



OTTERBEIN

TOWN BETWEEN TWO COUNTIES

A place for family

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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
Streets	583-3430
Water Emergencies	765-761-0526

Councilmen

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

AUGUST 2023

- 1st Limb Pickup Begins
 - 3rd Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
 - 17th Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- ***Trash Every Friday*****



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Invoicecloud.com/Otterbein IN



Masonic Lodge's Fish Fry

Friday, August 4th 2023

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

25 E Oxford St, Otterbein IN



Town Wide Yard Sales – Saturday, August 5th at 8:00 am

Anyone may participate, no registration, no maps, and could do a Friday sale too.

Reminder on limb pickup that it begins the 1st Tuesday of each month, and please have limbs to curb by 6:00 am neatly stacked. The maximum diameter is 8 inches and the maximum length is 8 feet. Only limbs can 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 receptacle. If these criteria's are not met, it will be left behind.

Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District 2023 Date for Benton County

August 5th– held at Benton County Recycling, 410 S Adeway, Fowler Indiana

From 8:00 am to Noon

Household Hazardous Waste includes: oil, oil filters, antifreeze, poisons, chemicals, oil based paint, cleaners, herbicides, pesticides

NO TIRES WILL BE COLLECTED. They encourage you to return to your tire dealer.

For other dates or counties visit the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District website @ <https://www/nwiswd.org>.

Otterbein Public Library's Open House

Saturday, August 26th, 2023

Tree Dedication at 3:30 pm

Open House from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

23 E 1st Street, Otterbein IN 47970

Enjoy light refreshments, mingle with our library supporters, and see a special preview of the new library expansion as our thanks for support of this project.

Simple Tips for Saving Water Outdoors

Know how much water your landscape actually needs before you set your sprinkler. It's best to water lawns and landscapes in the early morning and evening after the sun goes down.

Look for the label: if your system uses a clock based controller, consider upgrading to a controller that uses local weather data or monitors the moisture level of soil to determine when and how much to water.

Go with Pro: certified contractors can audit, install, or maintain home irrigation systems to ensure water isn't wasted.

Tune up your system: inspect irrigation systems and check for leaks and broken or clogged sprinkler heads. Fix sprinkler heads that are broken or spraying on the sidewalk, street, or driveway.

Play zone defense: when planting, assign areas of landscape different hydrozones depending on sun/shade exposure, soil, and plant type of sprinklers, then adjust your irrigation system or watering schedule based on those Zones' specific needs. This helps you avoid overwatering some areas or under-watering others.

No Sprinkler System? No problem.

Step on it: grass doesn't always need water just because it's hot out. Step on the lawn, and if the grass springs back, it doesn't need water.

Leave it long: raise your lawn mower blade. Longer grass promotes deeper root growth, resulting in a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced evaporation, and fewer weeds.

Give your hose a break: sweep driveways, sidewalks, and steps rather than using a hose to clear them off.

This month's water conservation tips, courtesy of: <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/when-its-hot>.

Check out the local festivals: go to www.indiana.festivals.org

Some local ones:

Earl Park Fall Festival, September 1st thru 4th

Dan Patch Days, September 8th thru 10th



Otterbein United Methodist Church

Free Fall Family Carnival!

Sunday, September 17th from 1 pm to 4 pm

Fun, games, food, music and more!

Everyone is welcome!

Welcome back students!

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 9th; reminding all drivers to watch for children walking to school and waiting for buses. Please keep them safe, by following posted speed limits and other traffic signs.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

JUNE 29, 2023 6:00 PM

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

The Council held a hearing on Utility Disconnection for Non-Payment. No one was present to discuss their situation with the Council. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve those listed to be disconnected. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Amy Brown read the summary of claims presented for a total of \$144,151.50. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Richard (Rick) Hadley seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

BF&S Engineer Chris Limiac gave update on Water project. Water Tower finish date has been extended to end of August beginning of September. He presented Change Order #3 for a new hydrant and to be placed on the new main on the south side of First Street and the First Street and Brown Street intersection. Rick Hadley made the motion to approve Change Order #3. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. He presented Change Order #4 for a sewer repair to an unmarked sewer line. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve Change Order #4. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Dave Buck presented an agreement between DC Construction Services Inc and the Town regarding the Central Street project contingent on Bonds from them and release of funds from INDOT with completion by December 1,2023, if started before September 15, 2023. Jackey Apache made the motion to enter into the agreement. Rick Hadley seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Under Department reports and requests, Town Marshal Jason Pritchett gave a department report.

