



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, 2024 Golf Permits are available. All Golf Carts and ORVs must be registered at the Town Hall in order to operate within the Town Limits. (Ord.2021-0415 and 2021-0506B)

Golf Cart owners must show proof of insurance and pay a \$15.00 permit fee.

ORV owners must show proof of insurance and ORVs are required to register their ORV with the State of Indiana and show proof that it is.

Fire hydrant flushing will continue through the month of May. It's a vital part of regular maintenance. For concerns or updates, call the Town Hall at 765-583-4944.

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 27th due to the holiday.

Calendar May 2024

Trash Information: Mark you calendar, due to Memorial Day on Monday, May 27th. Trash day that week will be a day behind on Saturday, June 1st. Make sure you still have it out the night before.

"Most Common Complaints"

Ordinances for Dogs

Otterbein Town Codes can be found at www.otterbein.in.gov/ordinances or reviewed at Town Hall during office hours.

91.02 Animal Nuisances

91.02 (B) Running at Large or Untagged Prohibited

91.02 (E) Barking Dogs

91.02 (L) Owner Responsible for Animal Waste

91.02 (F) Number of Animals Restricted

91.02 (O) Registration & Restraint of Dogs

If you have information that has changed on your "town" dog tag or if you need one, please reach out to the Town Hall at 765-583-4944 or stop by during open hours.

Ordinance for Yards

91.03 Real Estate Nuisances- (D) Weeds and rank vegetation, tall grass. It shall be unlawful for any property owner, whether residential, commercial or industrial, to permit weeds and rank vegetation, including grasses, (excluding bushes, planted trees, flowers, ornamental plants or garden plants), to grow to a height of more than six inches within the town boundaries. Any such weeds and rank vegetation or grass shall be considered a nuisance.

- 2nd Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- 7th Limb Pickup Begins
- 16th Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- 27th **Town Hall Closed**
- June 1st Trash Day due to Holiday
- ***Trash Every Friday*****



IndianaHousingNow.Org.

Struggling to pay your rent and/or utility bills? You could be eligible for rent and utility assistance.

WHAT IS IERA?

The **Indiana Emergency Rental Assistance (IERA) Program** continues to provide financial assistance for rent and utility payments for Indiana residents whose income has been negatively impacted by the pandemic.

To apply to the IERA Program ***for the first time***, and to find out about additional resources and services, please call 2-1-1. If you are in need of **emergency rental assistance**, be sure to mention "**rental assistance**" to the 2-1-1 operator.

If you have questions about your eligibility or payments of assistance, please contact Customer Service by calling 317-800-6000 or by emailing IERA@ihcda.in.gov.

Otterbein Rotary Club's Spring Plant Sale

Orders will be available for pick up on May 10th from 2:00 pm -6:00 pm and May 11th from 10:00 am-1:00 pm at the Otterbein Community Center.

The Otterbein Rotary Club will not have a live sale that weekend.

Thank you for all your support.

OUMC Preschool & Pre-K,

2024-25 Registration is NOW OPEN!

Classes are limited, register soon.

Contact Amy Rudolph for more information,
765-583-4441 or preschool-camp@otterbeinumc.org.

Otterbein United Methodist Church's

Fish & Tenderloin Fry

Friday, June 7th

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Dine in or Carry out

405 E Oxford St, Otterbein IN 47970

www.otterbein.umc.org



Out with the showers, in with the flowers!

Join the Otterbein Walking Group!

Tuesdays & Thursdays in May at 6:00 pm

Meet on Main Street

at the Library!

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 4, 2024, AT 6:00 PM

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM with all members present.

