



OTTERBEIN

TOWN BETWEEN TWO COUNTIES

A place for family

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Important Phone Numbers

Police	911 or 884-0080
Water Emergencies	476-3055
Billing Questions	583-4944
Clerk's Office	583-0089
Republic/Allied Waste	477-9138
Streets and Water	583-3430

Councilmen

Kevin Burk	404-1481
Dirk Studebaker	574-551-2903
Doyle Allison	583-9481
Amy Brown	376-0366
Rick Hadley	418-5742

CUSTIC FIBROSIS FLOWER SALE!! MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND



Thursday May 5th 2-6 pm

Friday May 6th 12-6 pm

Saturday May 7th 9-12 pm



Located at the Otterbein Prairie Community Center-Downtown Otterbein, Main St



Town Cleanup Day!



Saturday, May 14th 8am-2pm

Residents have a chance to clean up their property (if needed) without getting a citation from the police department or incurring a special charge from the trash company.

You must present the enclosed ticket - 1 ticket per service address

Dumpsters will be located at the Wastewater Plant on East 2nd St

NOTE: We will not take anything with an electrical cord, no freon, no tires and no containers of paint. Watch your future bill, which will include a Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District flyer with locations and times for drop off of those items, or go to www.nwiswd.org

Calendar May 2016

- 3rd Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- 4th Limb Pickup begins
- 11th Trash & Recycle
- 14th Town-Wide Cleanup
- 17th Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- 25th Trash & Recycle
- 30th Town Hall Closed
- June 2nd Trash pickup due to holiday



American Red Cross

On Saturday, June 11 from 9-2 pm, the Red Cross along with the help of the Otterbein Fire Department, will be installing smoke alarms at no charge to the homeowner. They will begin at Maddox Rd to Main St and head south. They may cover the East side of town if time allows.



Storm Season has Arrived!!

With storm season upon us, please be mindful of the following:

On occasion, the storm warning siren may be activated based on existing conditions even in the absence of a sighting and or confirmation of a tornado. Also, it is not uncommon for a storm to develop very quickly with very little warning. If the siren is activated, seek shelter immediately and if possible tune a radio or television to a local station for further instructions or updates. Please refrain from calling Town Hall for additional information, employees may also be seeking shelter and in all likelihood will know nothing more than that of the residents. To report a tornado sighting and or injury, call 911.

Otterbein Prairie COMMUNITY CENTER

Every Tuesday - 6:30 PM Euchre Night
Men & Women, any age, are Welcome!



The Town of Otterbein Water Department will continue hydrant flushing during the month of May. During this time you may experience rust colored water. This is normal and the discolored water is safe to drink, though it may not be pleasant. Questions, feel free to call Lorean Johnston at 765-476-3055.

Library News located on back page



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016 AT 6:00 PM

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with all members present.

Kevin introduced our new Councilman Rick Hadley. Rick is filling the position vacated by Ron Shoup. Attorney Jud Barce administered Rick's Oath of Office. Everyone welcomed Rick and he took his seat at the Council table.

Dirk Studebaker made the motion to appoint Amy Brown as Vice-President for the remainder of 2016. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Council conducted the Hearing on Utility Disconnects. No resident was present to discuss their situation. Amy Brown made the motion to approve those listed on the Disconnection list, to be disconnected. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Amy Brown made the motion to approve the March 2016 Minutes as written. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor. Kevin Burk read the summary of claims for a total of \$122,399.29. Dirk Studebaker made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Attorney Jud Barce presented Resolution 2016-14CM from Tippecanoe County to Authorize the Assignment of some of the Central Street Lots. Jud introduced Otterbein Resolution 2016-0405 to accept those lots on Central Street. Amy Brown made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-0405. Rick Hadley seconded the motion and all were in favor.

BF&S engineer Mike Turchi updated the Council on the Wastewater Pump Project. The new drives are available and should be installed as soon as possible. He then updated them regarding the Street Lighting Project and he has submitted the requested documents and now we are waiting on Rural Development. In regards to the question, asked last meeting, how the sprinkling part will work. Mike explained that the planters on the light poles will be automated with a rain gauge. The water line will run in the same trench as the electrical. And lastly, INDOT has a call for projects and Ryan with BF&S will be working with Treeva on those details.

Town Marshal George Frantz asked the Council if they would like to trade-in the 2006 Dodge Charger or sale it out right. The trade-in value is \$3,500. Jud explained that the vehicle would need to be deem surplus. If we are going to trade it in that is all we need to do. If we are going to sell it then it will need to be advertised and sold at a public sale. Jud introduced Ordinance 2016-0405B An Ordinance Declaring Certain Personal Property to be Surplus Property and Authorize Its Sale.. Dirk Studebaker made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-0405B. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Utility Superintendent Lorean Johnston informed the Council that the gate to the tennis courts will need to be relocated with the Water Plant being fenced in. He is in the process of getting quotes for the fence with an auto gate for the water plant. They discussed options of where to put the gate to the tennis courts. He will research further. He explained to the Council that the test kits he ordered to test the hardness of the water; would not read as high as it needed to. He has ordered more kits, that will read a higher level. He brought up the need for a back-up operator when he is on vacation, training etc. He has spoken to the operator at Fowler and he would be willing to be Lorean's backup and Lorean his back up and they are working up a cost with that. The Council is fine with hearing more details, but currently we already have two water operators on payroll that stated they would assist as needed, Tom Tinsman and Dave Glaspie. If the Fowler option saves money then great but if not, we already have that covered.

