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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

Town Hall will be closed on Monday February 17th for the holiday, Presidents Day.

Do you have a **dog tag** from the town? The town offers dog tags free of charge for town residents. If not, make sure you register your dog or dogs at the town hall during our open hours. If you do have an old dog tag or information that has changed; make sure you call us so we can update the information at 765-583-4944. It's helpful for the town, and owner, if the dog gets loose. Town ordinance restricts resident to three dogs.

Calendar February 2025

6th Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM

20th Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM

17th Town Hall Closed- Holiday

Trash Every Friday



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Attention residents, the Town wants to inform residents that when a water emergency occurs after 4:00 pm or on a weekend to contact the Benton County dispatch at 765-884-0080. A resident can also contact a councilmen at the numbers listed in the left column of the newsletter.

2025 Golf Permits

2025 Golf Permits are available for the new year. 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.

Attention residents, road closure for Pflug Drive. It will be closed for the winter, from Oxford to just south of the Dollar General. The only access to Dollar General will be from US 52.

The town has been informed that the **Code Red** system has been changed. The town will have more information next month in the newsletter.

“Snow Removal”

The Otterbein Town Council asks that anyone parking on a public street within the town be mindful of snow removal efforts. If a parked vehicle hampers or prevents snow removal by the town, the vehicle is subject to being removed/impounded by the Police Department.

Per Otterbein Town Code: § 74.15 SNOW REMOVAL; REMOVAL OF VEHICLES.

The proper officials of the town shall be authorized to remove any vehicle parked on such streets when so prohibited, in order to permit snow removal.

Otterbein Town Codes are accessible via the Town’s website at www.otterbein.in.gov/ordinances.

Otterbein Public Library’s February Programs

Playdate 2/1 at 9 AM: The first Saturday of each month, parents can bring their kids to the library to get to know other parents while their kids play and form friendships. We provide board games, coloring pages, and a movie for kids and parents to enjoy!

Storytime 2/4 & 2/18 at 9:30 AM: A safe space for children and their parents to meet friends, read a book and do a fun activity!

Critique Group 2/13 at 1:00 PM: A group dedicated to learning how to review and recommend reading material!

Community Day 2/15 All Day: Patrons can come to the library to play board games, watch a movie, or do a craft!

Writers Guild 2/22 at 9:30 AM: A creative writing outlet for anyone and everyone! This program will also feature special events, like author Q&As, throughout the year.

Euchre 2/4, 2/11, 2/18 & 2/25 at 11:30 AM: Games of euchre will be held every Tuesday at 11:30 AM!

Book Club 2/20 at 7 PM: A book club hosted by two Otterbein locals! Anyone and everyone is welcome to join, this month, they will be discussing the book *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger.

Six Great Tips to Keep Pipes from Freezing

By: Erin Eberlin

(<http://www.thebalance.com/stop-freezing-pipes-2124982>)

#1 Keep the Heat On

#2 Allow Faucet to Drip

#3 Keep Interior Doors Open

#4 Seal up Cracks & Holes

#5 Apply Heating Tape

#6 Add Extra Insulation

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024 AT 3:00 PM

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Members Jackey Apache, Linda Brummet and Richard (Rick) Hadley were present. Member Doyle Allison was absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles read the summary of claims for a total of \$164,653.83. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Treeva presented Resolution 2024-1230A a Resolution to transfer budget between line items. Amy Brown made the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-1230A. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. She presented Resolution 2024-1230B a Resolution to encumber 2024 Budget into 2025 for expenses incurred but not yet billed. Amy Brown made the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-1230B. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Attorney Jud Barce updated the Council on Mainstream. The Council agreed for Amy Brown and Rick Hadley to sit down with Mainstream and try to come to an agreement. Jud will set up a meeting.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Rick Hadley made a motion to adjourn at 3:41 PM. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025 6:00 PM

President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM with members Jackey Apache, Linda Brummet and Richard (Rick) Hadley present.

Jackey Apache made the motion for Amy Brown to be Council President for 2025. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Rick Hadley made the motion for Jackey Apache to be Vice-President of Council for 2025. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Amy Brown made the motion that the Town use the Benton Review and the Journal & Courier for legal notices for 2025. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Tim Kerkhoff (VIA Zoom) updated the Council on the Pickleball Court project. The Benton Community Foundation has pledged to match donations up to \$40,000. To date the committee has raised approximately \$33,000. He has solicited quotes from 2 companies. Ryan Seal Coating for \$40,000 and AG Sports Surfaces for \$47,333.24. He explained the differences in the quotes and recommends AG Sports Surfaces. He presented 1 quote for 6 park benches from AG Sports Surfaces for 6 park benches and pressure washing the basketball courts. There was a discussion that the quotes require a down payment, and the town is not allowed to pay down payments. Therefore, there was a discussion with attorney Jud Barce and Andrea with the Benton Community Foundation (BCF) about creating a Resolution between the Town and the BCF where the BCF could pay the contracts. Rick Hadley made the motion that the Town sign both contracts with AG Sports but changed the wording to say No down payment. If the company accepts that, great and if not, the town will work with the BCF regarding the Resolution, and they pay the contract. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Boy Scout Matthew McKinnis presented the ideas he has for an Eagle Scout project. They discussed the ideas with him. They approved unanimously for him to do a project at the town park. The Council told him to work with Operations Manager Russell Sarles and Projects Manager Ron Shoup.

Attorney Jud Barce with Bryan Berry discussed the Mainstream contract. After a long discussion, the Agreements were tabled.

BF&S Engineer Dave Buck presented a Task Order for Assistance with a CCMG 2025-1 Application, Bidding Assistance and Construction Inspection for a total of \$14,500. Amy Brown made a motion to approve the task order.

Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Building Commissioner Tim Clack gave updates on Boards and Commissions, Building Permits, and the Priority list for 2025.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles presented the December 2024 Minutes. Jackey Apache made a motion to approve them as written. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. She presented the January claims. Amy Brown read the summary of claims presented for a total of \$159,951.16. Linda Brummet made the motion to approve the claims as written, Linda Brummet seconded the motion and all were in favor. Treeva presented the 2024-year end financial report. She requested the Council move \$60,000 of Water Operating funds to Water Depreciation. Amy Brown made the motion to move the funds, Linda Brummet seconded the motion and all were in favor. She requested the Council to move \$30,000 from Wastewater Operating to Wastewater Depreciation. Rick Hadley made the motion to move the funds. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. She requested the Council move \$18,000 from Stormwater Operating to Stormwater Depreciation. Jackey Apache made the motion to move the funds. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Lastly, she requested approval for purchases of safety equipment and tool needs, for a not to exceed \$3,000. Amy Brown made the motion to approve the request. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn at 8:12 PM. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.