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Brownsburg vs. Fight Against Brownsburg Annexation

Indiana Court of Appeals Rules Against Brownsburg



**Brownsburg
vs. North
Annexation**

May 15th, 2015 -- In a unanimous ruling filed by the Indiana Court of Appeals, the appellate court found "the trial court erred when it dismissed FABA's petition". FABA is an abbreviation for the political action committee **Friends Against Brownsburg Annexation**, the people living in "North Annexation" formed to fight the Town of Brownsburg's unsolicited attempt to incorporate county residents into the Town.

What was the appellate case about? The judgment summarized in legal terms "In this appeal, we consider whether the trial court erred both when it dismissed the petition under Trial Rule 12(B)(1) and when it concluded that FABA had failed to obtain a sufficient number of signatures in support of its remonstrance petition."

In layman's terms Judge Honorable David H. Coleman, who presided over the original case held in Hendricks Superior Court, made a mistake when he decided those fighting annexation had no legal standing. In his view, they did not have the sufficient number of signed petitions required by law from residents opposed to annexation to continue the legal battle. Insufficient number of valid petitions = no legal standing meaning = the battle is over before it started; You've been annexed by the town.

Despite this set back, members of FABA (**Friends Against Brownsburg Annexation**) immediately filed an appeal to the next higher court for a review of Judge Honorable David H. Coleman's decision. In their view Judge Coleman's decision was not supported by any state statute, nor case law precedent.

Justices J. Friedlander J. Najam, and J. Baker hearing the case in the Indiana Court of Appeals, stated they studied the matter in great detail prior to the hearing. They listened and challenged both parties during oral arguments presented on Tuesday, April 14th 2015. Shortly thereafter unanimously determined that Judge Coleman ruled in err. FABA (**Friends Against Brownsburg Annexation**) DID IN FACT have sufficient number of sign petitions, permitting the legal fight against the Town of Brownsburg to attempt to annex those living in North Annexation to resume it's natural course through the judicial system.

In addition, FABA has filed a motion with Indiana Court of Appeals requesting recovery of trial fees and related costs. Their motion states: Because "Brownsburg's motion to dismiss [filed in trial court] was egregious, unreasonable, frivolous and groundless because it was based on misrepresentations and errors that any lawyer could and should have recognized prior to filing." *See website for details.*

Primary Election Results!

Clerk Treasurer: Ann Hathaway
Town Council Ward 2: Chris Worley (unopposed)
Town Council Ward 3: Brian Jessen
Town Council Ward 4: Ashley Hobbs
B'Burg Town Court Judge: Charles (Gene) Hostetter



Voters **Failed to Pass** two school referendum questions:

Public Question #1: -- **Failed to Pass** --

"SHALL BROWNSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION ISSUE BONDS OR ENTER INTO A LEASE TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BROWNSBURG HIGH SCHOOL AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO COST NOT MORE THAN \$95,000,000 AND IS ESTIMATED TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR DEBT SERVICE BY A MAXIMUM OF \$0.4117 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION?"

Public Question #2: -- **Failed to Pass** --

"FOR THE 7 CALENDAR YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE HOLDING OF THE REFERENDUM, SHALL BROWNSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION IMPOSE A PROPERTY TAX RATE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED FOUR AND 78/100 CENTS (\$0.0478) ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) OF ASSESSED VALUATION AND THAT IS IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER PROPERTY TAX LEVIES IMPOSED BY THE SCHOOL CORPORATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING COSTS RELATED TO PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INCLUDING STAFFING AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?"

2016 Town Council - Based on Primary Election Results

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

They who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety - Benjamin Franklin

Letter from the Editor

Thank you loyal readers, advertisers, and supporters of the Brownsburg Sentinel, your patience is appreciated. This catch up edition covers the highlights of actions taken by the Brownsburg Town Council, Ann Sering's reports of Brownsburg Community School Corporation actions, police, fire, Ronald Reagan dedication and publicly announced building projects. Pictorial coverage of recent community events will be added to the web edition of our publication.

All work on the Brownsburg Sentinel was suspended from mid May until the end of June to address variety of potentially serious family and extended family matters. The good news is our family member has returned to 100% full health and the extended family matters were resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

Despite the above, we have worked to attend meetings and/or maintain the pulse on various items of public interest. In addition, the publication recently celebrated its first anniversary. During our forced hiatus, we took the opportunity to sit down with various government, civic, business leaders, and everyday folk to discuss our past performance, accept and incorporate constructive criticism and partner with everyone on how best to improve our product going forward. Facebook and Twitter accounts are online, over the coming months we will seek to strike a balance between print and digital media. Other changes are slated for the coming months. Thank you again, for your continued support, we do not take it for granted, and work hard each edition to exceed your expectations.

