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MORE FINES & RED TAPE!

The Town Council met three times in April, two times for regularly scheduled meetings and a special meeting which would start the budgeting process for 2017.

The first meeting of the month was held on April 14th. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Bascu with Dennis Dawes performing the invocation. Roll call was taken with all councilmen present.

The meeting started with "Citizen Comments on tonight's agenda". Kurt Disser came to the podium and started to speak. He was immediately interrupted by Mrs. Bascu asking what his comments had to do with the agenda. People in the room had no idea what he had said because the mic at the podium was turned off. It took the town staff 1.5 minutes of his comments before the mic was turned on. Once the mic was on, he asked if he should start over and there was a resounding "no" from the council. (Don't worry he restates his comments on April 28th) So the only thing the audience could hear was that he asked why the annexation fees were not first under attorney fees in the consent items and why weren't those attorney's fees posted on the website for all from the town to see. He did not get an answer from any one on the dais.

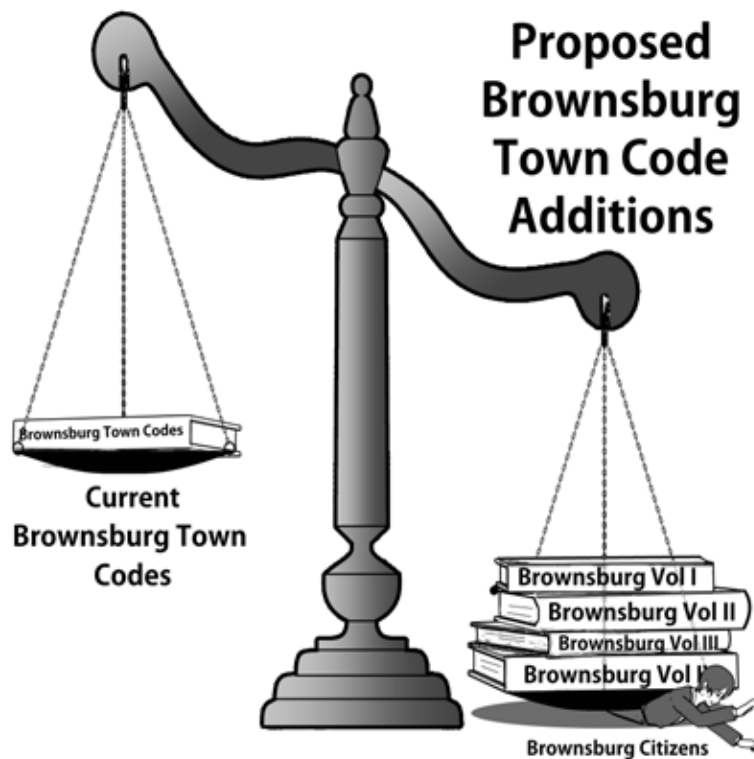
Next on the agenda were two requests for waiver of fees for use of town properties. First, the B&O trail requested a waiver for a Bike Tour for the amount of \$175 which was approved. Secondly, the American Cancer Society requested a waiver for the Relay of Life for the amount of \$1400 which was also approved.

Up next were the board reports, April 14th included the Advisory Plan Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Park Board. Todd Barker reported that the Advisory Plan Commission only had one case in March for a zoning map amendment for 616 S. Green Street. It was approved conditionally based on the annexation request passage on that evenings Town Council agenda. He then reported on the Board of Zoning Appeals which had several cases related to the Bill Estes Chrysler Dealership on 56th street. They ultimately approved 8 variances and 1 special exception which allowed Bill Estes to move forward with their plans. There were several comments about the process not being business friendly. Todd countered with the process had to be followed. Bill Estes will be submitting final plans soon for approval. The park Board report is on Page 6 of this publication.

The department report this meeting was Human Resources. They have been busy re-doing the employee hand book reducing it from 100 pages down to around 50 pages while making it more straight forward and user

friendly. They kicked off Town University for this year. There are 12 employees enrolled and the classes meet twice a month. They also had an employee recognition ice cream social on March 4th and have started a reward program called the "High Five" award.

There was only one item on previously considered which was ordinance 2016-05 the voluntary annexation of 730 S. Green street, second reading and public hearing. The public hearing brought no citizen comments and the second reading was approved.