Regarding the WWT Plant, Lorean presented a quote for grease removal and explained how it works and it would prevent having to do maintenance as often, thus saving money in the long run. Dirk Studebaker made the motion to purchase 1 case and see how that works. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor. He then presented 2 quotes from USA Bluebook. The first one is for general supplies and a safety shower for \$519.62 plus shipping. Amy Brown made the motion to approve the request. Rick Hadley seconded the motion and all were in favor. The second quote was for Lab mats. He would like 2 at \$149.95 each. Dirk asked if he had gotten other quotes. He had not. The decision was tabled until more quotes could be received. Lorean presented the annual price quote from Brenntag guaranteeing the price of Chlorine, Sodium Fluoride and Sulfur Dioxide. Dirk Studebaker made the motion to accept the quote for 2016. Amy Brown seconded the motion and all were in favor. New Net DMR Reporting, requires an Authorized Signee. That person has to be a Councilman and was Ron. Kevin agreed to be the signee but wants the report emailed to him monthly.

Lorean informed the Council that it is time for the annual check of the mosquito sprayer machine. The cost would be \$275. They are also holding some training and he needs the continuing education credits. The cost of the training is \$80. It is in Noblesville on May 5, 2016. Amy Brown made the motion to approve the annual check and for Lorean to attend the training. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor. He is to also check on the Core Class for Chad, so we have an additional person that is certified.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles informed the Council that the June 7, 2016 meeting is in conflict with the State Board of Accounts School. Therefore, they either will need to cancel, reschedule or someone will need to volunteer to take the minutes at the meeting. The Council asked that she bring it back up in May and they will decide based on what may need to be addressed. Treeva informed the Council that the State Board of Accounts Audit is finished and there were no findings. Everything was in good order. There will be an Exit

Conference with the Auditor and they are invited to attend. If they are interested they need to give her their availability. Lastly, she brought up that the Town will be hosting an OSHA training at the Otterbein Public Library April 26, 2016 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Town Administrator Ron Shoup talked with the Council about the town wide clean-up. They will get the same number of dumpsters as last year. They will target May 21, 2016 to see if that works with all involved. If not, he is to pick another date. Kevin noted he did like it in May. He then brought up the need to purchase some good dirt from Musser Dirt Works. Lorean stated he thought we had some dirt but didn't know how good it is. Amy Brown made the motion to proceed with getting dirt if needed. Dirk Studebaker seconded the motion and all were in favor. Kevin brought up Kerkhoff Ave being in horrible condition and needs to be put on the high priority list.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Dirk Studebaker made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 PM. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2019 6:00 PM

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with all members present.

Two residents were present to talk with the Council about cats and dogs. The Council explained the current animals running at large ordinance. Unfortunately, there are a lot of stray cats in town that don't belong to anyone. We will put it on the agenda, for further discussion, of what can be done with the cats.

Kevin Burk read the summary of claims for a total of \$169,982.11. Kevin asked to clarify what the Farmtek bill was for. Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles explained, it was for the new salt shed structure that was approved in December 2015. Dirk Studebaker asked for clarification on an invoice for a plug. Town Administrator Ron Shoup explained it was for the WWT plant. Treeva brought up the large invoice for Graves Plumbing, for the WWT pump project, and requested Engineer Mike Turchi explain if the work is satisfactory. He explained that it is, and that we are holding a retainage until the punch list is completed. With all questions answered, Dirk Studebaker made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mallory updated the Council on some proceeding supplementals, that she is representing the town on, and that she is working on the paperwork to get the Central Street lots transferred to the town.

Town Marshal George Frantz had nothing to bring before the Council but did clarify that cats are included in the running at large ordinance.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles informed the Council that she will be attending the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns Clerk-Treasurer workshop May 10, 2016 in Indianapolis. The cost is \$105.

