



OTTERBEIN

TOWN BETWEEN TWO COUNTIES

A place for family

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

FYI: Central Street construction will begin the first part of April.

Limb Pick-Up Resumes April 2nd - *Begins the 1st Tuesday of each month/*Please have limbs to curb by 6:00 am and *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.

Fire Hydrant Flushing - The Town of Otterbein will be starting hydrant flushing April 8th. Hydrant flushing is a vital part of regular maintenance. Sometimes hydrant flushing can make the water temporarily appear rust-colored because the iron and other mineral deposits in the water mains get stirred up. There is no health hazard associated with discolored water. Water is safe to use and consume during hydrant flushing, however it may stain laundry. Residents are advised to take the necessary precautions for discolored water throughout this period. Please contact the Town Hall for updates or questions concerning hydrant flushing at 765-583-4944.

APRIL 2024

- 2nd Limb Pickup Begins
 - 4th Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
 - 8th Town Hall Closed
 - 18th Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- ***Trash Every Friday*****



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or

Invoicecloud.com/Otterbein IN



Wintek bringing fiber-optic internet to parts of Otterbein

Wintek Powered by Tipmont is excited to bring fiber-optic internet to parts of Otterbein. This project is the result of a partnership with the Tippecanoe County Commissioners, who leveraged federal funding to improve internet access in rural areas of Tippecanoe County. Wintek Powered by Tipmont's project will serve Otterbein addresses in Tippecanoe County.

For Otterbein addresses within Benton County: Benton County has received funding from another internet service provider with the intent to connect and serve those locations.

For Benton County residents living outside Otterbein: You may wish to pursue internet service funding through the Indiana Connectivity Program. Learn more at <https://www.in.gov/ocra/broadband/icp>.

In the coming weeks, you'll see company vehicles and staff members in the area as mainline construction begins on Wintek Powered by Tipmont's fiber-optic internet build. Mainline construction is slated to end in June, after which fiber-optic internet service will be available to applicable addresses.

Once mainline construction ends, it takes about 12 weeks to complete a home connection. That's because Wintek Powered by Tipmont runs a dedicated connection from its mainline to any home that takes service. Learn more at wintek.com/construction.

If you live in Otterbein and have questions about this project, please contact Town Hall at 765-583-4944.

To learn more about Wintek Powered by Tipmont internet service, visit tcfiber.wintek.com. For the latest updates and to learn when service is available, click the orange "Subscribe" button in the "Register for updates" section.

Masonic Lodge's Annual Fish Dinner

25 E Oxford Street, Otterbein

Saturday, April 6, 2024

5 pm to 7 pm



The Otterbein Rotary Club's Spring Plant Sale is taking place now through April 10th. Go online at: 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 10th from 2:00 pm -6:00 pm and May 11th 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.

To ensure that your pipes stay clog-free, and to keep your system running smoothly, here are a few items you should avoid flushing down the TOILET. Even if it's say it's flushable, never flush baby wipes or even the flushable wipes. Q-Tips, cotton pads or other cotton products, which doesn't break down, should be avoided in the toilet. Also, menstrual products, diapers, paper towels and tissues, and even cat litter are more items not to flush down the toilet. This not only helps your home system, but helps the town's wastewater system and the plant. For more information you can refer to this site: <https://www.wastewaterts.com/16-things-you-should-neverflush-down-the-toilet/>.

2024 OUMC Summer Camp

registration is NOW OPEN.

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

Reminder 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.



Monday, April 8th

The 2024 eclipse, puts Indiana cities in the path of totality.
For more information and to get exact timing of the eclipse visit eclipse2024.org.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY MARCH 7, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM with members Jackey Apache, Richard (Rick) Hadley, Linda Brummet present. Member Doyle Allison absent.

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

Andrea Bowman from the Benton Community Foundation was present to discuss the Quality-of-Life survey being taken for the County. She encouraged everyone to participate, and this could lead to grant funds in the future for all the communities in Benton County.

Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the February 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 \$256,299.96. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the claims for payment. Rick Hadley seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Attorney Jud Barce was present and discussed open items. There was a discussion about easements and the Council may want to hire a title company to locate and document all the recorded easements in town. There was more discussion on Food Vendors in town, and he will revise the draft ordinance. Lastly, he updated the Council that the Watch Communication on the tower did respond to the termination letter and that Americrew/Mainstream and Watch Communication is to be working out details so they both can be on the water tower. We have heard nothing else from this topic yet.