It is time for various public servants and their supporters to set aside their differences and work together to achieve a set of common goals which place priority on delivering primary services: water, sanitation, roads, police, fire, ambulance, maintaining the towns existing infrastructure. Only after these services are delivered, and provided the necessary budgets to meet current and near term operational expenses, should opportunities for growth be explored.

Likewise, education of the children of the area is of similar importance. This responsibility is shared between the residents and public servants of the Town of Brownsburg, and Brown and Lincoln townships. Here too, monies must be shared to meet current operational expenses, with an eye on the future providing a brief respite in accelerated growth to allow the school system to catch up.

The defeat of the school tax referendum was not a wholesale condemnation of the school system, the administration, teachers, coaches and all others who work tirelessly to educate our children. Neither was it an edict from the community for the Town Council to move forward with unbridled growth without taking into account that

a number of entities are competing for the same limited tax dollars- the fire territory, police department, school system, maintenance and growth of the town's existing infrastructure, and the town's own plans for economic and community development. The town recently unveiled plans for a new "city center", as well as maturing plans for Ronald Reagan expansion, Arbuckle Acres Park which will include a new community recreation center and other projects that will help ensure Brownsburg to become the premier location to establish a business, or raise a family, well into the twenty first century. Change is inevitable, however we have an opportunity to learn from the mistakes made by other municipalities in the state of Indiana, and our surrounding regional area. Effectively planned, incremental, managed, and measured growth, tied to realistic forecasts of revenue and expenses, allows the town of Brownsburg to achieve its full potential while working and living within its means. This model for "smart growth" requires teamwork to work through competing priorities, open dialog, transparent government, public and private partnerships, to be fully realized. Only through teamwork will all parties goals be realized absent of this cooperation continued bickering and in fighting will waste valuable time, money and will ensure that no one achieves their goals. --The Editor

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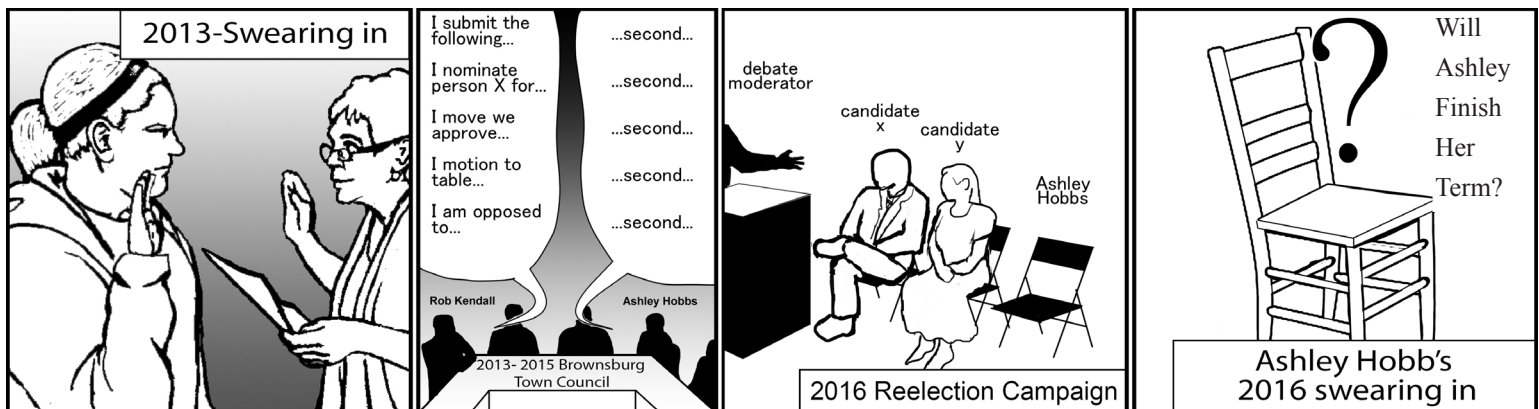
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Ward 4 -- Summary of Ashley Hobb's Political Accomplishments to Date



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BCSC Board of Trustees May 2015 meeting - *By Anne Sering*

The Board meeting started on a high note with a demonstration of the BHS 3176 Robotics Team's robot designed to pick up trash containers. The robot was designed, built and tested in 6 weeks by students. The team won the imagery and spirit rewards, and was state champions. Students did the wiring and programming in C++. Much time was spent on this with the advice of adult sponsors and patient parents. The students also have a web page for those interested in more details on this endeavor.

Following Mr. Voigt's Operation Report on current renovations and projects, two citizens spoke on the recent referendum failure. This uncovered the unspoken elephant in the room will be covered later in this article after the additional school news. Elementary and Middle School Book Rental will be increased \$8.00 next school year to cover the cost of the new social studies texts. This was necessary because the present texts did not include much of what has occurred within recent years. I believe as adults we don't realize that children do not know details of events we feel just happened. School meal prices will be increasing \$0.10 a meal. An elementary meal will cost \$2.10 and a junior high school meal will cost \$2.35. Lastly, the agreement with the IU School of Nursing that placed student nurses in the schools is ending. It actually was more burdensome to the school nurses than it was helpful. The program was felt to be disorganized and the student nurses attendance was, at times, not dependable.

