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Councilman Nulty Resigns



At the end of the August 13th Town Council meeting, Don Spencer delivered the following statement: "One additional thing ladies and gentlemen and fellow Town Council members, I need to take a moment at this time to let you all know that I have been made aware of Councilman Nulty's resignation from the Town Council and all subordinate boards and commissions that he currently serves on. Those include the Advisory Plan Commission and the Fire Territory Executive Board."

Dispersal of duties: Don Spencer will assume the position on the Fire Territory Executive Board and the Advisory Plan Commission will start the process to fill the vacancy. The Hendricks County Republican Party has been made aware of the situation so they can start the replacement process.

Mr. Nulty has released the following statement exclusively to the Brownsburg Sentinel:

"It has been my pleasure to serve the residents of Brownsburg for the last 4 years by serving on various commissions and the town council. Unfortunately, I feel that it is in my best interest at this time to step away from those duties. My reasons are personal and I have spent considerable time weighing my options. I have the best hopes that Brownsburg continues to succeed after the leadership I have provided over the last years. I look forward to spending more time with my family and friends, appreciating the retirement life that I have worked so hard to achieve. "--Glenn Nulty 2015 08 19

Town Council Report - Aug. 13, 2015

-- By Anne Sering

The Brownsburg Town Council Agenda for August 13, 2015 was two pages in length. Since I do not normally attend the Council meetings I cannot say this is unusual but it sure is different than the Park Department agenda and had more detail than the BCSC Board of Trustee Agenda where brevity of the agenda is a sought after goal. My first note of the meeting was that Glenn Nulty was absent. When Board President Don Spencer did the roll call, he added a phrase (which I cannot recollect) that indicated that it was no surprise that Mr. Nulty was not there. I figured he was on vacation. Boy, I was sure wrong on that surmising. The last item heard from the Board was Mr. Spencer announcing that Mr. Nulty had resigned all his Town of Brownsburg positions and that he, Mr. Spencer, would assume his position on the Fire Territory Commission and had contacted Mike O'Brien, Hendricks County Republican Chairperson to name a replacement for the position on the Town Council and Advisory Board.

The Council heard a request for water service from the Farrow family on Locust Lane. Because the property is not contiguous to the Town of Brownsburg, a special request had to be made. The Farrow's had been without water for a couple of weeks due to well failure. The request was granted with the understanding that the property will be annexed when adjoining land becomes annexed into town.

The minutes of the Executive Session of July 23, 2015 and Civil Town and Fire Territory Claim Dockets for July 24, 2015 through August 13, 2015 were approved. For some reason I did not catch (the editor keeps telling me I need to tape record the meetings I attend.), the minutes of the regular meeting for July 23, 2015 were tabled. Usually, at meetings I attend the folks attending have an opportunity to amend the minutes prior to the minutes being approved and in the course of the meeting. Maybe public government meetings have other restrictions and privileges.

Previously Considered and New for Consideration Items brought Todd Barker, Director of Development Services, to the podium for a good share of the meeting. The items which brought about the most conversation were Ordinances 2015-18 and 2015-22. The first was an 'Ordinance to Establish a Unified Development Ordinance for the Town of Brownsburg, Indiana'; the second was an... continued to page 3



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

Glenn Nulty's 2014 campaign began with great hope and promise with his life time of obligation to duty, prior record of service in Brownsburg governance, and his campaign promises and speeches, the people of Ward 5 felt he was the right man for the job. However, given his abrupt departure, displaying an uncharacteristic lack of courage and intestinal fortitude, led people to question their original assessments. It surprised everyone that he didn't so much as read his own resignation letter on August 13th at a minimum thank the residents of Ward 5, financial supporters, volunteers, endorsers, area residents, and countless other interested parties; much less provide an explanation of his actions.

Since Mr. Nulty's resignation, speculation has swirled regarding the reasons he would take such action. Mr. Nulty refused multiple requests extended by the Sentinel to provide greater insight into his plight. Instead, he continued to reference a public statement he provided exclusively to the Brownsburg Sentinel -- "I gave you a statement, more than I did for the Flyer when they requested one, you will have to be satisfied with it."