First up under new for consideration was Resolution 2016-13 the Fiscal Plan for the annexation of 730 South Green Street. It was approved by the council. Grant has engaged Umbaugh to put together a new fiscal plan model to make them easier to fill out. Umbaugh should have something back to the town within 30-60 days.

Next Mrs. Bascu read an Arbor Day Proclamation which declared April 29th Arbor Day in Brownsburg. The day was celebrated by visiting the schools educating the students on how to take care of trees and handing out saplings. At the same time, Todd Barker presented the council with the Tree City USA plaque for Brownsburg. Brownsburg is the 2nd Tree City USA in Hendricks County. Avon was the first. This was a four to five year effort to obtain this designation.

Up next was a request for a condition zoning map amendment to 616 South Green Street. This is 1.25 acres just south of Green

Street and Tilden. The land currently has one dwelling on it. They want to rezone from Hendricks County RB to TR and M2 this came to the Town Council with a favorable recommendation from the Advisory Plan Commission that once the parcel will be annexed the zoning will be changed. This was unanimously approved by the Council.

Most of the conversation of the evening came next as Jack Swalley presented the first reading of Ordinance 2016-06 an ordinance of the Town of Brownsburg to identify proposed minimum housing standards fashioned after the ICC(International Code Council). This ordinance was proposed because the current ordinance which is one paragraph is too vague to enforce. The new ordinance is 40 pages long. It is based on the international property code and covers things like trash, grass, housing standards, and electrical issues. Grant stated that there would be three full readings before it would be put into effect. He promised to put his presentation on the web(it is there but does not really tell you anything). They had tried to do this change the way they normally do which is just adopt the code. The state said "no" because *cont to p. 3*

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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

With the ink barely dry from the Brownsburg Sentinel's last edition, the grip of tyranny begins to encircle the town as "staff" (hired town public servants), presented a 40 page ordinance titled "... New Chapter 156 Entitled Minimum Housing Standards" to members of the town council 2 days before the April 14th town council meeting.

Under the guise of "adopt ordinances that protect the health, safety and welfare of the Town's residents and guests". It is in fact a thinly veiled update of the "Code Enforcement Officer" position(s) including an increase in the breadth and depth of responsibilities.

Clearly not learning from the lessons of the past, previously this position was filled by someone either acting on their own, or at the direction of "staff" which drove businesses to close or leave the town of Brownsburg. This level of carnage occurred when this position was defined with a significantly narrower in scope.

This approach appears haphazard and heavy handed at best. Extremely limited evidence was given by "staff" as to the number of properties which fall into this enforcement category, or how many complaints the town has received from residents over the past 6 months.

Citizens question if "Chapter 156" received a thorough legal review. Research published by citizens in the public space identified multiple case law precedents noting it is not the resident's responsibility to shovel the public sidewalks.

Furthermore an apparent conflict of interest is present where the town council is designated as the "court" for these matters. They are also the party who voted to accept the ordinances, and stand to gain monetarily from said enforcement of same. Only after time, monies, and effort are expended with the council, is the resident permitted to address the charges in a court of law.

This publication has been approached by many members of the public with concerns, here are a few:

- (1) -- Once any low hanging fruit is harvested, there is a point of diminishing return to the point of position justification.
- (2) -- With history as their guide, they are concerned the codes will be enforced in an arbitrary, capricious, or malicious manner.
- (3) -- If real or perceived, there is an opportunity for these codes to

result in a profit making venture for the town.

(4) No right to appeal the issuance of a warning citation nor is a warning required

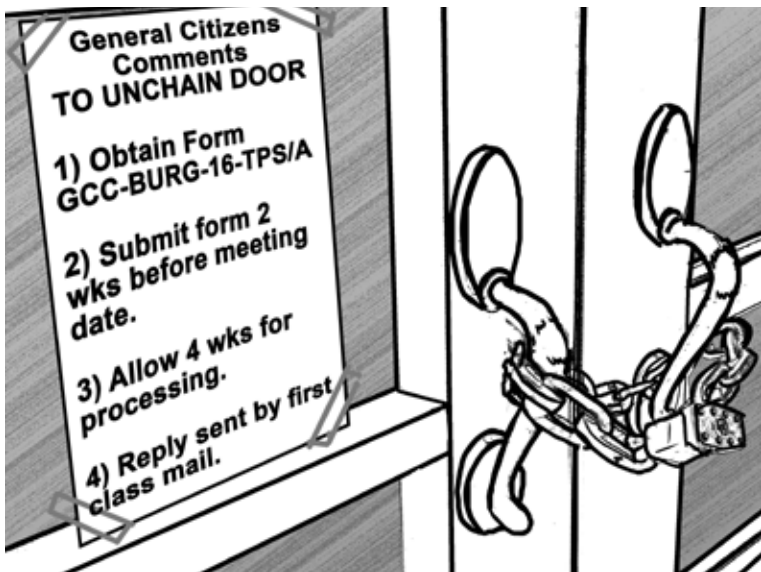
(5) The first offense results in a \$50 per day fine, repeat offenses occurring within a two year period immediately results to a doubling of this fine to \$100 per day