This brought the meeting to the point of Board Members' Comments. And this was one time every member had something to say. Mr. Sutton started with stating that we have a community issue: 'We are torn apart'. Brownsburg has an excellent school system but the growth is more than the present schools were able to accommodate. He cited how the issue was negatively affecting economic improvement because the community was not working with the school. Phil Utterback stated that we had excellent teachers but we need a new elementary school and that something had to be done with the high school. After recognizing the achievements of the High School Choir and Madrigal Singers, Mrs. Armstrong spoke at length about how she came to be a Brownsburg resident and the excellent education she received. She acknowledged the community is changing and we have been building 'just enough' and 'just in time'. 'Children', she said, 'get one shot at an education' and deserve safe and adequate space. As each Board member spoke, their comments became more heated. Mr. Runyon started out by saying that it was acceptable to disagree but those that disagreed should have made an effort to talk to the Board. He said erroneous information published by the opposition attacked his ethics, intelligence, and integrity. The Board had a fiduciary responsibility to come up with what was best for the students and he did not feel the community was involved in verifying the facts as they should have been.

At this point I will refer back to the two ladies and their comments. Mrs. Beebe spoke on behalf of the classroom teacher's organization. She stated the right plan for the right time had been presented. Because the referendum didn't pass, more children will be situated in portable classrooms resulting in unproductive time in having to go to the main building for some instructions, to eat, and to use the bathrooms requiring additional clothing put on and taken off when the weather wasn't ideal. She went on to state enrollment was increasing and facilities deteriorating. Mrs. Jennifer Cox spoke for the opposition. She stated 'we are parents' but then went on to conclude that the needs of the taxpayers were not considered. She felt the opposition had been unfairly judged and that the plan should have been redone considering long term growth. Personally, I suspect that the complaint of Brown Township Residents is that they want new schools built in their area and many don't like the changes occurring in the Town of Brownsburg. They seem oblivious to the fact that the growth is mainly occurring in Lincoln Township... or maybe they do and simply resent it. Mrs. Cox also took personal offense at a quote by Board President Brower stating that false information had been

presented which Mrs. Cox vehemently denied. Mrs. Cox indicated the group she represented was in favor of children's education but wanted an alternate plan that was good for the students and the tax payers.

The final Board member to speak was Mr. Brower. He began by stating he would not take back one word of what he was quoted to have said. He reiterated that the information on the opposition's signs was not true and was very disheartening. He stated the Board had been 100% honest and had put forth the best plan for the taxpayers. The Board will welcome any good suggestions but they had spent a lot of time seeking public opinion.

Last to speak was Dr. Snapp. He stated he had taken the loss very personally and felt the personal attacks unfounded and mean. The fact that he had to defend his actions to the election board was especially hurtful in that he knew he had acted lawfully and was exonerate within minutes. He vehemently disagreed with the claim of wasteful spending by the opposition which had cited, as an example, the stadium. Repairs and improvements had been put off for years until corporate support was obtained which paid for 2/3 of the cost. No other examples were given and each improvement completed in recent years had been done only when needed and with careful oversight of spending. Disparaging comments about the teachers was also mean spirited. The margin of loss was 198 votes on one item and 225 for another. From Dr. Snapp's comments one can bet on seeing another referendum.

While writing this I began to wonder what the costs of alternative options with the high school were. I remembered this being discussed at a preliminary town hall so I knew numbers might be available. I contacted Vicki Murphy at Brownsburg Community School Corporation who responded the same day. The cost of building a new high school which would hold the 3000 students the renovated present high school would have accommodated was estimated to be \$240 million. The cost of the renovations to the present high school was \$78 million. Ten years ago Plainfield built a new high school for 1600 students. The cost of that building would cost \$191 million in 2016. If an additional high school was constructed the present building would still need major renovations. I remember from the meetings I attended the utilities in deteriorating conduits across the roof of the building. In addition the high school labs are the same as the one I substituted in back in the 70s. And as I have stated before I was in the section of narrow hall ways in 2007 with the Vision Program when classes changed and found it as terrifying as when I was in a train station in Germany and a train load of Turkish workers disembarked rushing to catch another train. Keep in mind that was eight years ago and the attendance in the high school has increased since then.