This publication has worked exhaustively to bring clarity to this matter. Absent of Mr Nulty's direct participation, clear and convincing evidence has allowed us to discredit this list of potential factors such as issues threatening his personal health or those of his wife and their extended family, moral, ethical, or legal tests of his convictions as likely contributors / circumstances leading to his abrupt departure.

A significant amount of additional information was collected during this review, which could not be corroborated, appeared to be a mix of fact and opinion, or the disclosure of the information would reveal its source, but would not provide any insight into Mr. Nutly's reasoning.

As a result, lacking anything more definitive, this publication will not speculate beyond this point and considers the matter closed. Instead, we will leave it to you the reader to draw your own conclusions. This publication would like to thank Mr. Nulty for his service to our country, his earlier service to the Town of Brownsburg in positions in governance, past and on-going volunteer and charitable efforts. As this chapter in his life is over, he will move on, and we suggest out of respect that others to do the same.

There are two people who have stepped up to serve the remainder of Nr. Nulty's term as Ward 5 Town Councilman. Sean Benham who lost the election to Mr. Nulty (42% to 58%) and is the current precinct committeeman for Lincoln 2. The other person is Mike Arnould, the current Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and is currently serving an appointed position on the Brownsburg Board of Zoning Appeals. The caucus to elect Mr. Nulty's replacement will be held on September 12th. Please contact your precinct committeeman and voice your support for one of the above candidates.

If you are not familiar with the candidates, contact one of the below members and request contact information for the two candidates.

If you would like to express your support for a candidate, and are unsure who your precinct committeeman is for your area, contact one of the below members and request contact information.

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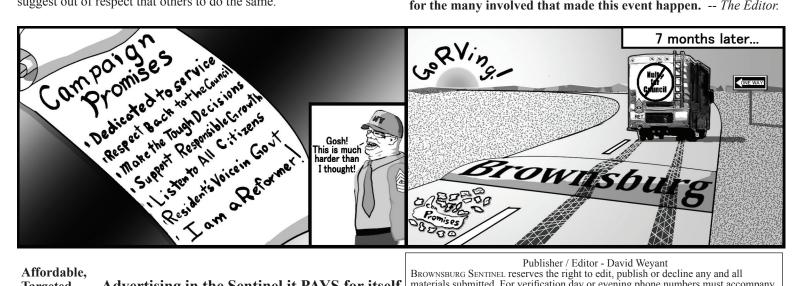
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This publication would like to thank the Brownsburg Town Council, Dr. Snapp and the School Board members for scheduling a very rare combined Town Council and Brownsburg School Board Special Joint Meeting at 6:30pm on September 2nd in Eaton Hall. This publication *strongly urges you the reader to attend* this meeting to obtain information from first hand sources charged with balancing municipal and educational needs. Furthermore this publication suggests meetings of this type are held on a routine basis.

The "Big Go Party" initially the brainchild of Annisa Rainey has grown to be a fabulous well attended family event where area residents can meet NHRA drivers, teams and sponsors. This event shows Brownsburg's racing heritage and continued support for the racing industry. A simple thanks for a job well done is not enough for the many involved that made this event happen. -- The Editor.



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ordinance to amend the first ordinance. This seemed to confuse some Green Street. This was the second reading. Once the signs are up on the Board. I know I was confused by the questions and answers the police will give the public an opportunity to get accustomed the

that went back and forth. Both of these were up for second readings. Mr. Barker brought forth four new ordinances for first reading. The first (2015-24) was to rezone 3 properties (houses now razed) E. College Ave. to institutional and also 2 properties on Grant Street. The second (2015-21) was a Zoning Ordinance Annual Review (Bolt Test Amendments). This pertains to the announcing that Mr. properties across Green Street from the old St. Malachy church. The third (2015-25) was the Hendricks Regional Health rezone to a Planned Development; limited property taxes for the schools. The, fourth when passed, (2015-26) will rezone 407 N. Green to Neighborhood Commercial. Barker gave the Board of Zoning Appeals Report and Advisory Plan Commission Report. This happened really fast as I made no notes.

