

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on February 24, 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 10, 2025. Dean Young seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE 2025-1 GENERAL FUND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

The public hearing opened at 6:01 p.m. Laura Dillon read the ordinance and asked Clerk-Treasurer Powell to explain why she is requesting \$4,374.31 be appropriated from the General Fund to the Police Unappropriated Expense line. She said this is a non-budgeted expense line and the passage of this ordinance allows her to make the leftover safety grant money available for use this year. With no questions from those in attendance, Dillon closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. Dean Young motioned to approve Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2025-1 on its first read. Roger Newsome seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. A second read and approval of this ordinance is planned for the March 10 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

HARTA Trailhead: Council members reviewed information to install a bicycle trailhead in Andrews as part of the county-wide trail system, which was presented and tabled last year. A quote for the concrete pad from David Stoffel, Inc. is in hand, and council members all agreed the trailhead should be installed on town property across the street from the Town Hall, however, questions remained on various options and signage for the project, fundraising, and sponsorship opportunities. Council intends to move forward this year to erect a new bicycle trailhead in Andrews, so Dillon volunteered to contact Nick Hancock for more information and to possibly set up another appearance before the full council. The matter was tabled for now.

Water Tower Lease: C-T Powell presented Council with a prepared Resolution, which could be approved tonight or March 10, and a Notice of Public Hearing on Disposition of Real Estate that is scheduled to be published March 12 in the Indiana Plain Dealer. Council President Dillon briefly discussed the process to allow the lease of space atop of the town's water tower and said council will read and pass the resolution at the March 10 meeting.

United With Love Mobile Food Pantry: Powell said she was contacted by UWL who said they wish to purchase and place a sign on, or near, the new food pantry building. She asked council members if they preferred that sign to be affixed to the building, or to a post. They all agreed that any signage should be mounted on a post so not to perforate the siding of the new building.

NEW BUSINESS

Easter Egg Hunt Donation Request: Laura Dillon shared a donation request from the Andrews Community Helpers, Friends of the Library, and the Andrews-Dallas Township Public Library for the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held April 19 at the fire department. Due to a conflict of interest, Dillon recused herself from further discussion and said she would abstain from voting. Roger Newsome motioned to donate \$200.00 to the Easter Egg Hunt. Dean Young seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Both Town Marshal Platt and Deputy Marshal Raber were attending state mandated training this evening.

Fire Department: Dean Young reported that three new members are beginning their training.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock said upon notice there was no hot water in the town hall, he found the water heater had quit working and was leaking in the basement. He asked council if they preferred that he do the job in-house or hire it out. Council members told Bullock to utilize his department employees to replace the water heater as soon as possible.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported she successfully resolved SBOA coding issues, completed, and submitted the 2024 Annual Financial Report to the state. She next initiated discussion over livestreaming requirements and asked for any other thoughts on who she should contact to assist with purchasing and setting up the necessary equipment in the council chambers. She has had little response but did have a list of product suggestions she compiled from the clerk-listserv. She felt that BCS Management, GovWeb, and Town Web Design were more website and municipal management oriented, not so much the hardware side of the situation. Discussion ensued and the matter was tabled for now with Dillon and Powell each agreeing to pursue several leads they were given.

CLAIMS

After making an inquiry on the Culp CPA claim, 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

Neal Snyder, 55 N Main St, informed everyone that the Town Fireworks are planned for July 5 with more details to come later.

Charles Miller, 423 N Market St, inquired what the town's animal ordinance says about pets not being confined to the owner's property or a leash. He said cats have ruined his grandkids' sandbox play area and he wants to know what the Town can do, or he can do, to keep stray cats off his property. Much discussion ensued concerning the cat overpopulation in town. There appears to be no simple or acceptable solution for both concerned residents and animal lovers in this matter.

Karrie Rife, 381 E Washington St, asked for an update on the proposed regionalized water project. Dillon responded that the council is waiting for the Lochmueller engineering report and mentioned there is a \$16 million funding shortfall, which should not be covered by taxpayers for Raytheon.

Laura Dillon also said she thinks the County has renewed their contract with GFL Environmental for recycling, which means for now, the blue recycle bins should stay in town for residents to continue using.


With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m., seconded by Young.

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Approved this 10th 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