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Town Council in Disarray



October BCSC Report

By: Anne Sering

BCSC Board of Trustees – October 5, 2015.

Part I. Discussion of the new contract for Dr. Snapp.

Part II. Report on Before and After School Enrichment (BASE).

Part III. The Annual Food Service Report.

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Part I.

Superintendent Dr. Snapp's Contract:

The Board discussed three year contract which will be voted on at the November 9, 2015 Board Meeting. Each Board member gave their opinion on the contract or Dr. Snapp's performance over the past 5 years. In addition, one citizen spoke. The contract was published in two local papers, on the BCSC web site, and copies were available at the meeting. The corporation lawyer outlined the terms of the contract. This acted as a starting point for the discussion.

President Adam Brower opened the discussion by explaining that the process began in July with an evaluation of the Superintendent's performance, discussion by the Board on what to include, followed by negotiations. Brower stated that his salary was still 3rd in the county and in the lower level of equivalent corporations. Brower completed his remarks citing scores and staff approval.

Kim Armstrong related that when interviewing for the position and replying to the question "What is Brownsburg biggest problem?", only Dr. Snapp of the twelve interviewees stated that test scores were bad. At that time BCSC was rated 31 of 298 school corporations which the Board thought was good. Since 2001, when 'no child left behind' was initiated BCSC has only received the highest rating 3 times – in the past 3 years. Since 1999, Brownsburg has only gotten the highest rating in all schools 3 times and this happened in the past 3 years. Since the 4 Star program ... continued to page 4



Town Council President Resigns!

When I looked at the agendas for the October Town Council meetings, I thought "What a boring month this will be with nothing noteworthy to put in the paper." With the Town Council already reeling from Glenn Nulty's resignation and the instantaneous change of law firms from KGR to Frost, Brown and Todd, the thought that anything else could happen to a Town Council in disarray was far from my mind. As the month unfolded, nothing could be further from the truth.

The October 8th meeting was opened by President Don Spencer, noticing the Chaplain was not in attendance, Don asked for a moment of silence (At the end of the meeting, he probably wished he had taken longer to pray) followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge, Don noted that all members of the Council were in attendance.

When preparing for each Town Council meeting, I review the upcoming agenda and all pertinent materials on the town's website thoroughly. During my review for this meeting, I realized the pay raises which were last discussed in public at 3% remained at risk for potential return to 2%. Knowing that the Public Hearing was at second reading and that the Town Council would not entertain any amendments or comments from the residents, I took the only opportunity to speak on the switch and highlighted this tactic. I observed the 3% pay increase for police was noted by Grant as a morale issue and he thought the fire department should keep their 3% raise (since they had not had a raise for 7 years) and the police should be lowered to 2% like the rest of the city employees. This difference is 28,870 dollars. You can listen to my speech in its entirety on the Town of Brownsburg website recording for this meeting. My speech will come up again at the end of the meeting—stay tuned.

At old business, the first item was the third reading and final adoption of the 2016 budget. At the last meeting, Mr. Spencer had asked that any changes or amendments by the council be done at the third reading. A motion to approve was entered and Mr. Spencer opened up the floor for discussion by the Town Council members. Mr. Dawes started the conversation with a question about reducing the "community art budget". The original budget item was \$60,000 and it was amended to \$20,000 by a vote of 4-1 (Mr. Spencer was the lone opposition). The second amendment to be considered was a question about the percentage of raise for police and other civil town employees. Mr. Kendall made a motion to change the 3% to 2% increase for... continued to page 5

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LETTER FROM AND TO THE EDITOR

You man not receive the governance you vote for, you always receive the governance you tolerate. -- The Editor

Letter to the Editor

The Brownsburg Sentinel extended the opportunity to Scott Smith, to print his speech in it's entirety. Because the content of his speech was of great public interest and, his speech was cut short during delivery at the October 22, 2015 Town Council Meeting. Scott agreed, and has provided the Sentinel his speech and his supporting evidence. Given the space limitations, his supporting evidence is found on our website at www.brownsburgsentinel.com. His speech follows:

At the joint meeting between the Town Council and the School Board; both sides spoke about two important topics, TIF and the community's assessed value property ratio.

In regards to the assessed value property ratio, both sides agreed that the imbalance of residential to commercial properties in this community is putting stress on all of the community's taxing entities. Residential property that's taxed at 1% far outweighs commercial property taxed at 2-3%.