Town Manager Grant Kleinhenz brought forth Ordinance 2015-20 for lowering the speed limit on Hornaday Road and on South

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positions...

lower speed limit. However, be careful. If you get away with speeding when the signs are first put up doesn't mean you will be able to speed the following week without a fine. Heck, with the S. Green St. as rough as it is, you can't do the speed limit now. You either hug the center line or the edge of the road when going south or get your guts bounced around. The other item Mr. Kleinhenz brought up was two proposed agreements with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) for funding through the Motor Sports Improvement Fund for improvements at Lucas Oil Raceway. The first motion was a fund agreement with the two funds. The second was to approve a Grant Reimbursement and Indemnity Agreement with the National Hot Rod Association. Essentially, this uses the

Motor Sports Fund as a conduit for the monies so that improvements can be made to bring back more business to Lucas Oil Raceway. This costs Brownsburg property tax payers little or nothing and should add to the fund supported by the food and beverage tax. The third and last brought forth was the voluntary annexation of 806 S. Green Street.

Parks Director Philip Parnin reported that security cameras had been placed in Arbuckle Acres in order to protect the resources he has been entrusted with. Because I attend the Park Commission meeting prior to finalizing this article, I learned that there has been some discussion on Face Book. Some people feel the cameras are intrusive. Some young people were caught on camera in the yet to be open splash park, having tore down a section of the temporary fencing. When the motion detector was activated, lights came on and a tape voiced announced that they were in violation of park rules. The tape shown at the Park Board meeting shows them fleeing the area. Park Board Member Lindsey Jackson stated hesitantly ... continued to page 6

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BCSC Board of Trustees August 10th meeting- By Anne Sering

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One agenda item at the Board of Trustees Meeting that is always positive is when there is to a commendation. August's meeting recognized a small group of Delaware Trail students who had operated a neighborhood lemonade stand to raise funds to buy and fill backpacks for less fortunate students and also donated allowances to complete the task.

The Indiana State Police School Bus Inspection results were presented by Mr. Voigt. Of the six schools in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference (Avon, Zionsville, Brownsburg, Hamilton Southeastern, and Westfield-Washington) Brownsburg came in 3rd with 93% of the buses passing immediately. All bus problems, small or big, must be corrected before the State Police leave. Of the six Hendricks County Schools (Plainfield, Avon, Brownsburg, Danville, Northwest Hendricks beginning teacher earns \$45,400 with the top pay grade, (20 years and Mill Creek), BCSC again was 3rd. The administration was not unhappy with the results as those below 3rd place in each group made in the 80%s or lower.

The Education Foundation has two fund raisers coming in September. Yankee Candle sales forms will be sent home with students on September 11, with orders returned by the end of the month. Candle sales represent the largest source of funds for the Foundation. Also, the DRIVE 4 UR SCHOOL event will be held on Thursday, September 11 at East Middle School from 2 to 7 p.m. For every adult who test drives a Ford the sponsors donate \$55.00 to the Foundation. Just imagine how much could be raised if all those parents in line to pick up elementary students would take time on their way home to drive a vehicle around the parking lot.

Dr. Jim Snapp gave a report on School Board goals for 2015-2016. The goals are to have the graduation rate at 97.5% or higher, the ISTEP scored increase from the 2015 scores, the 2016 budget to continue to support the instructional program while operating with an appropriate balance for unexpected expenses, create a community based facility review committee with an end goal of making a recommendation for the future of BCSC facilities, and focus efforts to strengthen the relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the direction of Town of Brownsburg and its representatives.

Dr. Snapp also reported on the 2015-2016 School Year. The total enrollment increased from 8,270 the prior school-year to 8,394 so far this school-year. This was with East Middle School and half of the elementary schools reporting fewer students. But with no growth when to attend a Brownsburg Town Council Meeting he had been described the current freshmen become seniors, the enrollment at BHS will show by Mr. Kendall as 'school corporation plant'. Mr. Smith mused as to an increase of 262 students. Fortunately, the elementary class size has been kept in the range of 19.3 to 23.1 students on average. This is still better than the 2011-2012 school-year. Average class size has also been kept more or less stationary. However, this has been with the addition of 5 middle school teachers,1 preschool/elementary teacher, and 2.5 Special Education Instructional Assistants. Average class size in BHS is down in most cases from the past 2 school-years but 3 additional teachers were hired this year. Also 2 additional bus drivers were hired. The cost of all new staff is \$803,438. The majority of this money will be spent in our school district. In the elementary schools, 8 of 10 portables are being utilized, science labs in 4 of the schools are being used as Learning Labs (remedial math and reading) or an art room. This is besides adding 3 elementary class rooms at Brown Elementary. Of the new certified staff hired for this school year 72% have four or less years of experience. Thirteen percent have 10 plus years of experience (hiring teachers with this must experience must put them in a hard-to-find category). Dr. Snapp did note a decrease in the number of kindergarten students this year which tracks with the