I cannot imagine that anyone would question the proposed elementary school being added to existing structure and using existing common areas on land that is ready for use. As a reminder there are three housing developments at various stages of construction and recently a fourth was approved adjacent to Bethesda School. But I suspect there are those who will question what I have written. Some just seem to automatically disagree with whatever is proposed by government or school systems. That is their right just as I have a right to be saddened by the 'what is best for me' attitude compared with 'what is best for the majority'. More than those who flocked to the polls to vote against the referendum I hold responsible for the loss the under 40 year olds who don't bother to register and don't bother to vote.

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BCSC Board of Trustees June 2015 meeting- *By Anne Sering*

Part I: Comments on the unpublished 'Comments from Patrons'. By the end of the BCSC Trustees' meeting it was apparent that the contentiousness that erupted with the referendum proposed that would have enabled the Corporation to remodel the oldest sections of Brownsburg High School and build Lincoln Elementary has not abated. It is also unfortunate that the citizen comments are cut out of the video of the Board meetings that can be viewed on line. That something had occurred is apparent when, in the comments from the Superintendent and Board members, reference to the citizens' comments are made. As a result the only option for what transpired when past board member Jim Murphy and Town Councilman Rob Kendall spoke will be heard second hand from those in attendance or what is read in this publication.

Jim Murphy began his comments with a plea for moving forward, leaving past comments and ill feeling behind and focus on building and rebuilding. Mr. Murphy cited information he received from the DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance) showed that \$10 million was available to BCSC for the building of the elementary school. He passed out material to the Board members. I did not obtain copies and in a desire to get this article written can address this information in a future article. When warned that his time was running out, Mr. Murphy made a comment about money received from 'vendors' and suggested that this was not ethical. Surprisingly and departing from the norm by responding immediately, Superintendent Jim Snapp disputed Mr. Murphy's remark about the vendors' donations in support of the referendums. Dr. Snapp stated that the money was not donated to BCSC but to a citizens' organization and that in donating the persons would not have been able to bid or participate in any of the resulting contracts issued.

Town Councilman Rob Kendall was the other citizen to speak to the Board. He began by complaining about the disrespect the opposition to the referendums had received since the failure to pass. He went on to state that had the referendums passed the result would have been devastating and the public was smart to vote it down. He also claimed that \$100,000 had been spent on consultants. His demeanor was of one who was reveling in the failure of the referendums to pass and personally offended by the Board's disparaging remarks concerning the opposition.

To get an idea of what the citizens, specifically Mr. Kendall, had said to the Board, one can view the edited video of the meeting on the BCSC web site and see the Board and Superintendent's remarks. Dr. Snapp rebutted many of Mr. Kendall's remarks. Mr. Kendall indicated that citizen comments had not been sought. Dr. Snapp pointed out that Rob had attended 2 of the 7 community meetings and left early from one of the meetings. Mr. Kendall indicated BCSC was millions in debt and exaggerated the amount. While Mr. Kendall has been on the Brownsburg Town Council the town has acquired \$80 million in debt. Mr. Runyon stated that the problems remained to be solved and he was willing to converse in a productive manner with anyone and that it would be better if a little humility was displayed. Kim Armstrong stated that if Mr. Kendall was going to quote her he should not twist her comments. I remember Mr. Kendall stating that at a previous meeting a Board member stated 'she' was not concerned about the tax payers. Mrs. Armstrong stated that the opposition continues to project 'half truths'. Since Mrs. Armstrong is the only woman on the Board there was no doubt as to who 'she' was. Mrs. Armstrong had stated that by state law her responsibility was to the education of the children but that did not mean she did not consider tax payers' concerns as Mr. Kendall had stated. Adam Brower reiterated the fact that Board had held public meetings and that Mr. Kendall had addressed the Board in a 'super contemptuous tone' without providing one idea on solving the enrollment problems the Corporation is facing.

Now my personal views on the situation: Mr. Murphy thought the proposed building and remodeling was too expensive and wants to

find another solution. Mr. Kendall is simply against anything and everything. Shortly after Adam Brower's remarks the meeting was adjourned. Mr. Kendall sitting directly behind me stated to his cohorts in a sarcastic tone, 'Me, contemptuous?' I stood and said that he did not exactly sound friendly to me. He immediately defended his demeanor and statements. The following Thursday, Mr. Kendall was working the room prior to the Town Council meeting. He approached my husband who took the opportunity to state his belief that Mr. Kendall had really harmed the school age children of the community. Mr. Kendall replied that the school really did not need to expand and remodel or use portable classrooms because they have lots of room. My husband's final remark was that the objectives of the referendums would eventually come to pass at a higher cost. Mr. Kendall's last comment was that he would be 'against it' again. So much for cooperation! It is apparent to me that Mr. Kendall's goal in life is to be as confrontational and negative as possible while appearing to be a nice guy. I don't know what his purpose is but his comments do not bode well for the future of the education in the Brownsburg Community.

