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Important Phone Numbers

Police	911 or 884-0080
Billing Questions	583-4944
Clerk's Office	583-0089
Waste Management	866-797-9018
Building/Zoning/Permits	583-3430
Water Emergencies	884-0080

Councilmen

Jackey Apache	491-4594
Amy Brown	376-0366
Rick Hadley	418-5742
Linda Brummet	404-2115
Brad Smith	404-3121

Town Hall will be closed Friday April 18th for the holiday,
Good Friday.

Limb Pick-Up Resumes April 1st

*Begins the 1st Tuesday of each month/*Please have limbs to curb by 6:00am

*Maximum diameter - 8 inches/*Maximum length - 8 feet

Only limbs can be put through the chipper; **no shrubs or bushes**. If it's not a limb, or is very small, it can be placed in your trash bin. If this criteria is not met, it will be left behind. Rain can delay limb pickup due to the fact that wet limbs can cause damage to the chipper. We will start on the first Tuesday, and continue until we have made a pass down every street.

Calendar April 2025



The Otterbein Rotary Club's Spring Plant Sale is taking place now through April 9th.

Go online at: OtterbeinRotary.org to order you flowers and vegetables. Paper forms are available to pick up and return at The Otterbein Town Hall, Alliance Bank, and Farmer's & Merchants Bank.

- 1st Limb Pickup Begins
- 3rd Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- 17th Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- 18th Town Hall Closed - Holiday

Trash Every Friday



Pay your bill online or by text

Go to: Otterbein.in.gov and click the link
or

Invoicecloud.com/Otterbein IN



Orders will be available for pick-up or delivery May 8th, 9th, & 10th at the Otterbein Town Garage- 104 E 2nd St.

They are only doing pre-orders this year, there will not be a live sale that weekend.

Fire Hydrant Flushing - The Town of Otterbein will be starting hydrant flushing April 7th. Hydrant flushing is a vital part of regular maintenance. Sometimes hydrant flushing can make the water temporarily appear rust-colored because the iron and other mineral deposits in the water mains get stirred up. There is no health hazard associated with discolored water. Water is safe to use and consume during hydrant flushing, however it may stain laundry. Residents are advised to take the necessary precautions for discolored water throughout this period. Please contact the Town Hall for updates or questions concerning hydrant flushing at 765-583-4944.

Masonic Lodge's Annual Fish Dinner

25 E Oxford St, Otterbein

Saturday April 4, 2025

5pm to 7pm

Helpful Information: It's helpful that all residents have a main shut off valve for their house. The meter's are only for the Town to have access to for water issues. **Ordinance No. 2018.0918, Prohibiting Tampering with the Otterbein Water Works, & it's Facilities, and Equipment.** Plus, it's helpful to detect a water issue for a resident when having a main shut off valve; if the issue is in the house, or between the house and meter.

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 into a radio or television to a local station for further instructions or updates. Please refrain from calling the Town Hall for additional information, employees will 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. Also note, tornado sirens are activated by Benton County the first Saturday of every month for a test.

**OTTERBEIN UMC
SUMMER CAMP 2025**

**Art, Games, Reading, Water Fun, & More
*Register Now, Spots are LIMITED***

**Go to: www.otterbeinumc.org for more information
405 E Oxford Street, Otterbein IN**

Large Bulk Item Pickup Program Ordinance 2023-1005G

If you have large items such as furniture, appliances, or other bulky items that need to be removed, please call the Town Hall at 765-583-4944 to schedule a pickup. Our staff will arrange for the items to be removed and disposed of properly.

*Each resident is permitted twelve (12) large bulk items per year. Items must be at the curb for pickup. Residents are permitted to schedule a drop-off at the Wastewater Plant. Scheduled drop-offs are not counted against the twelve (12) large bulk items. Residents that exceed the twelve (12) large bulk item pickup limit shall be charged a fee of \$100.00 per additional pickup occurring during the calendar year.

*A Landlord is permitted one (1) scheduled large bulk item drop-off at the Wastewater Plant, per year. Regardless of number of properties owned by said Landlord. One (1) large bulk item drop off is limited to one (1) pick-up truck load.