economic down turn of five to six years ago. The increase of 6.5% in the general fund (money available for education purposes and not facilities or transportation), the certified staff (educators) were able to receive an increase in pay. This increase however does not make up for the \$5 million shortage in 2014. Board Member Richard Sutton remarked that BCSC is in the middle range when compared with comparable school corporations. (See the 10 school corporations listed earlier in this article.)

Seven recommendations were passed: approval of revisions to (1) Board policies, (2) financial goals, taxpayers notice for 2016 budget which is published in the Flyer, school bus replacement plan, and capital projects plan, (3) cash transfer tuition charges, (4) Project Hearing to be held, (5) teachers contract for 2015-2017, and approval of administrative contracts. Salaries were said to be competitive. A experience) at \$77,150. (Personal note: My salary at retirement in the public sector was somewhat more. Even though I worked more weeks in a year, had I remained in the teaching profession I still

would have had to live 12 months on my 9 months earnings. Besides that I was in complete control of my performance and not dependent on what classes I was assigned to teach, which children and how many were assigned to my classes, what test scores were obtained, or what coach was needed to be hired. So don't tell me teachers are overpaid.) The increase in teachers' salaries was a result of the increase in the general fund by the state. Remember this fund can only be used for educational purposes.

The project hearing is for replacing the gymnasium and classrooms at Brown Elementary and additional classrooms to be added to West Middle School. The addition to West Middle School will enable BCSC to assign all White Lick Elementary students to West Middle School. Presently some students are assigned to West Middle School and some to East Middle School. I have left for last the comments made by four patrons.

Council Member Rob Kendall spoke first. He began by thanking the Board Members who had met with him and his cohorts and for soon-to-be Council Member Jessen. He then went on to accuse the Board and Dr.

Snapp of being inept for going ahead with the referendums when they had been told in the winter of 2014 that they should wait because the state would be providing more monies to the schools.

Mr. Kendall was followed by Scott Smith. When Mr. Smith chose if he should consider Mr. Kendall 'a town council plant' and quoted a tweet from Mr. Kendall stating that he "begged Dr. Snapp not to ask for referendum because legislature was going to fix funding ". Mr. Smith then went on to outline why it was impossible for anyone to know the state legislature's outcome. The plan to hold a referendum was passed on January 12, 2014. The House Bill, HB1001, was introduced on January 15 with 117 pages ... continued on page 5 and 26 amendments. The second update

Mr. Kendall - Investigations Continue

421 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.



BCSC Board of Trustees August 10th meeting, continued from 4

... continued from page 4 was on February 20 with 46 amendments adding 46,163 pages. The third update on April 10 added another 54,217 pages; action on April 15 added 11,228 pages and the final version on April 29 had additional 41,269 pages. The bill was signed by the Speaker on May 1, by the Senate Pro Tem on May 4. It was two days after the Brownsburg referendum before the bill was signed by the governor. Mr. Smith then outlined the gives and takes of the various amendments some of which would have hurt BCSC and others which would have helped. Mr. Smith's concluding statement was "I'd respectfully suggest that this is evidence that NOBODY knew what the final budget would be. Not Governor Pence, not Representative Brown and Porter (the authors of the budget), not Representative Bosma (The Speaker of the House), not Senator Long (the Senate Pro Tem), not any of the other 147 members of the Indiana General Assembly, and certainly not Rob Kendall. I welcome new ideas and new solutions to our enrollment and facilities problems, but I've heard nothing about the future from the referendum opposition. They're simply trying to rewrite the past.'