Part II. Business Section of the Board Meeting:

Two new Assistant Principal's were introduced. Adam Poliske will be replacing Shane Hacker who will be the Principal at West Middle School. Demetrius Dowler will be replacing Barry Gardner. Barry Gardner will be the Assistant Director of Finance and replace Dr. Kendall Hendricks when his resignation becomes effective on or before June 30, 2016. This resignation was a surprise considering how long Marvin Ward held the position. Other than retirement one does not usually see someone announcing a resignation a year ahead of time.

Dr. Hendricks presented the budget items: 2016 Debt Service Plan, 2016-2018 Capital Projects Plan and the 2016-2027 Bus Replacement Plan. It appeared that the amount of debt would be increasing \$2 million and the capital projects plan increasing to include general site modifications for additional portable classrooms. Of the 91 school buses only 2 are older than 12 years. In the next two years 29 buses are scheduled to be replaced. Rather than wait another year a few of the poorly performing buses may be replaced ahead of time to spread replacement costs over more years.

Mrs. Gordon, personnel director, presented the first reading of the Support Staff Member Handbook stating revisions had been made concerning technology use and operation of vehicles. Mr. Voigt presented the first reading of Purchasing Ethics Policy Revisions. Mr. Voigt then introduced "Here Comes the Bus" software which will allow parents to track their child's bus via a browser, tablet or smart phone. Basic service will be free but at a minimal cost parents can create custom notifications along with some other perks. It is expected that this will reduce the number of parent phone calls, students missing the bus, and cut the time students wait outside in bad weather. Mr. Voigt also reported that 3 houses on College had been torn down in preparation for the additional classrooms for Early Education.

Under new business, Mrs. Jessup made a recommendation for approval of the High School Textbook Rental. The cost was not stated but the Board had the figures causing Member Utterback to remark that it was 'quite a jump for parents'. Last month the elementary and middle school rental was announced and it amounted to an increase over this year of between \$7.00 and \$10.00 depending on the grade. Mrs. Jessup explained the law no longer dictated that books be replaced at 6, 12, or 18 years of use. If a textbook is still current and usable after 6 years, it would not have to wait 6 more years to be replaced but could be replaced after 8 or 10 years. This will enable usage of books beyond the 6 year mark. The final item of business was the Publication of a Notice to Bidders by Mr. Voigt for the additional building of classrooms for Early Education.

Summer Town Council Meeting Highlights- *By The Editor*

The Town Council met five times publicly during the months of May, June and July. Of course, each meeting has administrative items and board reports along with new items of consideration. We will comment on the highlights from the five meetings. The July 23rd Town Council meeting will be reported in the next issue.

On May 14, there were two new items of consideration that caused considerable discussion. The first was item 08.01 Monarch Crossing request to replot their approved proposal of single family home to a planned development with commercial, multi-family and single family usage. This proposal came with an unfavorable recommendation from the Advisory Planning Commission. The Commission and members of adjacent developments had concerns around drainage, traffic, multi-family use and infrastructure for commercial. The School also had concerns for the number of students another apartment complex would bring to our community. After the Council heard the reasons why the Advisory Planning Commission gave an unfavorable recommendation, the Council voted to deny the request. If the developer would like to amend his proposal, it is up to the Advisory Planning Commission to decide when the revised proposal can be heard.

The second item is ordinance 2015-15 to amend the zoning consideration for Windridge Chase (Formerly known as Oaks of Windridge Section 2) outlined in 2003-37 and 2003-38. The development will have 80 lots with an average home price of \$400,000. The changes Ryland Homes asked for are the following:

1. They have agreed to additional architectural detail to the houses which will face County Road 650E.
2. They asked to lower the minimum square foot of the first floor from 1300 to 1100 square feet and to increase the total minimum square foot to 2300 square foot.
3. Decrease the roof overhang minimum requirement to 11 inches from 12 inches.
4. Allow 11 home elevations to not have masonry out of 35 home elevations offered by Ryland in the neighborhood
5. They have agreed to place a construction entrance sign at the main entrance to the development when section 2 which connects to Oaks of Windridge starts to be developed.
6. They have agreed to provide another street light.
7. They have agreed to place a "children at play" sign.

Ryland was asked how long it will take to build out the development and they responded about 3-4 years. With no other questions the motion was made and seconded and it passed on first reading.

On May 28th, the Town Council gave consent to Indiana Department of Transportation to ask for bids for the widening of Ronald Reagan Parkway from US136 to 300 North. The Council gave unanimous consent. The other notable occurrence was the unanimous approval of Ordinance 2015-15 Windridge Chase Zoning considerations for 2nd, 3rd and final adoption. It was also announced during Citizen Comments that the Appellate Court had ruled in favor of the remonstrators against North annexation.