In regards to Tax Increment Finance, or TIF, the two parties expressed differing opinions. The Town, I think, regards TIF as a necessary vehicle for building infrastructure to attract new business. While the Schools, I think, feels that the Town has been too aggressive with TIF and they believe that the taxes new businesses pay in this community should go where they belong (to the Schools, Libraries, Fire Territory, and Town.)

Those two topics will determine the future of business development in this community, and they'll also help determine the future of school construction and maintenance projects. These are serious topics which deserve careful consideration and debate. Too few people understand these topics, and these topics need MORE transparency and broad-based discussion moving forward. But that discussion needs to be honest.

Earlier this month Councilman Kendall posted to the popular online forum "Brownsburg Chatter" about new business development in Brownsburg, specifically Crew Car Wash. I should point out that I personally have no opinion about this new business, but "Brownsburg Chatter" seems rather convinced that the traffic from this business will end all life as we know it. Councilman Kendall was hoping to change that opinion with his post. I've provided you copies of his remarks.

On image #1 you see his link to an Indianapolis Star article discussing the new Crew Car Wash development. It garnered considerable attention, generating 33 likes, 62 comments, and numerous sub comments.

On image #2 you see that two constituents teased Councilman Kendall for beginning his post with "Not to start another debate", and below that Councilman Kendall responded that he has no desire for debate...but he added that his constituents should be "super excited about the more than \$60,000 per year that Crew will pay to the school system".

On image #3 you see that a 3rd constituent named Christianne Beebe asked Councilman Kendall directly "In what year can BCSC expect to begin receiving those \$60,000 checks?"

On image #4 Councilman Kendall replied, "Well they don't have an abatement so they'll start paying taxes immediately. You guys (meaning Brownsburg Schools) are gonna lop that \$60K off the next

referendum right?"

Several things are troubling about that remark. First, Councilman Kendall chose his words very carefully, he indicated that Crew would "start paying taxes immediately". That's technically true, but TIFed business don't start paying taxes to the schools immediately. They spend 25 years paying taxes for their own infrastructure and other projects determined by the Town. But Councilman Kendall's referendum remark seems to strongly suggest it will fund school construction projects. That's not true.

At the bottom of image #4 you see that the Ms. Beebe further clarified her question asking directly if BCSC will be receiving that \$60,000 in new tax support after Crew's first assessed taxing year. Councilman Kendall never responded.

On image #5, Ms. Beebe again asked clearly if Crew is in a TIF area, and she further asked how old will current kindergartners be when Crew's annual tax payments revert to the taxing entities and the \$60,000 checks head to the schools. Councilman Kendall again never responded. The answer I received from Brian Jessen and Grant Kleinhenz is that Crew IS in a TIF area...which means that their \$60,000 annual tax payments won't come to schools for 25 years. And current kindergartners will be 31 years old by then.

This is clearly a deliberate attempt by Councilman Kendall to mislead the public. Councilman Kendall tried parsing his words in an effort to avoid providing an honest answer. And, when that didn't work he ran from the question.

I ask the other members of the Town Council: Is there a civic responsibility, behavioral code of conduct, or sense of personal integrity that any of you feel to correct your colleague's deception? If you believe that TIF is a valid and appropriate course of action...then defend it in the light of day, don't allow a member of your Council to mislead the public about it. --Scott Smith, Brownsburg, IN.

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--Scott Smith, Brownsburg, IN

Letter from the Editor

With all the precision of a wrecking ball, some members of town management, and the council some departing, others remaining into 2016, have begun creating their modern art master piece starting in the last quarter of 2015. As evidenced by the earlier resignation of Mr. Nulty (the miners canary), quickly followed by Mr. Spencer's resignation of the council presidency, combined with Councilman's Kendall's motion placing the police department's budget under the direction of the town council; denotes a clear shift in conduct, a consolidation of power to the like-minded, where those who hold differing views are marginalized to the point of obscurity. The minority ability to affect change from the nose bleed seats is so frustrating it causes those who would normally provide constructive input to matters of town governance to throw up their hands, yelling and screaming at the tops of their lungs *"The inmates are running the asylum, abandon all hope"*.

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On the surface, this metaphor may seem overly harsh, but when the events from early September to the present day are carefully analyzed, and critically dissected by a broad spectrum of the public, this is the only explanation that all agree fits the observations, facts as known, and outcomes.