Mrs.Christianne Beebe who negotiated the teachers' contract with the Board spoke to thank the Board for the smooth negotiations. She also remarked that the state funds went to the general fund from which teacher salaries were paid. Buildings and improvements to facilities had to come from property taxes. The general fund does nothing to provide for the facilities in which children are taught.

The final patron to speak was Brown Township Trustee Tom Kmetz who was concerned about well-performing schools and safe buildings which were important to the economic well being of a community and questioned the validity of the claims made by those opposed to the referendum

The meeting ended with comments from Board members. Richard Sutton stated that the divisiveness must end. Phil Utterback congratulated the teachers for their work and for agreeing to the contract. He also said he hoped BCSC could do more for the classified staff (office workers, bus drivers, janitors). Kim Armstrong stated the legislature was "not over until it's over". She was also pleased with the beginning of the school year and no serious transportation issues. -- Anne Sering



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| 28-Aug-15 | at Lawrence North | 07:00 PM |
| 4-Sep-15 | Franklin Community BJFL Night | 07:00 PM |
| 11-Sep-15 | at Avon * | 08:00 PM |
| 18-Sep-15 | Fishers * | 07:00 PM |
| 25-Sep-15 | at Westfield * | 07:00 PM |
| 2-Oct-15 | Zionsville * Crucial Catch Game | 07:00 PM |
| 9-Oct-15 | at Noblesville * | 07:00 PM |
| 16-Oct-15 | vs. Hamilton Southeastern * @ Victory Field | 07:00 PM |
| 23-Oct-15 | at Sectional | 07:00 PM |
| 30-Oct-15 | at Sectional | 07:00 PM |
| 6-Nov-15 | at Sectional | 07:00 PM |
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Williams Park Splash Pad Dedication

This is the first new amenity with more to be added over the next five years said Phil Parnin. The Watermill has 26 total features divided into three bays; a toddler bay with smaller spray and play features, a teen bay with spray cannons and splashing effects, and a bay for families to enjoy together featuring the super wave. The 21 foot tall, blue and orange Super Wave churns out 38 gallons of water with a spray zone of 32 feet. Each sequence lasts 4 minutes before the activator will need to be pushed again. The splash pad uses a 3,000 gallon recirculation tank for water treatment. Both UV and chemical treatments are used to keep the water as clean and safe as possible.

Town Council President Don Spencer thanked Town Manager Grant Kleinhenz and Town Staff for working to make the splash pad a reality and the contributors who financially made it possible: The Greater Brownsburg Community Association, The Rotary Club of Brownsburg, Hendricks Power Cooperative, Bill Estes Ford, Brownsburg Parks Foundation, Fab2Order, Comfort Suites by Choice Hotels, Jim and Roberta Graham, The Showalter Family, Hendricks County Community Foundation, and Miracles for Melanoma.

After the speeches and ribbon cutting pictures were taken, Park Board Members, Park staff and other willing participants took their places in the pad and waited for the super wave. All survived. I was concerned about the younger children but it wasn't hard enough to hurt any and they joyfully awaited the next big splash. -- Anne Sering

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Town Council Report - -- continued from pg. 6 the infraction took place on the "Police Night Out" event. The

that the infraction took place on the "Police Night Out" event. The ribbon cutting for the splash park 'Watermill' will take place on Saturday, August 22 at 9:30 a.m. in Williams Park.

Prior to the announcement concerning Glenn Nulty and Citizen Jim Sering thanking the town employees for their quick response correcting a neighbor's sewage line problem assuredly caused by AT&T and discovered by the Vectren's current construction, Council Members Rob Kendall and Dennis Dawes spoke. Kendall must have been in a good mood because I detected none of the sarcasm that the School Board endures. He praised the Park Department employees for their help in arranging a birthday party and Brian Jessup (elected Council Member in 2016) for being pro-active and hosting a Town Hall. How it could be called a Town Hall when not all were made aware of it is another matter. Mr. Dawes was pleased with the wonderful town events that are held. -- Anne Sering



A **BIG THANK YOU TO ANNE** from the Editor, for covering various meetings while the Editor was out of town. THIS edition in particular would not have been printed without your selfless dedication, sacrifice, and hard work! -- The Editor

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August 25th Big Go Party in Pictures- By The Editor



















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