On June 11th, the council approved the façade grant program to award monies to eleven applicants. The 11 applicants were Wilkinson Insurance, \$15,000; Jiffy Lube, \$11,213.88; Northfield Commons, \$11,735.15; Storen Tax and Financial Group, \$15,000; Hometown Insurance, \$2,375; K1ds Count, \$11,937.33; D&E Printing, \$14,226; Executive Corner, \$1,947; Harshman and Hays Two, \$8,285; Rudy's Watch and Jewelry Repair, \$1,296.67; and Rhoades Properties, \$7,932.14. The Monies were unanimously approved by the Town Council.

The other item of interest for this meeting was the approval of the Interlocal agreement between Avon and Brownsburg for the next portion of the B&O Trail and the development of a north/south trail which will go from US36 to US136 linking Avon and Brownsburg. This was not the awarding of any money just the approval of the base

agreement which was passed unanimously.

The last Town Council meeting in June was held on June 25th. The first item on the agenda was a Proclamation from the Town of Brownsburg on the Heroic actions of Ryan Gaylen who, on June 10th, helped to save two children from drowning in Lake Michigan.



Front Row, L to R - Brownsburg Town Council President Don Spencer, resident Ryan Galyen, Brownsburg Fire Territory Assistant Chief Joel Thacker, and Brownsburg Police Chief Mike Dove.

After that wonderful beginning, the other notable discussion was the approval of the bid for the Ronald Reagan Parkway widening project bid which came to 10.7 million. Brownsburg's portion of the bid will be \$949,874. Brownsburg will use the Tax Increment Finance Fund to pay for their portion. The groundbreaking for the widening project was held on June 29th.

The first July meeting was held on July 9th. The first item of interest started with the citizens comments on agenda items. Mr. Virgil from the BOTA (B&O Trail association) came to the podium to remark on section 3 of the B&O Trail agreement which was item 08.01 on the agenda. He voiced the concern the BOTA had with Section 31 of the agreement. Section 31 is the Disparagement Clause that is being added to all new contracts and agreements starting in March/April of this year. It basically states that anyone which has any connection with the contract or agreement must speak kindly of their dealings with the Town of Brownsburg. By anyone, it means all vendors even if subcontracted and any people affiliated with the agreement. Mr. Vigil asked that the wording be removed. When it was time for item 08.01 the discussion was continued. The BOTA needs the agreement signed to get the matching funds they need for construction from the state. The council agreed to look at amended wording provided from the BOTA and approved the agreement contingent on clerical changes and the changes to section 31.

The next item of interest was the approval of a fact finding letter to the US Census Bureau. The letter is requesting an estimate on the cost of performing a special census for Brownsburg. Currently we are receiving funding for a population of 21,285, the Council thinks the Town has grown to 25,000. The growth if documented could mean more businesses look at Brownsburg and more funding up to \$168,000 per year that could be used for road improvements. The special census may cost about \$200,000 to \$300,000 but the returns could be upwards of \$680,000.

The last item was an update on Crew Carwash. As of July 9th, they had received their DNR permit, the Town flood permit and were in process of finalizing the InDOT permits. They have been approved for a temporary construction drive, they are allowed to clear land but NO buildings until the InDOT permits are finalized.

Mr. Kendall - Investigations Continue

385 days have past he still refuses to provide the data to back up the "FACTS" he quoted in a 2014 Town Council speech.

Dual Office Holding - The public awaits Final Ruling from the State Attorney General The matter is in the hands of the Indiana State Attorney General for a final ruling. *This matter is not closed.*



Hendricks Regional Health Announces Expansion Project in Brownsburg



Monday, May 11, 2015 -

To provide for the growing medical needs of northern Hendricks County and beyond, Hendricks Regional Health is proud to announce the upcoming construction of a new facility in Brownsburg. The 100,000 square-foot retail healthcare center will house an emergency room and immediate care center, lab and radiology services, a comprehensive women's center, physician offices, a retail pharmacy, specialty clinic and additional retail space. Healthcare

consumers expect ease of access and retail convenience; this project will address the needs and desires of the local community. The facility will cost an estimated \$40 million to construct and is expected to create more than 110 jobs once completed. Construction is slated to begin in autumn of 2015, with an anticipated opening date in early 2017. While the new facility will service the northern portions of Brownsburg,