(6) A maximum of 60 days is permitted to bring the property into compliance.

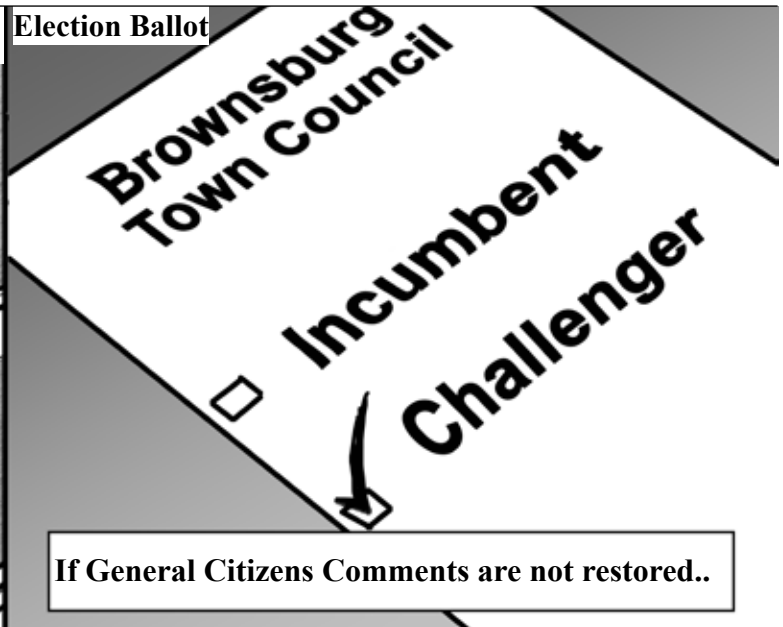
Everyone agrees modification to the housing ordinances are a necessity, however, these changes should be taken collaboratively with the public and those impacted in small measured steps.

Meeting with Town Council Members Update- As mentioned in the March edition, the editor made a request for a face to face interview to gain insight into their rationale for removing general citizens comments from the town council agenda. This publication sent each town council member a certified letter return receipt requesting to meet. To date 4 of the 5 return receipts have been received by this publication. I have spoken to Dennis Dawes, and Sean Benham. No response from Chris Worley or Ashley Bascau. Brian Jessen has rescheduled his meeting twice once for civic and once for personal conflicts. Dennis Dawes expressed regret for his initial support of the measure, and has since spoken in public on numerous occasions the need to rescind the changes. Sean Benham failed to recognize or admit that speaking on items on the agenda is not the same as general citizens comments previously allowed. I gave him a recent example-- There was no outlet for members of the audience to express their concerns spawned by the council's discussions of "Minimum Housing Standards". When I sought to bring that to the council's attention, my attempt (on behalf of everyone in the room) was summarily ignored. It seemed to place an incredible burden on the citizen to schedule individual meetings with all five council members to discuss a matter of concern. Sean offered sending an email, which is hardly an interactive face to face exchange, furthermore, there are council members who rarely respond to emails. Sean said for those who fail to respond to the public there is always the ballot box. *cont to p. 7*

Town Council Front Doors



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it was not state code. Mr. Dawes reacted by saying the first thing that crossed his mind was "Really??? You couldn't do this before?" He then went on to say that the new ordinance needed public input. Grant and Jack stated that if this would have been state code they would have adopted the ordinance by reference through developmental services but the state said no. It does not go through the Advisory Plan commission because by state law they do not have jurisdiction over building codes. Grant stated that other communities have adopted the same rules. A councilman commented that the council was apprehensive to put a 40 page document into place without talking to the property management groups in town. It also references and enforcement official the town does not currently have in place and it makes the Town Council have a judicial component because the town does not have a board that can hear the appeals to citing's. Grant stated that the idea was voluntary compliance but he saw here was concern so he offered to table the ordinance to allow time for more input from the citizens to be gathered. Motion to table to a later date was approved.