This should frighten the general public residing in the Town of Brownsburg, and Brown and Lincoln Townships. When multiple outgoing members publicly express significant trust issues with their peers, describe their inability to achieve consensus within their small working group; what hope is there for uniting disparate groups, getting everyone to set aside their differences to work towards achieving common objectives mutually beneficial to all parties?

A difficult road lies ahead for the leadership teams of the Brownsburg Fire Territory, Police Dept, Brownsburg Community School Corporation, Brown and Lincoln Township Boards, members of the business community from the largest, to the smallest mom and pop, who have to work with members of town governance, the majority of who behaves like a petulant child when denied an ice cream cone.

As anything else which falls outside the aforementioned members of town governance narrow goals and objectives will literally be treated like the proverbial "red headed step child".

These are not people whom area residents should hand over stewardship for taking a balanced approach and managing the day to day affairs of the town, much less plan for the immediate, short, and long term future of our community and surrounding area.

As Thomas Jefferson is known to have said "We in America do not have a government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."

The majority of people are either time deprived, apathetic, or believe the old wives tale "you can't fight city hall". Nothing is further from the truth. This publication is asking each one of you to get ENGAGED and devote a small measure of time, either in the foreground or the background to make your VOICE HEARD. Attend meetings, in person or via the web, schedule breakfasts, lunches, dinners, or coffee breaks with public servants, or casually chat with these same folks at church, Walmart, or McDonald's, wherever your paths accidentally cross.

This publication has never suggested it has all the answers; but by action or inaction, non-participation emboldens our elected, hired, and appointed public servants, to either stay the course, or stray further from it.

To quote Ray Kroc the founder of McDonalds "None of us, are as good as all of us".

EVERYONE's PARTICIPATION IS KEY! !!

-- The Editor.

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was initiated Brownsburg has gone from 4 out of 9 schools to 8 out of 9 schools receiving the rating. The graduation rate is nearing 100%, with the highest scores ever the past 4 years. The number of students passing AP exams has increased almost 15% and over 57% of 2014 graduates earned college credit while in high school. Finally, ISTEP scores have ranked Brownsburg 5th, 5th, and 6th, in the past 3 years.

Mike Runyon said that Dr. Snapp has cut \$3 million in expenses, cut 20% in administrative staff. In providing full day kindergarten, special needs and pre-K programming BCSC has saved \$100,000. As far as per student state funding, BCSC is 272nd out of 298 corporations and only 1 corporation in the state has higher performance with less funding. The administration building was revitalized instead of scrapping and Brownsburg was the last school in their conference to put in turf field which has enabled Brownsburg Band to host their most profitable event ever- and the turf was donated. This also allowed graduation exercised to be held outdoors without spending thousands to hold it elsewhere since the gym was outgrown.

Phil Utterback was dissatisfied with the contract citing it in comparison to other contracts and groups. Specifically, he stated, "I have a difficult time with this contract." His comments were brief so I checked BCSC website for a comparison with current contracts which will be covered later in this article.

Richard Sutton was the last Board Member to comment on the contract and endeavored to bring levity to the situation by his comments. The bottom line, however, was that he supported Dr. Snapp because of his performance and Dr. Snapp had taken hits for some of his performance.

One citizen, Jeff Gracey, spoke against the contract. He cited the use of a vehicle, life-time health insurance, the health care policies of the administrators, and he felt the comparison with other superintendent's contracts should not be considered in determining Dr. Snapp's salary. Mrs. Gracey is one of the cafeteria workers who contacted the ACLU concerning BCSC policies.

Now my comments on this subject: First of all, I did not look at all the administrator's contracts. However, the few I checked earn at least \$30,000 or more less than Dr. Snapp. However, the administrator's earn about that same amount more than a 'master teacher' at \$77,150. And the difference between Dr. Snapp, other administrators, and the difference between administrators and the highest paid teachers is probably less than many classified workers (non-educators) make in a year. This is emblematic of the situation in the United States today. The disparity in wages is depressing. With public servants, by law, we can find out what they earn. In the private sector this is not the case but is surely the same or worse than the public sector. Aside from this, Dr. Snapp has performed exceedingly well in leading the corporation to provide a better education with less funds for our children than they could get elsewhere. I also believe the Board has acted wisely in the financial decisions they have made. Dr. Snapp's contract will be voted on at the November 9th Board meeting. He did not succeed by himself... Thank the cafeteria help, bus drivers, office help, and classroom teachers who help and encourage children daily.