Town Administrator Ron Shoup discussed with Council that the town trucks do not have fire extinguishers in them. For safety purposes, he feels the trucks should have them. For four, 5 pound, ABC units the cost would be \$225. Amy Brown made the motion to purchase the fire extinguishers. Richard Hadley seconded the motion and all were in favor. Ron presented Ordinance 2016-0419C to deem certain property of no value, so that it can be disposed of. Dirk Studebaker made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-0419C. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor. He presented, the Council, a quote from Clean Sweep to sweep the streets. For the first time of the season, the cost will be \$920-\$1035 depending on how many hours it takes. If the town would like it done, more than once, then the second and third times would be \$805. Amy Brown made the motion to schedule 2 times with the option for a 3rd time. Richard Hadley seconded the motion and all were in favor. Richard Hadley would like to look into buying, possibly, a refurbished street sweeper. Ron presented quotes from TrueGreen and Nature Scape to fertilize and kill weeds in the parks. The council agreed not to proceed with the park by the water tower; but to have the Thompson Park treated. Quotes for Thompson Park were as follows: Nature Scape for 5 visits at \$52 per application. TruGreen 6 visits at \$40 per application and one grub control treatment for \$40. Amy Brown made the motion to approve TruGreen to treat the Thompson Park as presented. Richard Hadley seconded the motion and all were in favor. He brought up the fact that the Hustler mower is getting water in the oil again. He said it is a water cooled motor. To replace it with an air cooled motor would cost approximately \$2,000. The Council requested he get more information.

In regards to the WWT Plant, Ron informed the Council that the large east digester tank has been cleaned and put back into service. He presented quotes from Merrill Bros and Wealing Bros for sludge removal. Merrill Bros quote is for \$4,290 and Wealing's is for \$2,940. Ron had checked with Treeva and the money is available. Richard Hadley made the motion to approve the sludge be removed by Wealing Bros. Dirk Studebaker seconded the motion and all were in favor. He informed the Council that the generator at the plant didn't have annual maintenance last year. He had a quote from Buckeye Power. The quote included checking and replacing the batteries. Treeva thought the batteries had been replaced, not too long ago. Kevin inquired if the part-time employee could do the maintenance. Ron explained it requires a specialized firm. The Council tabled the decision until more information can be gathered.

Lastly, he presented and discussed with Council a project list and calendar of work schedule. He noted it is a work in progress and if they would like anything different to please let me know.

Under new business the Council discussed with Ron, Treeva and engineer Mike Turchi regarding the INDOT call for projects. The deadline is May 16, 2016 and this is for 2021 projects. If awarded, the soonest construction could begin fall of 2020. They had gone through the SRTS planning study; and discussed the different locations. They feel the best option would be for a sidewalk to run along Church Street between Oxford Street and 3rd Street. This would improve the safety of the kids getting from the school to the ball fields. The estimated cost of that project would be \$175,000 and it would be an 80% grant with the Town putting in 20%. Amy Brown made the motion to proceed with the application process and to have BF&S assist Treeva with the application process for a, not to exceed, amount of \$1,500. Richard Hadley seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mike Turchi updated the Council on the Street Lighting Project. He needs to verify the amount for bond counsel and financial consultants are sufficient for the project and then he will have all the questions answered, that he is aware of, from the funding agency. Mallory will check with Jud on bond counsel fees and Treeva will check with the financial advisor. Currently that portion of the budget is at \$15,000.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Dirk Studebaker made the motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.



Library News



Mother Goose on the Loose Story time — Every Tuesday morning from 10:30 am (half hour before library opens) and Wednesday afternoon from 4pm, For ages 0-3 years old with a parent, grandparent, or loved one. No registration required, just show up! There will be nursery rhymes, colored scarves, and more.

Color Me Calm—Monday, May 2nd—1st day of each month (except Sundays, then the 2nd day of the month) . Open All Day but social Hour will be from 4-5pm. Yes it is true, the Otterbein Public Library is jumping on the adult coloring bandwagon! An hour set aside to decompress and socialize. Mindful or mindless coloring, either way, this ‘therapy’ is relaxing and stress relieving for many individuals. Hundreds of colored pencils and coloring pages are supplied or bring your own. A kids area is set up in the children's section at the LEGO Table and adults will be in the meeting room. No registration just show up!

Otterbein's Downtown Movie Night — Friday — May 6th at 9:15pm, join us on the corner of Main and 1st Street for a showing of "The Peanuts Movie." Rated G, free to attend. Bring your blankets, chairs, and snacks. No registration required.



Fancy Nancy Tea Party — Tuesday May 10th — 5:30pm. Join us for our annual Mother's Day event. A Fancy Nancy Tea party, complete with crafts, snacks, and of course tea! Open to all ages, bring your grandma, aunts, and other loved ones and enjoy this early evening event for free. Registration is required because space is limited.

LEGO Club — Monday May 16th — 4:00pm. No registration, for ages 5+ with a parent/guardian.

SUMMER READING REGISTRATION — Thursday May 19th — 6:00-7:00 pm, We are doing registration online this year! Hooray, no wasted paper! So you do not have to come to library to sign up and set your summer reading goal! The link to the online registration will be available starting the 19th as well. The theme this year is, "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!"

Family Fun Night with the Libraries — Thursday May 19th — 6:00pm, at the Elementary School. Registration is required for this family Earth Day event. Sign up with Kristi at the school or Lauren at the public library

Pinterest Night — Tuesday May 31st — 6:00pm. Craft TBD, check Facebook or the library's website for details. Registration required