Last on new to consider was the Approval of Maplehurst special wastewater agreement to add to the agreement oil and grease allowed up to 150ppm to the standing agreement. Maplehurst and the town were in agreement. The Council approved the change.

Town Council items brought comments from two people. First Dennis Dawes requested that the council reconsider the agenda item that they took off i.e. line 14 general citizens' comments. He agrees that the rules need to be updated so there is respect. He had heard a considerable amount of discussion from the citizens that a place to give public input that is on the record is needed. He also requested that another joint meeting with the school board be scheduled since it had been about six months. Lastly, the police commission had begun the process for choosing a new chief of police application period is open between May 2nd and June 1st.

Brian Jessen was next up with a comment that the Brownsburg Fire Territory had begun the process for choosing a new chief the application deadline was April 18th.

At the end of the meeting, this editor tried to say something by a point of order but it was ignored, by Mrs. Bascu who rushed a formal

motion to adjourn the meeting (without a second).

The Town Council next met on April 21st for a special meeting to start talking about the budget for 2017. The meeting was called to order with Mrs. Bascu acknowledging the Dennis Dawes was absent. The meeting was called to get town council direction on five items.

The re-establishment of the CCD fund(Cumulative Capital Development). It can be a maximum of 5 cents and if you don't reinstate it the amount of the levy trends downward due to the assessed value of the town going up. It can generate up to 100,000 dollars in additional revenue used to purchase equipment mostly vehicles, IT infrastructure, and building maintenance. There are three items needed in the next year or so replacement of the police training facility roof, replacement street sweeper and the replacement of the bucket truck. Even with adding this levy the tax rate for 2017 should still be lower than 2016. The town Council agreed to move this on to the agenda as an ordinance

Staff wants to propose general obligation bonds of around 2 million in bonds to be used for the following items: 1) Improvements to main street 2) collection system improvement for wastewater project 3) wastewater plant upgrade and 4) phase 1 White Lick Creek Greenway. The state allows up to 2 million in bonds without a referendum or remonstrance. Adding these bonds would still result in a decrease in the tax rate over 2016. The town has 86 million dollars I debt and pays off about 2.5 million dollars a year. The town consented to move this forward as a consideration.

Staff proposed a merit based pay pool of 2% of raises with a COLA of 1.5 %. The police department does not have a merit based pay structure so the police would all get the 2% increase. Both increases together would add about 245,000 dollars across six funds. This would become part of the salary ordinance to be heard in the fall.

Staff proposed a Health insurance increase for 2017 of 3% increase. This would allow the town to pay for additional cost or build up our reserves for future years. The town would like to have 800,000 to 1.2 million in reserve for health insurance for a bad year. The Council agreed to move this forward.

Last was a review of outstanding capital improvement *cont to p. 4*



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projects 1) North Main is number 1—bid July 1 2017 finish in 2018 2) wastewater plant design at 30% hoping to get to 60% in May looking at rate increase with Umbaugh—bid date late 2017 3) White Lick Creek trail design put in 2017 budget 4) Regional storm water would like to issue bid in mid 2016 for design work starting this year and construction in late 2017 or early 2018 5) Northfield Beacon Point to 300N construction 2018 6) roundabout at Hornaday and 300N construction 2019 7) 56th and Wild Ridge traffic signal 2020 8) Downtown road improvements start 2017.

The last Town Council meeting of the month was April 28th. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Bascu with all members present but Mr. Dawes.

First was General Citizens Comments: Kurt Disser got up to speak. At the beginning of this report, I noted that the mic was off for about have of Kurt's comments on April 11th so Kurt repeated his comments to make sure they were entered into the minutes. He stated Brownsburg is required by law to provide fencing to any landowner that borders the B&O trail. Brownsburg is required to pay for this wholly at the town's expense by Indiana statute and case law precedence. He was sure staff had informed the council of this expense that was partly due to the Ward annexation. In the interest of transparency, he would think the town had informed all adjacent landowners that the fence must be supplied to them also. Next he commented on consent items page 17 where the town paid their attorney fees over 85000 dollars since December for North Annexation an expense that could be stopped at any time by the council. There is a hearing on May 31st where the town has filed a motion to dismiss the declaratory judgment—filed a year to late—they also want to file a summary judgment on the continuity issue, instead of one trial they want to have many. There is a pre-trial conference hearing on July 11th, the evidentiary trial is on Aug 15-19. Brownsburg will file a summary motion that Brownsburg provides fire protection instead of the Fire Territory. This one may incur criminal charges and complaints to the attorney board with conflict of interest for Tricia representing both the town and the Fire Territory