Town Administrator Karen Hurtubise gave her department report.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles gave a Water Project Financial Report. Amy Brown made the motion to approve Change orders not to exceed \$8,000 including the ones already approved. Rick Hadley seconded the motion, and all were in favor. She announced that the Stormwater/WWT Planning grant request from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) was denied. More information will be coming once a meeting is held with Gerry White with OCRA. Lastly, she reminded everyone that there will not be a meeting July 6, 2023, but there will be the normal meeting on July 20, 2023 and a 2024 Budget Work Session on July 27, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Rick Hadley made the motion to adjourn at 7:43 PM. Doyle Allison seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

JUNE 29, 2023 7:00 PM

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 7:47 PM will all members present. The reason for the Executive Session was the discussion of Employee Performance and not in the context of the budget.

With nothing else discussed, Amy Brown made the motion to adjourn at 9:08 PM. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 20, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM with all members present.

Resident Charles Gove spoke to Council regarding the people in his neighborhood wanting a meeting with the Town Marshal to discuss items they are not happy with regarding ordinances. Town Marshal Jason Pritchett stated that his door is always open to anyone who would like to speak with him. Mr. Gove informed the Council that people aren't happy with no communication between the Council and the residents. The Council informed him public meetings twice a month are a place for residents to come voice their concerns and have communications with the Council. No one has voiced concerns or has even attended to communicate with the Council. If the Council isn't aware of what people are unhappy with, how can they address their concerns. When he couldn't give examples, the Council told him to go back to his neighbors and write a list of concerns and then bring it to either Jason or the clerk's office, so they know what the concerns are. He said he will do so.

Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the June 2023 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 \$230,299.03. Richard (Rick) Hadley made the motion to approve claims as presented. Doyle Allison seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

BF&S Engineer Dave Buck and Chris Limiac were present. Chris presented Pay Application #3 for Infrastructure Services Inc. (ISI) for \$238,882.50. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve Pay Application #3. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. He presented Pay Application #4 for Infrastructure Services Inc. (ISI) for \$308,651.15. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve Pay Application #4. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Lastly, he presented Change Order #5 which is a time extension until November 30, 2023. Amy Brown made the motion to approve Change Order #5. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Dave Buck presented a Notice to Proceed for DC Construction for the Central Street project. Jackey Apache made the motion to issue the Notice to Proceed. Amy Brown seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Town Marshal Jason Pritchett gave his department report. The new car is scheduled to be built on August 16, 2023. Then it will be shipped to the dealer. He has applicants for the open deputy marshal position and will be setting up the testing phase next.

Town Administrator Karen Hurtubise gave a department report. Rick Hadley asked again that before the Street Sweeping company comes to sweep the streets, we need 24–48-hour notice so that notice can be given to residents in the area to move their vehicles from the area.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles updated the Council on the meeting with Gerry White with the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. We needed a score of 450 to be awarded the grant and we got a 424. Grant Writer Shannon McLeod will revise the application to improve the score as Gerry pointed out what items needs more attention. Most of this was due to new regulations sent down from HUD. We will be having a Public Hearing on August 17, 2023, at 6:00 PM. Shannon will re-submit on August 18, 2023. She announced that the claim the town had made against TC Communications for the damage to the 10-inch water main for \$5,200 has been paid in full. Lastly, she updated Council that Jud has answered all the questions the Dollar General had regarding the annexation, and they have agreed to voluntarily be annexed into the town.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn at 6:58 PM. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.