

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD MARCH 10, 2025**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on March 10, 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, Jr motioned to approve council minutes for a Regular Session held on February 24, 2025. Dean Young seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY**

Matt Ditzler, Executive Director, shared with Council Members details about the newly formed Andrews Hometown Endowment program, wishing to get the word out about the investment opportunity in the Andrews Community. The Community Foundation's Board of Directors has approved creating the Andrews Hometown Endowment. They will provide \$5,000 per year in grants for the next three years (2025-2027) and match the first \$25,000 in donations to the Endowment Fund dollar-for-dollar. The committee consists of five residents who live within the 46702 zip code area, and they are Mirriah Bigelow, Mike Bartkus, Jody Cormany, Braxton Craft, and Carrie Beaver. The committee meets on May 7 to consider grant applications, which are being accepted now. Ditzler encouraged people to visit [huntingtonccf.org](http://huntingtonccf.org) to donate to, or to apply for grant funding from, the Andrews Hometown Endowment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2025-1 General Fund Additional Appropriation: A second read of Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2025-1 for the amount of \$4,374.31 was recited by Council President Dillon. Dean Young motioned to approve and pass General Fund Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2025-1. Roger Newsome seconded the motion, which was approved 3-0.

Resolution 2025-2 Regarding Disposition of Real Estate: Laura Dillon read Resolution 2025-2 Regarding Disposition of Real Estate and explained why this process is necessary to allow a company, such as TWN, to lease space on top of the town's water tower for their equipment. There being no questions or comments, Roger Newsome motioned to approve Resolution 2025-2. Dean Young seconded the motion, which was approved and passed unanimously.

HARTA Trailhead: Dillon shared a new \$17,150.00 estimate that Nick Hancock sent to her, which includes all options and signage. The Town already has bench seating to install as well as a quote for the concrete slab to support the trailhead kiosk, noting the savings there from the HARTA estimate. There was a discussion about whether the Andrews Hometown Endowment could partially fund this project, but their funds are limited in their first year. According to Dillon, Hancock will attend the March 24 meeting to answer remaining questions and discuss details regarding the HARTA Bicycle Trailhead.

Livestream of Meetings: Laura Dillon said that she and Clerk-Treasurer Powell will meet this week at the town hall with the person who set up livestreaming for the Bethesda Freewill Baptist Church in Andrews.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Humane Shelter Prevent A Litter (PAL) Program: Dortha Cook, 84 N Jackson St, updated council members on a program recently discussed in a community meeting at The Place To Bee that would begin to address the feral cat situation in Andrews. Much discussion ensued including the need for volunteers to help catch and transport cats to a mobile vet clinic in Huntington, and the limited funding from the County towards this program.



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Cook also shared that several town residents would like to participate in PAL but don't have the money (\$30.00 per cat) to do so. She asked council if they had money to assist these residents. Council said they do not, but Council President Dillon said she would inquire with Huntington City to learn more, as she believes they have a Cat Fund. No action was taken by council at this time.

Powell set up an Executive Session of the Council for Tuesday, March 18, at 4:00 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department: Town Marshal Platt reported that recent state mandated training was completed successfully, and that his department is preparing for a local physical tactics class later this month and plans are being made to attend a one day narcotics strategy training class that is geared towards small towns and sponsored by the Brown County Sheriff's Department.

Fire Department: Dean Young said work is still underway for the March 22 fundraiser auction and that they are still in training with the three new volunteers.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported that a new water heater was installed at the town hall, but a circulator will need to be put in to allow hot water reach faucets upstairs in a more timely manner. Also, his department will finish flushing hydrants the week of March 11. Working towards compliance with new federal lead and copper rule revisions, the utility employees will begin checking water meter connections to develop an inventory and identifying the location of lead service lines.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell announced that the FEMA Buyout Project is now officially closed by the State of Indiana DHS. She also said that she will contact H&H Disposal to set up a date for the town wide spring cleanup. Dates under consideration are May 2 or 9. Also in accordance with the 2022 trash contract, residential trash fees will increase in May from \$11.25 to \$11.75 for the last two years of the 5-year contract. Powell also advised Council that if they wish to opt out of the last year of the current trash contract, and give proper notification to H&H, they should begin to pursue new trash contract bids no later than the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2025.

**CLAIMS**

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Laura Dillon said the Easter Egg Hunt is officially a go and distributed a letter from the Andrews Community Helpers, Friends of the Library, and the Andrews-Dallas Township Library requesting donations from the community. Dillon also shared that she has learned that OCRA, SRF, and USDA monies are not available at this time or in the foreseeable future as a result of our new governor and staffing, along with the freeze of federal loan and grant funding.

With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Young.

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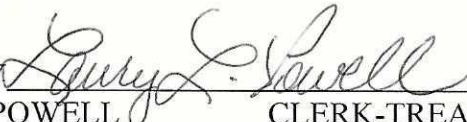
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Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

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