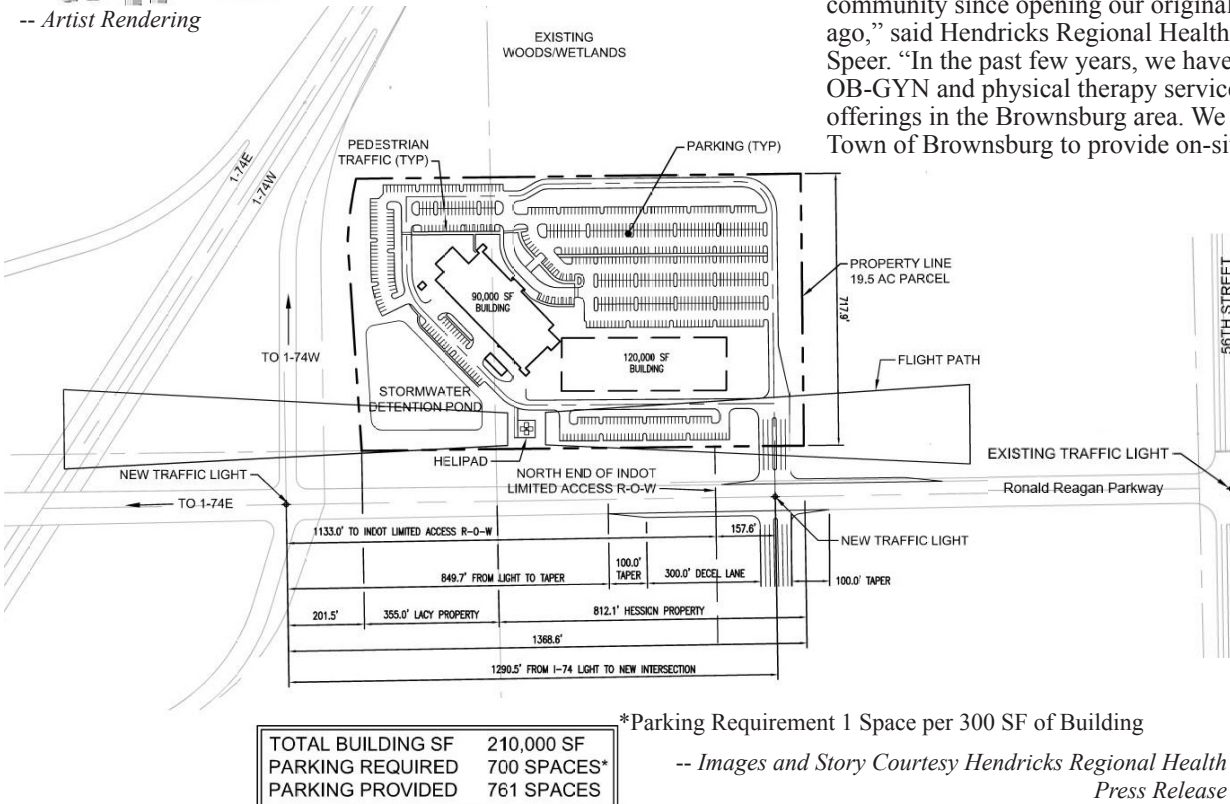
the existing Hendricks Regional Health medical office building, located at 1411 South Green Street in Brownsburg, will remain open to serve the south side of Brownsburg and northwest side of Avon. That facility features a variety of physician offices and laboratory services.

"Hendricks Regional Health has served the Brownsburg community since opening our original facility there 17 years ago," said Hendricks Regional Health President & CEO Kevin Speer. "In the past few years, we have expanded primary care, OB-GYN and physical therapy services to further enhance our offerings in the Brownsburg area. We also have partnered with the Town of Brownsburg to provide on-site wellness clinic services

and health screenings to their employees. Like many hospitals, we are revamping our approach to how we provide healthcare services and embracing a retail-like model for the delivery of those services. We see this new medical center as a natural extension of our strategic mission to improve the health of our Brownsburg neighbors and to bring services closer to this growing population." In addition, as part of this enhancement of services, Hendricks Regional Health will be opening Immediate Care Services in a Brownsburg location later this summer.



-- Artist Rendering



Ground Breaking - Ronald Reagan Parkway Extension and Improvements



Officials from the Town of Brownsburg, Town of Avon, and Hendricks County held a groundbreaking ceremony June 29 for the extension of Ronald Reagan Parkway from US 136 to County Road 300N and the project to widen the parkway from County Road 300N to US 36.

The Town of Brownsburg partnered with Hendricks County to obtain \$8 million in federal funds from the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The entities will share the remainder of the costs to build the roadway connecting CR 300N to the existing Ronald Reagan Parkway interchange at Interstate 74. Brownsburg will contribute \$6.4 million and Hendricks County will fund \$1.9 million of the costs.

The towns and county have an agreement to jointly fund the estimated \$10.8 million cost for widening the parkway to four lanes from County Road 300N to US 36. The entities will each share a cost percentage of the 3.22-mile project: Town of Avon, 67.94 percent; Town of Brownsburg, 8.8 percent; and Hendricks County, 23.26 percent.

Brownsburg Town Council President Don Spencer said, "The Town of Brownsburg annexed Ronald Reagan Parkway in 2011 knowing how important it is to the future of our community." Picture & Story Courtesy - Town of Brownsburg

Public Safety Update- *By The Editor*



Pictured - Ladder 131 Keith Rinehart, David Brock, Jeff Schlageter, Sean Atkinson Not Pictured - Medic 131 Travis Ready and Kyle Edie.

