



**Important Phone Numbers**

Police	911 or 884-0080
Billing Questions	583-4944
Clerk's Office	583-0089
Waste Management	866-797-9018
Streets	583-3430
Water Emergencies	765-761-7594

**Councilmen**

Jackey Apache	491-4594
Doyle Allison	307-8505
Amy Brown	376-0366
Rick Hadley	418-5742
Linda Brummet	404-2115



**Don't forget to "Spring Ahead"**  
**Daylight Savings Time begins 2 am,**  
**Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Town Hall will be closed on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday.

**Limb Pick-Up Resumes April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

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

Only limbs can be put through the chipper; **no shrubs and bushes**. If it's not a limb, or is very small; it can be placed in your trash bin. If these criteria's are 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.



- 7<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- 21<sup>st</sup> Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- 29<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Closed-Holiday
- \*\*\*Trash Every Friday\*\*\*



Pay your bill online or by text

Go to: [Otterbein.in.gov](http://Otterbein.in.gov) and click the link or

[Invoicecloud.com/Otterbein IN](http://Invoicecloud.com/Otterbein IN)



**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.

**Code Red:** It's not to late to sign up. The Town of Otterbein uses the system to notify Otterbein residents of community events and alerts such as water issues, boil advisories, trash updates, street closings, and etc. Benton County uses the Code Red system to notify the communities of severe weather conditions and other emergency situations. Code Red is a service which can send out information thru phone calls, text messages, and/or emails. A link to sign up for Code Red can be found on our website, [Otterbein.in.gov](http://Otterbein.in.gov) at the bottom of the homepage under Benton County. If you need assistance, feel free to contact us by telephone for help at 765-583-4944.

**Reminders:** The 2024 golf permits are available at the town hall. Also if you have a large bulk item, you must call the town hall at 765-583-4944 for proper removal of the item or items.



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.

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The Otterbein Rotary Club's Spring Plant Sale is taking place now through April 10<sup>th</sup>. Go online at: [OtterbeinRotary.org](http://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.

Orders will be available for pick up or delivery in time for Mother's Day on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm -6:00 pm and May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-1:00 pm at the Otterbein Town Hall.

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

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## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024, AT 6:00 PM**

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM with members Jackey Apache and Linda Brummet present. Members Doyle Allison and Richard (Rick) Hadley were absent.

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

Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the January 2024 Minutes as written. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Amy Brown read the summary of claims presented for a total of \$124,284.52. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the claims for payments. Amy Brown seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Building Commissioner Tim Clark updated the Council on House Bill 1329 which could impact building codes. He will keep them updated.

BF&S Engineer Dave Buck presented the Supplemental Agreement #3 for the Dirk Studebaker Trail, part-time Inspection for \$46,700. Amy Brown made the motion to approve Supplemental Agreement #3. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor. He presented the documents to accept the Easement from the Otterbein United Methodist Church for the Dirk Studebaker Trail. Jackey Apache made the motion to accept the Easement. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Amy Brown made the motion to approve Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles to issue the check to the Otterbein United Methodist Church for \$8,600. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Town Marshal Jason Pritchett updated the Council on his search for a new officer.

Town Administrator Karen Hurtubise gave a department report.

Clerk Treasurer Treeva Sarles presented a quote from Buckeye Power Sales for the annual maintenance on the town's generators. The annual fee is \$1,915. Amy Brown made the motion to enter into the maintenance contract with Buckeye Power Sales. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. She presented Ordinance 2024-0201 regarding the Trash Collection Fee. The Town must cover the costs we are charged from Waste Management. This Ordinance raises this fee to \$18.33 per month per resident. Jackey Apache made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-0201. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The Contract is to renew this year, so we will be putting it out to bid in the fall.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OTTERBEIN TOWN COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024, AT 5:00 PM**

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM with members Jackey Apache, Linda Brummet and Richard (Rick) Hadley present. Member Doyle Allison was absent.

The reason for the Special meeting is to open bids for the Dirk Studebaker Trail. BF&S Engineer Ryan King opened the 2 bids received and read them aloud. They were as follows:

ITEM	MILESTONE	REITH-RILEY
Base Bid	\$1,032,673.90	\$1,246,000
Alternate 1	\$ 122,993.34	\$ 135,000
Alternate 2	\$ 25,000	\$ 23,000
Pflug Drive Approach	\$ 54,326.10	\$ 60,000

Amy Brown made the motion to take the bids under advisement. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn at 5:35 PM. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024, AT 6:00 PM**

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM with members Jackey Apache, Linda Brummet and Richard (Rick) Hadley present. Member Doyle Allison was absent.

The Council held the Hearing on Zone Map Change. The Advisory Plan Commission recommends the request be granted. Those in attendance were given time to speak. Jackey Apache made the motion to Adopt Ordinance 2024-0215 An Ordinance Amending the Town of Otterbein's Zone Map.

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

Amy Brown read the summary of claims presented for a total of \$218,379.02. Rick Hadley made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

BF&S Engineer Dave Buck updated the Council on the options regarding the trail. He would like time to put together some figures on reducing the scope, talk with the lowest bidder, and go back to the Department of Natural Resources to see if there are more grant funds available. He asked if the Town had any extra funds to add to the local match. Amy Brown made the motion to use all our ARPA funds for the local match, rather than just part of it. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles requested permission to issue payment for Deandra Pritchett and herself to attend the ILMCT Conference March 18-19, 2024. The cost of the conference is \$500 (\$250/each). Amy Brown made the motion to approve the request. Rick Hadley seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Attorney Jud Barce discussed the options for selling the Central Street lots to a developer as a group rather than selling them as individual lots. We will need to get 2 appraisals of the land; put together the bid packet and then put them out to bid. We will begin the process on this, as the street will be put in this spring. He then discussed the request from Benton County to put internet equipment on the water tower, through Mainstream. We currently have a contract with Watch Communications. He recommended we terminate the lease with Watch Communication, so that we can negotiate both being on the tower. Amy Brown made the motion to Terminate the lease agreement with Watch Communications. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Jud is to send the letter.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Rick Hadley made the motion to adjourn at 7:04 PM. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.