Next was a presentation by the B&O Trail of the B&O Bell. The bell is an appreciation gift to both Avon and Brownsburg sponsored by the rotary of both towns. The Bell will be presented to the two school systems thinking of having a bell game for all different sports with the theme of Competition, Collaboration, and Community.

Chief Mike Dove presented the police report. The police force lost retired Captain Jeff Scott in April. He was a 36 year member of the force. Chief Dove attended meeting a metro area meeting of all the counties around Marion to talk about the 100th running of the 500. People need to expect long lines with attendance rivaling the 80's at IMS. Lastly, the police and fire departments are again sponsoring two summer youth camps with the fire department over 80 kids have registered and no tax payer dollars will be used.

Next Interim Chief Keith Rinehart presented the Fire Territory report. Chief Rinehart presented a plaque to Mark Auberry (See pg. 7) for his work on the stop sign at 267 and 1000N. They have improved the training grounds and several other departments want to use the Fire Territory's facility. He was asked the current status of outdoor sirens, they are being tested on Fridays from April to October and if one is identified as not working they are fixed immediately.

The only previously considered item was Ordinance 2016-05 for 3rd and final reading This was the annexation of 730 South Green Street

and it was assigned to Ward 3. This was approved by the council.

The first new to consider item was Ordinance 2016-07 approving the reestablishment of the CCD proposed 1st reading. This was discussed in the special meeting on April 21st. The town council approved the first reading.

First under new for consideration was Resolution 2016-14 a resolution of the Town of Brownsburg approving the Transfer of Funds from the Police Department budget to the Town Administration Budget. The Hendricks County Communication Center asked the town to add \$292,882 to pay for operation of the center if the Local Income Tax was not approved. The tax was adopted that pays for the operation so they don't need the town's payment. Staff proposed to transfer 222,851 From the Police general fund administration to the town's contingency. It leaves \$69,831 in the police fund to purchase the first four items that are needed—body cameras (30,000) facility camera upgrades (20,000) CVSA equipment- 2 units (16400), and seeing vision panorama system for crime scene investigations. This resolution was approved.

Up next was Resolution #2016-15 - A Resolution Amending Resolution #2008-09 and #2011-15 Authorizing the Acquisition and Use of Credit Cards by Certain Town Employees. The resolution added oversight and cannot be used to bypass the normal claims process, it also changed from names to title, and what rebate can be spent on. They are issued to department heads or second in command that need to buy supplies or travel for official business. The council approved this resolution.

Ms. Leminger brought a Motion to Approve First Amendment to Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Regarding the Proposed Hendricks County Communications Center Communications Tower. The HCCC wanted to install new equipment on the existing tower at the fire department however, they determined the current tower will not work so they need to build a new tower. There is no cost to the town. This motion was approved by the council.

Along with the above motion, Tricia brought forth a Motion to Approve Non-Exclusive Temporary Access Agreement by and Between the Brownsburg Fire Station Building Corporation and Motorola Solutions Regarding Access to the Headquarters Facility to Accommodate Dismantling of the Existing Tower and Construction of the New Tower. This motion allows for the above work to be done. This motion was also approved by the council.

The last new business was an Ordinance #2016-08 - An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Brownsburg Amending Ordinance #2015-31 Relating to the Town's Approval of Salaries and Salary Ranges for 2016 - Proposed 1st Reading. The new clerk treasurer found that last year's ordinance was not handled based on state law and that the Town actually paid a 27th check which increased the Clerk Treasurer pay for last year. This ordinance is a temporary fix while the current clerk treasurer works on more permanent wording for the future. This ordinance correction was approved.