Part II. Before and After School Enrichment:

Philip Parnin, Director of Parks and Recreation in Brownsburg, presented an annual report on the 'Before and After School Enrichment' known as B.A.S.E. This past school term, the program saw a 19% increase in participants and 17% increase in families served and the total number of visits. More children attend the after school program than the before school program with some children attending both. The only school to see a decrease over the prior year was Reagan Elementary. Thirty-eight children received scholarships that pay 25% to 100% of the fee for participating. Park Employees and BCSC employees are allotted a 10% reduction in fees. B.A.S.E. Extended School Break participants are on the move all week traveling on an off-site field trip, swimming at the BHS Aquatic Center, having a

visit from the Brownsburg Public Library, creating a variety of crafts, and engaging in physical activities. This August saw a 33% increase over last year. Included in Parnin's report were statistics on approval rates, comments from parents, plans for the future and a description of B.A.S.E. Staff development programs and processes. As a whole, the Board was pleased with the program. Armstrong stated she was glad the Board had made the change in providers and was complementary for the hiring of college and high school students to maintain proper supervision ratios.

Part III. Food Service Report:

The Director of Food Services, Katie Sherven, gave her annual report. Mrs. Sherven works with a staff of 78 who have on average of 7.5 years with BCSC. It takes 476 woman-hours to serve breakfast elementary students. Both vegetable and fruit bars are offered for all meals. The high school has a larger variety of vegetables than middle and elementary. Upon completion of her spoken words Mrs. Sherven presented a series of pictures of food, staff, and students. Each month a new vegetable is featured. This past month was Kale. Next month radishes will be featured.

Of interest was the job of cashier. The cashiers have 5 seconds to process each student tray. They must check that the tray does not contain food banned by allergies or religious practices and if the account has money or the meal exceeds a weekly or daily spending limit. In August, with 7268 transactions, the total amount the cashiers were off was \$2.19. Another challenge is dealing with food allergies, special needs such as pureed foods, doctor's orders requesting the child be given less or more calories, and medical conditions. This led me to wonder how all this is accomplished.

At one past Board meeting we were told that BCSC food service is the largest server of food on a daily basis in Brownsburg. Mrs. Sherven was a real hit when trays of cookies were passed out to both the Board and audience.

Part IV. Other Items:

Brownsburg Student Council (CHAIN Link) students who organized and ran Riley Week received commendations for raising over \$17,000.

The 2016 budget was passed. The tax levy amount is almost \$40 million with a possible rate of 2.1238. The total budget amount is over \$89 million including the general account from the state which is nearly \$53 million. BCSC surely looks like a major business!

The public hearings on additional appropriations for Brown Elementary and West Middle School brought no comments from patrons. The two projects, not to cost over \$2 million dollars, were passed. Brown Elementary building will be completed first. These projects will be combined into one bond issue and will be paid off in 2 years.

CSO Architects were hired to oversee construction of West Middle. Board Member Philip Utterback asked what was included in the charges. CSO will confirm program as required by law, complete storm water regulations, oversee heating, cooling and lighting contractors, process bids, contractors and observe work. Mr. Utterback also questioned something in the packet Board Members receive. Evidently a dining room is in the future plans and will be designed but only included if money is available.

It was approved to apply for an advancement from the Common School Fund Educational Technology Program. BCSC is now eligible to apply for \$800,000. If granted technology needs will be addressed. If granted this will have no affect on property taxes.

Dr. Snapp's final comments pertained to the Alumni Dinner which honored the class of 1965 which was the first graduating class of over 100 students (actually the class graduated 145 students). Dr. Snapp also invited the audience to attend the upcoming Board Workshop. See my report on this elsewhere in this publication.

The next Board Meeting on November 9 will approve Dr. Snapp's contract. Will all the Board members vote in favor? --Anne Sering

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all civil and police employees for the town. The discussion followed that Mr. Spencer and Mr. Dawes were in favor of leaving the raise as is and Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Kendall and Mr. Benham wanted it lowered. The lowering of the pay rate was approved 3-2 with Mr. Dawes and Mr. Spencer opposing the amendment. When Mr. Spencer called for a final vote, Grant asked to read the final levy amounts. When he was done, Mr. Kendall asked if the tax levy dropped and Grant answered preliminarily by 0.5%. Mr. Spencer added that spending increased but the rate went down. The final vote on the budget was 4-1 with Mr. Dawes opposing the budget.