The Council held the hearing on utility disconnections for non-payment. No one was present to discuss their situation. Richard (Rick) Hadley made the motion to approve those listed to be shut-off. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the March 2024 Minutes as written. Doyle Allison seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Amy Brown read the summary of claims presented for a total of \$193,863.43. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Resolution 2024-0404 was presented listing April 8, 2024, a paid holiday for 2024 for the Eclipse. Rick Hadley made the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-0404. Doyle Allison seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

On behalf of the Redevelopment Commission, Treeva Sarles presented the 2023 annual report to the Otterbein Town Council.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles requested the 2016 Bobcat be paid off early. There is one payment of \$3,647.35 left. Amy Brown made the motion to pay off the 2016 Bobcat. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The Council then discussed the 2016 Bobcat, and the estimated repair is \$6,500. It is 8 years old. Bobcat in Lafayette will trade our unit for a new one and give a trade in value of \$22,000 as is. Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles presented paying cash, lease option, and loan options. The 2024 Bobcat cost \$55,715.66. With the trade of \$22,000, the town would need to come up with \$33,715.66. The town employees would also like to add an excavator attachment for \$3,800. Amy Brown made the motion to begin the process of purchasing a new bobcat with an excavating bucket through a loan.

The Council then discussed the tailgate on the new dump bed. Although it is a nice tailgate the town employees stated it is not practical for the needs of the town. To have a new tailgate put on, it will cost \$800.00. Amy Brown made the motion to purchase the different tailgate. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Rick Hadley noted we should keep the current tailgate.

The Council set an Executive Session to discuss the performance of an employee for April 11, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn at 6:35 PM. Rick Hadley seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE OTTERBEIN TOWN COUNCIL

APRIL 11, 2024, AT 4:00 PM

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM with all members present. The reason for the Executive Session was to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees except in the context of the budget. This was the only topic discussed.

Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 PM. Amy Brown seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 18, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM with all members present.

Shawn Gardner with Mainstream Fiber Networks and Steve Herlinger with Watch Communications were present to discuss providing internet service. Watch Communications has been on the Water Tower for many years and would like to continue to do so. He would like a new contract with the same bandwidth with an option to renew. Mainstream is bringing Fiber Optic to the Benton County side of Otterbein. They would like to begin mid-May and finish in September. This will be overhead and underground depending on the area of town. They will also run fiber to the water tower and then a company called Americrew will take it up the tower to provide 5G service to anyone wishing to have that service. It will also service those in the rural area around Otterbein. They will need a different bandwidth other than Watch and that was discussed. Both companies agree they will not interfere with the other. Benton County Commissioner Bryan Berry was present to also answer questions as Mainstream is a part of a Benton County project providing fiber optics to Benton County. They discussed with Attorney Jud Barce a contract, road-cut permits etc. Jud will work with the providers to have a contract between them and the town; he will try to have that prepared for the May 2, 2024, meeting.

Amy Brown read the summary of claims presented for payment of a total of \$122,882.17. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The Council held the hearing on Declaring Surplus Property. There were no public comments. Rick Hadley made the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-0418A A Resolution of the Town of Otterbein to Sell Surplus Real Estate by Public Sale. Doyle Allison seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Resolution 2024-0418B A Resolution Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds. Rick Hadley made the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-0418B. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. This is regarding the loan for a new Bobcat. There is a hearing set for Monday, April 29, 2024, to hear public comments on this matter. Attorney Jud Barce clarified with the Council some additional questions regarding an ordinance of Food Truck vendors. He will make those changes so that it can be adopted at the May 2, 2024, meeting.

Engineer Dave Buck with BF&S updated the Council on the Dirk Studebaker Trail. The Bid documents are out, and the Bid opening is on May 2, 2024, meeting. He updated the Council on DC Constructions on finalizing structures needed in the Central Street project and getting those ordered. Construction will begin soon.

Tim Clark with INTAC Management LLC talked with the Council about outstanding items. He is aware of those needs addressed regarding planning, zoning, and permitting. He will put together a contract to be in the town 1 day a week to work on these matters and provide safety training. He will also do inspections on that day and will work towards training new applicants. He will currently bill inspections as he has been, however, he will make that to be part of the weekly contract. He will have that for the next council meeting on May 2, 2024.

No department reports or requests.

With nothing else to come before Council, Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Doyle Allison seconded the motion, and all were in favor.