Last was Town Council items, Mr. Jessen spoke that the town council had received many emails about the removal of citizen's comments and all the council members had read the information. He wanted to ensure the public the council was working on how to re-instate the comments but within civil discourse. *This paper agrees civil discourse needs to happen from all sides in the Town Council chambers.*

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April BCSC Community Engagement meeting #4 - *The Editor*

The fourth in the Community Engagement sessions for Brownsburg Community School System was held on April 19th. At this session, they focused on enrollment capacity for K-5 and 9-12 and the facility condition of Brownsburg High School. The objectives for the session were to review the grade configuration and the impact on the buildings, to gain historical understanding of the current configuration, gain an understanding of the property tax caps and current BCSC debt and to give feedback on a number of options available to the school system.

Next Mrs. Jessup went over the demographic Study and capacity needs. Currently we have 6 elementary schools with 640 students each. The demographic study indicated that we may need up to 3 more. With two Middle schools, one with 1320 students and the other with 1650 students and one high school with 3960 students. The school system currently utilizes a K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 configurations. To get more elementary capacity, they could move to a K-4 configuration that would free up classroom space however, if 5-6 were to be put in one building and 7-8 in another they would need two buildings that hold at least 1400 students and the system doesn't have two buildings with that capacity. Of the people at the meeting if there was a need for an additional elementary school, the response was 96% agreed with or without questions and 4% did not think a new elementary school was needed.

Looking at High School enrollment numbers as of April 4, 2016 for the 2015-2016 school year, the enrollment is as follows: Freshman 680, Sophomore 592, Junior 598 and Senior 488 making a total of 2358 students. Assuming no growth over the next three years, the enrollment would be as follows: Freshman 664, Sophomore 647, Junior 666 and Senior 680 with a total of 2657 students. So with no growth in enrollment, the number of high school students would increase by 299 students.

The next part of the presentation talked about Tax rates, tax caps and debt load of the school. They started with an example of a home with \$150,000 without tax caps, the Brownsburg 2015 tax rate was \$2.90 and the Tax revenue would have been \$1892. With the new tax caps each home cannot go above 1% of the assessed value of the home or in the example \$1500. How the tax revenue is determined with the tax caps is that the percentage of the tax rate is determined for every taxing unit, county, town, school and library without the cap and that percentage is applied to the tax cap amount. So for the school if the rate is 53% before the cap then 53% of the \$1500 goes to the school with the cap. The school gets the same percentage but less dollars.

On top of the tax cap, over the next 7 years the debt load will be going down by 70%. Compare to other school systems around Indianapolis, Brownsburg has one of the lowest debt loads. The Town of Brownsburg is in the same position as the school with average debt load. The tax rate caused by the schools debt load will fall from \$1.009 in 2016 to \$0.5533 in 2023. There is a new law being considered at the state to allow schools to backfill the debt service without a referendum. This is similar to what the town can already do which is take out 2 million dollars each year as a general obligation bond without asking for a referendum. This new law if passed would allow the school system to fund some of the projects without a referendum. Without this new law, the school system would need a referendum to fund any projects which does increase the tax rate above the tax cap. In Brownsburg, 60% of the homes are at the tax cap of 1%. For those homes the tax rate does not change unless there is a referendum and without a referendum or the new law the 40% not at the tax cap will see their taxes go down.

The next part of the presentation talked about Brownsburg High School and what and why renovations are needed. They showed a slide which showed that most infrastructure at the school is past its life expectancy including sewer, water, electrical, carpet, restrooms and parts of the fire alarm system. What else has changed is that the school was built and renovated to hold 1300 students and today

holds 2400 students. On top of this, the amount of core classes has changed up 82% from the seventies. An example is the science labs, to renovate one lab is \$109,700, they have 9 labs so it is almost a million dollars for that renovation alone. Another example is carpeting there is 3.9 acres of carpeting at \$23.80 per square yard is almost \$500,000 without labor base or trim. They then asked the audience with the statement: There is a need of renovation at BHS to update/replace/renovate existing infrastructure. 97% of the people present agreed that BHS needed renovation.