The Council then moved to new business. The first three items were Economic Revitalization Area for Hoosier Athletic Center, Fleece Performance Engineering and John Force Racing for which Mr. Spencer recused himself from the vote. Together the three businesses are proposing approximately 43 million dollars in investment with a cost to the town and schools of approximately 5 million dollars in property taxes over the next 7 years.

The next new business was the first reading of an ordinance to approve the Salaries and Salary Ranges for 2016. Brian Hartsell commented that the ranges would need to be changed based on the approved budget from 3% down to 2%. He

also commented that Brownsburg pays for certification when a position requires it. The ordinance also has the revised salary ranges. The ordinance passed on first reading 5-0.

The rest of the items on the agenda went by quickly until item 14 for general citizen's comments. Mike Dove came to the podium to talk about the positive notes in working through the budget. First of all the emphasis of continuing education is what all good companies and government entities should do to show the employees that they are respected. Secondly, John Force Racing is very happy to make Brownsburg their home. They are a vital part of this community. Lastly, he wanted to thank the Town Council for the pay raise because whether it is 2 or 3 % anything is appreciated but most importantly is the addition of three officers which is vital to protecting the citizens of Brownsburg.

The last person to speak was Mr. Spencer. I am printing his speech in its entirety because it is that important to the town.

"I wanted to save these comments I've got to the end of the meeting because I did not want to cause a procedural issue but with regards to the budget we had asked internally that the council communicate with one another I don't think there was as Council President I asked that any items be shared with me for dissemination to the rest of the council I don't think that was done I think it was purposely not done so there could be some shock and awe with one of the items tonight which did shock me a little bit. However, I do appreciate Councilman Dawes' stance on not voting for the budget but I didn't want to hold a 50 million dollar budget hostage over 20,000-30,000 pay raise. I think what we did tonight to Mr. Weyant's points earlier speaks volumes about what we think about our workforce. A 1% raise that we effectively spent that money on art around the community I am certainly not saying that is a bad thing I like Mr. Benham I will hold my, reserve my thoughts and hopefully I am proven wrong and the benefit is going to be well worth it but I'm a little disappointed that the council does not seem to take direction It is very divided it is obvious It's hard to get anything done It is hard to trust anybody to understand what somebody is thinking when you can't communicate I have fallen prey to that and I apologize for that to my colleagues, to the public but This is a little bit tougher than what people think to sit up here and

[This council] "It is very divided it is obvious It's hard to get anything done It is hard to trust anybody to understand what somebody is thinking when you can't communicate I have fallen prey to that and I apologize for that to my colleagues, to the public but..."

I am not going to continue to lead this council so I am going to resign the Presidency effective immediately."

-- Don Spencer

be a part of this at any level to lead a meeting. I'm disappointed that there was a little bait and switch tonight on one of the items I thought we were all square there were no explanations given there may not be an explanation but I think we are sending the wrong message and Chief I hate to follow you because you are wanting to stay positive I really do appreciate that and I know you are going to do the right thing and like I said I didn't vote against the budget because I think it has some real good things in it. However, I am not going to continue to lead this council so I am going to resign the Presidency effective immediately and I did it at the end of the meeting so we don't have a procedural gap here this evening so I don't know where this leaves us council but we will need to fill that position moving forward."

With the audience in shock the meeting was adjourned.

The next council meeting was held on October 22nd. Mr. Spencer called the meeting to order, reminded everyone that he resigned as President and assigned a President Pro Tem which was Mr. Benham. Mr. Benham then acknowledged and accepted Mr. Spencer's resignation. Mr. Kendall nominated Ashley Hobbs for president. She was voted in as president 3-1. Mr. Kendall then nominated Mr. Dawes as Vice-

President by a vote of 4-0. As you might have noticed there were only 4 councilmen present this evening because Mr. Dawes was enjoying his new grand baby. Congratulations Mr. Dawes!

The only old business was the 2nd reading of the Ordinance to approve the Salaries and Salary Ranges for the Year for 2016. Mr. Hartsell remarked that the only changes were the change from 3% to 2% merit pool and a change of salary for First Class Officers on the police department. Lastly, he noticed a typo and said he would be correcting that before the next reading of the ordinance. The Council voted to amend the Ordinance to the proposed changes and approved the Ordinance on second reading.