*Prohibited Items: Auto Parts, engines, tires, and batteries

Electronics, televisions, computers, printers, and fax machines

Chemicals, pesticides, paints, solvents, grease, motor oil, or other household hazardous waste

Propane tanks or gas tanks

Dead Animals

Fencing materials

Concrete, dirt, rocks, sod, or stumps

Medical Waste

Appliances that contain Freon

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025, 6:00 PM

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

The Council held the hearing on utility disconnections. No one was present to discuss their situation. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve those listed on the disconnection list be disconnected for non-payment. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Linda Brummet made the motion to approve the February 2025 Minute as written. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Amy Brown read the summary of claims presented for a total of \$199,250.33. Linda Brummet made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Brad Smith seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles explained that attorney Jud Barce has been able to settle the condemnation case outside of court, but he needs a check written to WM Brost Farms LLC for \$16,250, so he can get this final hopefully on 3/10/25. Amy Brown made the motion to approve the claim. Linda Brummet seconded the motion and all were in favor. Treeva presented a final 2024 Year-end Claims register to be approved. Amy Brown made the motion to approve the 2024 Year-end Claims as presented. Linda Brummet seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Building Commissioner Tim Clark updated the Council on the Right of Way, Easement and Zoning updates he is working on. He informed the Council that he is meeting with Mainstream Engineers on 3/7/25 to discuss the permits needed. He is setting up meetings with the Board of Zoning Appeals to discuss the permit fees as they are low and not covering the town's cost. He is starting a safety training video series with the town employees. He informed them that he is meeting with Dave Buck and the developer of Central Street housing on March 20, 2025, so the town and the developer are working together to get this development started. He is also meeting with NIPSCO regarding a gas line on Central Street.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles discussed with Council the salary of the prospective new hire for the Town Maintenance position. The Council agreed to \$23.00 per hour with a review in 90 days for possibly \$1.00 per hour raise at that time. She updated the Council on the Wastewater/Stormwater projects and updated them on the READI 2 grant funds available.

Linda Brummet brought up the name of the Town Park, and she would like to see the name just stay the Otterbein Town Park. The Council unanimously agreed.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM with all members present.

Amy Brown read the summary of claims presented for a total of \$95,039.01. Linda Brummet made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Rick Hadley seconded the motion and all were in favor.

BF&S Engineer Dave Buck discussed the easement request from Duke Energy for the Dirk Studebaker Trail; they will need to move 4 poles and an overhead line. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the Utility

Easement. Linda Brummet seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Attorney Tom Pittman with Barnes and Thornburg LLP was present to discuss Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts, both Commercial and Residential. This is something the Council is interested in pursuing. They will hold a meeting of the Redevelopment Commission on April 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Town Attorney Jud Barce was presented and gave an update on open items.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles discussed with Council insurance for the street festival. Jud will talk with the insurance company to see if it is better for the town or the committee to hold the policy. She requested on behalf of the Otterbein Public Library to use the town dumpster to get rid of some items for the library. The Council unanimously agreed. She presented a draft of the sign for the Otterbein Town Park. Everyone made comments and gave it to Rick for changes to be made. She informed the Council that the group of engineers, employees, council president, and grant writer had a meeting and discussed in great detail the Wastewater and Stormwater needs. Dave Buck and Treeva explained it is best to move forward with Wastewater Improvements first. This will include some plant improvements, but a large component will be lining sewer lines that have been identified as large pipes with infiltration. This will stop the stormwater from entering the sewer lines and ultimately getting into the wastewater plant. We will be submitting a proposal for an OCRA grant in April. We will hold a Public Hearing on April 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM. The proposed project will be \$1,275,000, of which we are requesting a \$750,000 grant, the remainder will come from the town in the form of a 20-year bond. After the Wastewater project is funded and started, we will apply for a grant for a stormwater project and will probably apply for a USDA 40-year bond to fund stormwater improvements in an attempt to keep rates as low as possible. She presented a quote from Complete Sweep for the street sweeping April – October. They would like a revised quote to just do April, July and September, rather than every month. Lastly, she presented Ordinance 2025-0320 An Ordinance Amending the 2025 Salary Ordinance to change the salary for the maintenance operator. Rick Hadley made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-0320. Brad Smith seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Brad Smith made the motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.