Next the audience was given five options on how to handle the enrollment and infrastructure needs. They were as follows with the results listed in percentage next to the option:

- “Potentially a way to do it (options one or two) with out having to raise taxes... being able to do it as those (debt) rates fall off”
- B.Gardner
- 1 –Build Lincoln, renovate BHS & build BHS addition—58%\$ 18.0 M + \$39.4 M + \$40.7 M = \$98.1 M.
 - 2 –Build Lincoln, renovate BHS & build Freshman Academy—23% \$18.0 M + \$39.4 M + \$51.9 M = \$109.3 M.
 - 3 –Build Lincoln, renovate BHS & build 2nd, 2,000 student HS—5% \$18.0 M + \$39.4 M + \$161.4 M = \$218.8 M.
 - 4 –Renovate BHS for “7-8” & build 3,500 student HS—5% \$39.4 M + \$188.1 M = \$227.5 M.
 - 5 –Some other option not listed above, including do nothing—9%

Obviously from the people present, option 1 or 2 had 81% of the vote. The next question was if option 1 or 2 could be funded without a tax rate hike should the other 3 be dropped from consideration. The answer was 76% Yes and 24% no. With 24% saying no, Dr. Snapp asked for more information from those people as to why they would still say no or are there other options that the school system had not considered. The next meeting is May 17th at White Lick Elementary Cafeteria at 6:30pm.



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April BCSC Highlights - Anne Sering



The Brownsburg Community School Board met on April 16, 2016 with the usual business items but started with a reason for celebration. Retired Brownsburg High School Girls Basketball Coach Mike Griffin will be inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Griffin spent a total of 41 years coaching basketball at various levels in Brownsburg and led the girls basketball team to its' only undefeated regular season and a state finals appearance. Griffith

gave credit to Harlan Hinkle who was his assistant coach for nineteen years. Brownsburg Attorney Amy Brauman was named to this year's Silver Anniversary Team. Amy was a 1991 Indiana All-Star. Both received commendations from the Board.

Also receiving commendations from the Board were members of the 2016 BHS Wrestling Team. The team won every regular season tournament, were County Champions winning back to back and breaking the record for the most points scored, Sectional Champions, Regional Champions (first time since 1999), Semi-state Champions (first time since 1976), Dual State Champions, and placed 2nd at Individual State as Team. Brayton Lee became the 2nd State Champion in School History (first was in 1978). Seven wrestlers were state qualifiers: Ty Mills, Nick Weaver, Blake Mulkey, Brayton Lee, Nathan Walton, CJ Damler, and Isaac McCormick. All were recognized along with Coach Darrick Snyder.

The 2017-2018 School Calendar was approved. The Shuttle Bus Agreement with St. Malachy was approved. Middle School Book Rental fee was approved as was the adoption of new Health Books. The \$1.3 million contract for the addition to West Middle School was approved which will add eight classrooms. The 2-way radio system is being replaced with a digital system. The data network is being updated with a better fire wall (keep out unwanted users).

Mrs. Robyn Maynard presented a report on Facility Services. The goal is to 'achieve mission without injury to self or others'. BCSC maintains 365 acres, with 76 acres of pavement, 1,700,800 sq.ft. of floors; and employs 59 full-time and 6 part time custodians, 11 maintenance people, 1 warehouse worker and a part-time mail delivery person. Maynard showed a picture of elementary student helping custodians with lunchtime cleanups. The children look proud posing for the picture while donning protective gloves. Facility Services also helps out Brownsburg Educational Foundation with candle sales and the Gala and also provides a training facility for the BCSC police dog.

Superintendent Jim Snapp mentioned two items in closing comments: Color standardization throughout all buildings is underway, and the graduation rate this year is expected to be 98%.

April Park Board Report - by Anne Sering



The Brownsburg Park Board met on April 21, 2016 with Scott Latimer, Phil Utterback, Tracie Morris and Mike Klitzing present. Two citizen spoke were heard. Clay Swain,

representing Cub Scout Pack 377, applied for an overnight stay in Arbuckle Park on May 20, 2016. Michael McDonald, Coordinator for the Coalition for Tobacco Intervention, provided information to the Board. Aligned with Tobacco Free Indiana, McDonald listed the cost to citizens that tobacco smokers cause. Both Avon and Plainfield have been smoke free facilities and properties for almost ten years. McDonald urged the Board to consider like action since one of the main contributors to smoking is observing and copying others.

Philip Parnin, Park Director, reported that the budget process for 2017 was underway and the finance committee would be meeting in May. *The budget process for the town is an ongoing process. No sooner does the year begin than the next year budget is developing.*

Megan Attwood was ratified as the new recreation coordinator under Kevin Enders. Attwood will handle the day to day tasks and oversee the summer camps.