Dave Buck with BF&S Engineering updated the Council on outstanding projects. DC Construction Services Inc will be here on 3/21/24 for the Pre-Construction meeting on Central Avenue and that project will be underway in April. He updated the Council that there was a meeting held with DNR regarding the Dirk Studebaker Trail and there are no extra grant funds available. He will meet with some of the town officials on 3/20/24 to discuss options to explore for this project to move forward.

Town Marshal Jason Pritchett gave his department report.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles presented the quote from TruGreen to treat Thompson Park for the 2024 Season. Linda Brummet made the motion to enter into the contract with TruGreen for the 2024 Season. Richard Hadley seconded the motion, and all were in favor. She presented the contract with Service Sanitation for the port-a-pot at the main park for May – October 2024. Linda Brummet made the motion to enter into the contract with Service Sanitation for the 2024 season. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor. She presented the contract for Complete Sweep to sweep the streets with curbs April – October 2024. Amy Brown made the motion to enter into the contract with Complete Sweep for the 2024 season. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. She presented a bill from a resident for reimbursement for calling a plumber out on a wastewater line. The problem was in the Town's sanitary sewer main. The resident didn't call the town first, only called after the plumber told him to call the town. He should have called the town first to make sure it wasn't a town issue. Therefore, the Council denied the request. Lastly, she informed the Council that the OCRA audit for the water project is complete and there were no findings. She informed them there are some local funds available in the bond that need to be spent on the area of the water project or at the plant. The Council would like quotes on moving the homes on Brown Street that are on an old 4-inch water main line that intersects with the 1st Street water main, to the 8-inch water main on the other side of the street. Other items discussed were an updated system at the water tower that notifies the operator by phone if there is an issue at the plant and possible moving on down First Street. She will get with the Water Operator to get some quotes.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn at 7:31 PM. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM with members Jackey Apache, Richard (Rick) Hadley, Linda Brummet present. Member Doyle Allison absent.

Amy Brown read the summary of claims presented for a total of \$64,431.54. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the claims for payment. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Rick Hadley brought up the concern with people putting things beside their trashcans that will not be picked up by Waste Management, and it is blowing all over town. Also, residents need to bring their cans back off the streets. Town Marshal Jason Pritchett will talk to other towns to see what their ordinances look like to control these items. It was noted that Waste Management does not pick up anything outside of the trashcans. Residents need to be reminded not to sit at anything beside their cans, it will not be picked up.

Regarding condemnation process for the Dirk Studebaker Trail, Rick Hadley made the motion to start the process against Sani Brothers and Sons Inc. Jackey Apache seconded the motion and all were in favor. Amy Brown made the motion to start the process against W.M. Brost Farms LLC. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Jackey Apache made the motion to start the process against the Anne Conroy family property. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Amy Brown made the motion to set a Hearing to Declare Surplus Real Property along Central Avenue on April 18, 2024. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Dave Buck with BF&S Engineering recommended that the Council reject all bids for the Dirk Studebaker Trail. Rick Hadley made the motion to reject all received bids for the Dirk Studebaker Trail project. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. He recommended the town re-bid the Dirk Studebaker project with changes to the scope of the project. Jackey Apache made the motion to re-bid the Dirk Studebaker Trail Project with changes to the scope of the project. Rick Hadley seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The Town Project Manager presented quotes for removal of trees on the Briar Park property. 3 quotes were received, QM Professions & Services LLC - \$6,000; B&B Tree Service \$5,800 and Elevate Tree Care \$3,200. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the quote from Elevate Tree Care for \$3,200. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles presented a quote from USA Bluebook for UV bulbs for the disinfection process at the Wastewater Plant for \$3,059.10. Jackey Apache made the motion, to approve the quote. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor. She updated the Council that we will start seeing WinTek in town laying fiber to the Tippecanoe County side of Otterbein. She brought up that the Otterbein Street Festival has negotiated a contract with the Flying Toasters for an August 3, 2024, evening event. It requires a \$2,000 deposit, the remainder due at the event. The committee is raising the money, and wonders if the Town will contribute. A town official needs to sign the contract. Amy Brown made the motion for Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles sign the contract with the Flying toaster and the town will pay the \$2,000 deposit for the event. Those funds will be paid \$350 from the Street Festival Donation Fund and \$1,650 from the Promotional budget line. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Lastly, she and Dave Buck explained that there needs to be a change order to the DC Construction contract to extend wastewater main to 3 lots on Central so they can be buildable. The estimated cost is \$15,000. Rick Hadley made the motion to approve a not-to-exceed \$15,000 to extend the wastewater main to the needed area to service the 3 lots. Amy Brown seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn at 7:29 PM. Linda Brummet seconded the motion, and all were in favor.