On July 15, 2015, the Brownsburg Fire Territory conducted vehicle rescue training with the crews of Ladder 131 and Medic 131. The training was made possible by the generous donation of the vehicle and training area by Gonzalez Auto Parts.

Vehicle rescue training consists of multiple vehicle, occupant entry and extraction scenarios requiring different tactics by the firefighters and medics alike. The training was focused to maintain proficiency to assess the accident situation, employ techniques to ensure the quickest, safest, access to and extraction of the occupants, while limiting the danger to the firefighters and medics themselves. The team practice included safe positioning of the fire department's equipment, initial survey, hazard mitigation, and devise and implement an extraction plan. The team also practiced utilizing several extraction tools including cutters, spreaders, reciprocating saws to practice various extraction techniques.



Brownsburg Police Department Night Out Against Crime

Town of Brownsburg Green
Tues, Aug. 4th 5pm to 9pm

A fun-filled and free night of prevention education, public service, live music, children's activities and food!

BPD - Arrests Lead to Breakup of International Crime Syndicate - U.S. Secret Service Issues Awards



On Friday, May 29th, 2015, Chief of Police Michael Dove issued a letter of commendation for Sgt. April Hyde, Cpl. Steven Crowe, Officer Matthew Morgan, and Officer Jason McCoy for outstanding performance in an investigation that began at a local bank in 2012.

Chief Dove received a letter of appreciation from the U.S. Secret Service that detailed the Federal investigation that was launched due to the initial local investigation conducted by Brownsburg Officers.

Ultimately, the local investigation led to the arrest of two individuals who were members of an international criminal organization which used complex methods to defraud hundreds of victims in the estimate of millions of dollars. This case assisted the U.S. Secret Service's investigation and resulted in the arrest and indictment of 12 individuals, a Romanian National who was later extradited to the U.S., over sixty years of prison time, and over \$1.8 million in restitution ordered by the courts. -- *Photo and Narrative Courtesy of the Brownsburg Police Department.*

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Brownsburg Fire Territory Ladder-In-Service Ceremony



May 29th, 2015 One of the traditional ceremonial acts firefighters perform when dedicating a new piece of equipment is "Pushing" the truck into the station. Prior activities are speech and prayer dedication, ribbing cutting, washing the equipment, "pushing" (as shown), and finally calling the dispatch center and placing the equipment in service.

The new ladder was purchased to replace the current ladder and rescue. The current ladder will become a reserve ladder and the rescue was traded-in for the purchase of the new ladder.

The new ladder nicknamed "Battleship" is larger and has a longer ladder (100ft). This will allow the firefighters to access taller buildings than the current ladder and reach more homes that are farther from the road. The "Battleship" will perform ladder and rescue operations. *See our website for additional pictures.*

Brownsburg Farmers Market - Every Thursday Evening



You know summer has arrived, when you see the Farmer's Market set up on Brownsburg's Town Hall Green. This year's corporate partner is IU West Hospital. The Farmers Market is held on Thursday evenings from 4:00 to 7:00pm beginning June 4, 2015 concluding September 3, 2015. Many vendors accept SNAP and WIC benefits, in an effort to bring quality farm fresh foods and goods available to everyone. In addition, Brownsburg Parks is offering other attractions to coincide with the Farmers Market. A summer concert series is planned with performances scheduled for August 6th and September 3rd. On dates July 16th, July 30, and August 27th, the Parks Recreational Trailer will set up to offer obstacle courses, relay races, twister and other activities for the kids.

Bring the family, come out and meet other members of the community there's something for everyone on Thursday evenings.

Brownsburg 4th of July Parade

The Brownsburg Lions Club hosted the 4th of July Extravaganza in Arbuckle Acres Park again this year. Brownsburg is known for having the second largest parade in the state. Here are a few pictures of memorable moments, people and floats which participated in the parade.

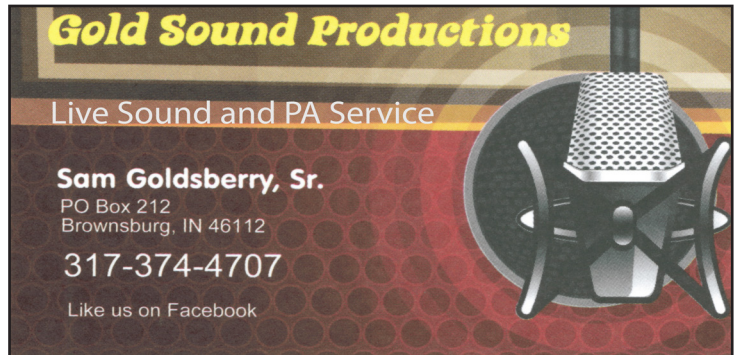




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