Travis Tranbarger, Assistant Director, gave the operations report. Arbor Day will be celebrated at the various schools with 500 saplings being given to B.A.S.E. students. It was noted that the after-school program has grown 370% since the first year. Consideration is being given to fee based special programs being offered in addition to the basic program. At each facility, special attention is given to those students with behaviorally and intellectually challenged students. One on-going problem is maintaining the student-counselor ratio and staff retention. For these reasons a B.A.S.E. business plan is being developed.

Parnin reported on a study being done for the purpose of determining if it would be more economical and beneficial to hire an outside contractor. Four bids had been received ranging from a high of \$105 thousand to \$61 thousand. A contractor policy will need to be developed since the present policy mainly addresses those working with children. One requirement is that the mowing in the parks must be done in the early mornings so as not to be a hazard for those using the parks. *We don't want a rock kicked up and hit anyone.*

The final report was on Bundy Lodge improvements. Whereas the stone was originally only being placed half way up the outside walls, it was decided to put the stone up to the roof line. This also improved the insulation to the building. Still to be done at a future time is a covered entry acting as a buffer between inside and outside of the building. Parnin presented slides of the improvements and pointed out specific features (Pictured on right page 7).

Ken Magee thanked the Board for allowing people to comment on the meeting proceedings. *This is unlike the Town Council which has muzzled patrons and allows comments only as requested and pertinent to agenda items. Magee complemented the Board and Park Staff on what was done with Bundy Lodge. Bundy Lodge was not on the agenda. Let's hope the Council doesn't decide to try to muzzle comments at all meetings. It always causes me to wonder why some government officials run for office stating they want less government and then once elected pass restrictions.*



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Letter from the Editor - *continued from page 2*

What a sad commentary, as such an approach is too little too late, and the damage will have already been done.

This publication has been aware of a small group of citizens questioning legal expenses paid by the Brownsburg Police Department over the recent years. Their findings have not been made public to date, and the noise they created in the public space coincidentally ceased following the primary election. This publication suggests ALL PARTIES involved make a written apology to everyone referenced in what apparently was a "wild goose chase". This publication will provide appropriate space for this letter at no charge in the next edition, if signed by all parties involved.



Bundu Lodge Improvements (Arbuckle Acres Park) north side of bldg. See April Park Board Report left page 6 for details.



Hendricks Regional Health groundbreaking April 11th 2016.

The 100,000 square-foot retail healthcare center will be built on the northwest corner of Interstate 74 and Ronald Reagan Parkway near exit 68. To address the growing medical needs of northern Hendricks County and beyond, it will house an Emergency Department and immediate care center; lab and radiology services; a comprehensive women's center; physical rehabilitation; physician offices; a retail pharmacy; a specialty clinic and additional retail space.

The facility will cost an estimated \$48 million to construct and is planned to create more than 110 jobs once completed. It is expected to open in the fourth quarter of 2017 and will coincide with the extension of Ronald Reagan Parkway from US 136 to County Road 300 North.

While the new center 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. In addition, as part of this enhancement of services, Hendricks Regional Health will be opening an Immediate Care location on Northfield Drive on May 2.

Mark Auberry Receives Award April 28, 2016

Interim Chief Keith Reinhart presented Brownsburg Fire Territory EMT / FF Mark Auberry an award relating to his efforts to improve traffic controls at 1000N and Hwy 267. Following an accident with a fatality in December 8th, 2015, Mark took the initiative to review 21 years of accident records for the intersection and found a total of 77 reported crashes, 33 resulted in injuries, and 7 of those involved a fatality. Collaborating with various county agencies, and concerned area residents, the following improvements were made. Two street lights (one old and one new) are working, yellow spin alerts installed on north and south bound signs on 267 approaching the intersection,



existing stop signs east and west bound 1000N were replaced with oversized red flashing LED solar powered lighting encircling the stop signs. Larger stop signs were added at the same intersections with spin alerts and red reflective strips on to the poles. Mark humbly accepted the award while thanking everyone's teamwork and dedication to the project. All upgrades were completed in the short time of 93 days on March 11th, 2016. Mark received a second award when he returned to his seat from his young son who said "Good Job Daddy", followed by a big hug.



Pictured L to R - A. Bascu, B. Jensen, Interim Fire Chief K. Rinehart, Mark Auberry, C. Worley, S. Benham, A. Hathaway. Not Pictured Councilman D. Dawes, Fire Executive Board Members T. Kmetz, D. Peoples.

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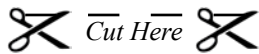

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