Under new business, It was noted that Rob Kendall brought up an Ordinance to amend Title III, Chapter 32, section 32.04 of the Brownsburg Town Code. The amendment

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Mr. Kendall - Investigations Continue

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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.*



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was to change the wording from the Police Chief and the Commission propose the annual budget to just the Police Chief under the direction of the Town Council. The Council approved the first reading of the Ordinance 4-0. (*Editor's note: this now places the police budget under the direct control of the Town Council removing the partnership with the police commission.*)

Next on the agenda was Department reports, Chief Mike Dove presented the Police Department Monthly report. The main point was the Haunted Police Department on Halloween please see page 7 for pictures. Chief Brown then gave the Fire Territory report. The main point was that the new engine was in a collision on Northfield drive. The department should get the engine back in 4-5 weeks. The current Asst. Chief is moving to a lateral position in Plainfield, Chief Brown is in the process of appointing a new Asst. Chief. Last up was the Park Board report. They approved the 2016 event calendar. They are currently accepting applications for floats for Christmas under the Stars Parade on Dec. 5th.

At line 14, General Citizens comments, there was a wide array of topics. First up was Jim Sering asking the Town to at least temporarily pave part of West Tilden before winter so that the dirt in front of the homes does not become a problem with snow this winter. Next up was a very passionate Scott Smith who wanted to talk about misinformation that has been placed on Social Media by a certain Town Councilman (Rob Kendall). Mr. Smith's prepared speech was longer than 3 minutes and he was asked repeatedly to stop to the point that the police present removed him from the podium. Mr. Weyant then went to the podium and offered his three minutes so that Mr. Smith could finish the speech. Mr. Smith said no. However, he has provided the Sentinel with his speech which you can read in the editorial section and look at his evidence which will be on our website.

The next person up to speak was Kurt Disser. He first spoke about the attorney change for the town that happened last month. He stated that KGR was working feverishly for the town until Friday September 16th. On September 18th a new law firm Frost, Brown and Todd was working on behalf of the town. The multi-million dollar account was transferred from one law firm to the next with no public meeting or notice violating the open door law. A Complaint was lodged to the Public Access Counselor because in the past Brownsburg has always held public meetings and vetting procedures to change law firms. The Public Access Counselor said he did not have enough evidence to give a ruling. In his view, it did not look good to the voting public in Brownsburg. Lastly, he gave a reminder to the council that the North Annexation has not happened it is still in litigation.

Last up to the podium was Ron Funkhouser. He stated that several constituents have concerns about the spending of taxpayer dollars. He asked how many law firms Brownsburg retains. How much does Brownsburg spend retaining the law firms? Year to date, how much legal fees have been incurred? Year to date, how much money has

been spent on illegal annexation? What is the present status of KGR? All of these questions went unanswered. This paper would like to know these answers too. At the Brown Township meeting last week, my wife reminded Rob Kendall that the Sentinel was willing to print the correct information so all of the misinformation could stop. This same invitation goes for every councilmen and to Town Management. The citizens of Brownsburg wants to know how you spend our money. Please enlighten us. -- To be clear:

How much has the Town of Brownsburg expended on fighting the North Annexation remonstrance, from inception to the present day? Provide the total dollars paid to KGR, and provide the number of attorneys, billable hours, expenses and the like, and their the date this litigation was transferred over to Frost, Brown, and Todd.

Please provide the same information for the above paid to Frost Brown and Todd.

Please provide this same information for monies expended on the Ward Annexation (They are Brownsburg tax dollars). -- The Editor.

New Owners Celebrate Grand Opening

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Friday Nov 6th, and Saturday Nov 7th



Chuck and Tillie Why did you decide to open Big Apple Bagels?

We have had a desire to have some sort of business for quite a while. Tillie's Dad is self-employed and my Dad was self-employed as well. I guess you could say that it is in our genes. Given our business backgrounds, mine in business management both at the middle and executive levels for over 29 years, and Tillie's in sales, marketing and recruitment, we felt that buying the Big Apple Bagels franchise was a great business opportunity.

More importantly than that, we both love to serve. I grew up in Brownsburg and we have raised our family here the last 20 years. We feel it is a great honor and privilege to be able to serve Brownsburg and the surrounding communities. We look forward to serving all who come into our establishment. Our mission is to make everyone feel at home and for Big Apple Bagels to be a gathering place. We also look forward to serving the business community as well as we provide catering and wholesale services.

We have had great support from the community during our soft opening period and are excited about growing with the community!

Thanks, Chuck & Tillie Pyatte - 1551 North Green Street, Brownsburg



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