopped the McKeever St Bridge and inundated the FEMA Buyout area. Thankfully, the wastewater line attached to the side of the bridge was not damaged during the flood.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell said Phase II of the 2025 Water Rate Modification is in the system, tested successfully, and will be in effect on the October billing statement. She presented an updated water/sewer rate chart to council members for reference. Powell next distributed a draft salary ordinance for members to review ahead of the October 13 meeting.

CLAIMS

Roger Newsome made a motion to approve the claims as presented, which was seconded by Dean Young. The motion was approved 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENT

John Harshbarger shared that Riverside Cemetery will repave all drives in the next month or so.

Laura Dillon said the previously presented 2027 holiday and meeting schedules could move forward. She also announced two upcoming events at Andrews Elementary School: a Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 23, from 5-6 p.m., and a dine-in fundraiser at Pizza Hut on Monday, October 19, from 4–8 p.m.

With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m., seconded by Young.

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Approved this 13th 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