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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



Don't Forget to Spring Ahead

Daylight Savings Time begins 2am Sunday March 9th

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.

Mobile Office for Congressman Jim Baird coming to the Otterbein Community Center

When: Tuesday March 25, 2025

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-2:00pm

During mobile office hours, members of Congressman Baird's office staff will be available to help constituents navigate difficulties with federal agencies and programs. Congressman Baird's office can assist with issues such as: Social Security, Medicare, immigration, tax returns, passports, veterans services, and other federal matters. Constituents are encouraged to bring any relevant documents from federal agencies related to their issue.

Calendar March 2025

6th Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
20th Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
Trash Every Friday



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Code Red Changed to RAVE.

Benton County EMS has announced their transition to RAVE for mass notifications for emergency purposes. "The new system BC Alert, through RAVE will provide increased capabilities and integration with the 911 Center, and other aspects of emergency response." "If you were in the previous CODERED system, your data should have been transferred. Those accounts with emails should have received an "opt in" email from RAVE. Please email bema@bentoncounty.in.gov with any questions or needed assistance."

"You can create a new account through <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/login.action?lpse=1>, which is also utilizing Smart 911."

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025, 6:00PM**

President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with all members present. The Council welcomed the new member, Brad Smith.

The Council conducted the hearing on utility disconnects for non-payment. No one was present to discuss their situation. Amy Brown made the motion to approve those listed to be shutoff. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Amy Brown made a motion to approve January 2025 Minutes as written. Jackey Apache made a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Amy Brown read the summary of Claims presented for payment of a total of \$256,762.45. Linda Brummet made the motion to approve the Claims for payment. Richard (Rick) Hadley seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

With Attorney Jud Barce not being present, Amy Brown stated that for the next meeting the council needs an update on internet.

BF&S Engineer Dave Buck presented several updates to the Council. The pre-construction meeting with Milestone was held and the Dirk Studebaker Trail estimated start date is April 1, 2025. However, with utilities being relocated, like fiber lowered, and Comcast may need to move their utility, as well as Attorney Jud Barce working with Duke on revisions on right-of-way, and the bridge not being here on time, it may be closer to June. The construction should be 3-4 months. He had reached out to Jud Barce on the condemnation case; and it is still in the process. The CCMG Grant did get submitted on the Thursday before the meeting and the town should know by April. The Economic Development Director Latisha Provo is working on READI 2.0 Funds, which is a 50/50 Match and Grant Writer Shannon McLeod is working on the preliminary work for an OCRA Grant still waiting on town to decide to move forward with stormwater or wastewater. The town can only move forward with one at a time.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31PM. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE OTTERBEIN TOWN COUNCIL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025, AT 5:00 PM**

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM with all members present.

The reason for the Executive Session was to discuss the open position with the town and review the applications received.

Brad Smith made the motion to adjourn at 5:53 PM. Jackey Apache seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Residents Casey and Kayla Pritchford were present with their attorney to request the town vacate an undeveloped part of Third Street that runs between their properties. Their attorney presented a map showing where their property is located. He informed the Council that the town will maintain an easement to be able to work on the utilities. The Town Attorney Jud Barce informed the Council that all the proper notices were given. He presented Ordinance 2025-0220, An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Third Street in the Town of Otterbein Indiana. Richard (Rick) Hadley made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-0220. Linda Brummet seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Attorney Jud Barce updated the Council on the Hearing on the condemnation case. The hearing is set for March 17, 2025; but he is still hoping to settle it before then. He gave an update on Mainstream coming to town. They have requested permits for road cuts, but Tim Clark needs more information and has requested a meeting with them.

Building Commissioner Tim Clark updated the Council on permits and safety training and said the ADA policy needs to be reviewed.

Town Marshal Jason Pritchett presented a quote for the Policy and Procedures Manual to be updated for the Police Department. He would like to use a company called Lexipol. The cost is \$3,417.00 and then an online training module that will cost \$767. There will also be an annual fee to cover updates to the manual and for annual training. Rick Hadley made the motion to approve the quote. Brad Smith seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles presented a contract with Grant Writer Shannon McLeod to conduct an Income Survey. This is a requirement of the OCRA grant process. The cost is \$4,000.00. Amy Brown made the motion to approve the contract. Linda Brummet seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Amy Brown read the summary of claims presented for a total of \$102,673.80. Linda Brummet made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Jackey Apache seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Council discussed the Eagle Scout Project. The town will provide the sign for the town park as part of the project. Operations Manager Russell Sarles has talked with Earl Park Signs who will make the sign; it just needs to be designed. Treeva is to send the Town logo to Rick Hadley, and he will work on the design.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.