



July 31, 2016

## Where's the Money ?!

### July Town Council Highlights

July 14th -- The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Bascu with all members present.

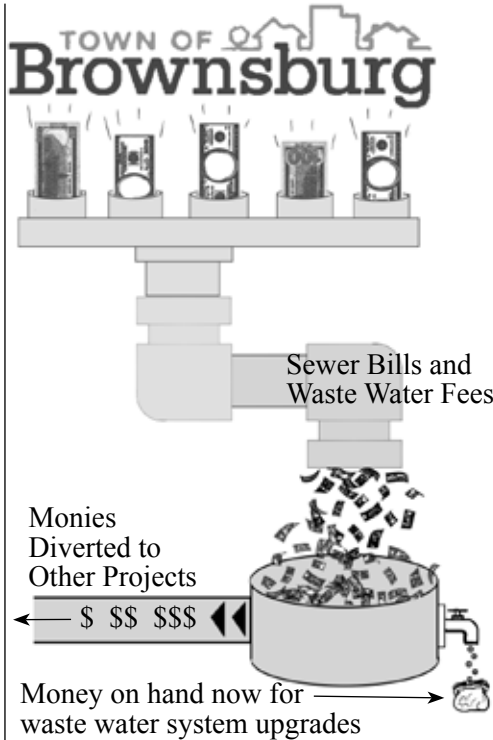
First up were boards and department report. Todd Barker announced the new Compliance Coordinator, Daniel Whitaker. Next, Phil Parnin announced that Global Trekker was completed for all trails in Brownsburg. The trails should be available on google maps within the year.

Under town administrative items, Kathy Dillon presented the waste water treatment report. The department had three employees receive collection system class 2 certification in April. She announced that the new Tilden road work had helped the treatment plant tolerate high rain events. The first event of the year was June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> when 3.96 inches fell in that 24 hour period.

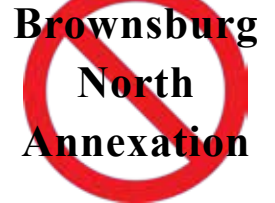
Next on the agenda was New Business. First was Resolution #2016-20 - Acceptance Resolution for Preliminary Engineering Report, PER, dated June 2016, to be prepared by the consulting firm Arcadis U.S., Inc regarding the Brownsburg Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements, Phase 1 Preliminary Engineering Report. This resolution is the last piece needed to finalize the application to SRF. Brownsburg has been told we are in the top 15 projects in the state at 13. The Council approved the resolution 5-0. The next resolution #2016-21 - Authorized Representative Resolution goes with #2016-20, it gives signing authority to Grant Kleinhenz to complete the loan process. This also passed 5-0.

Next up, Resolution #2016-22C - A Resolution Setting Forth Final Action in Determining that the Qualifications for an Economic Revitalization Area have been met and confirming Resolution #2016-22 Regarding Application for Real Property Tax Abatement (Maplehurst Bakeries / Weston Foods Inc.) It was an advertised public hearing --all comments were favorable to the tax abatement because it allowed Weston foods to make Brownsburg their corporate headquarters. The resolution was approved 5-0.

Finally, Ordinance 2016-16 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance by the Authority of Bonds known as Economic Development Lease Rental Revenue Refunding Bonds of 2016 and Approving other Actions in Respect Thereto - Proposed 1st *cont to p. 4*



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### Fight Against Brownsburg Annexation Gets Their Day In Court !

August 16-19, 2016 9:00 am- 5:30

Marion County Superior Court 1, Judge Heather Welch

After nearly 3 years, people fighting the Town of Brownsburg's predatory involuntary annexation (commonly referred to Fight Against Brownsburg Annexation or North Annexation) will have their long overdue day in court. We invite everyone to attend whether you are for or against the annexation. The hearing will be held in Marion County City County Building (west side fourth floor) 200 E Washington St. Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

If you have not donated to help stop the annexation, now is the time. See <http://www.noannexbrownsburg.com/> for information on where to send donations. Here is the latest information from the auditors office. If this annexation is allowed to proceed 91% of properties will experience a tax increase average of \$431.00. -- *Press release provided by Fight Against Brownsburg Annexation -- Updated.*

### July BCSC Report - by Anne Sering



The Brownsburg Community School Board of Trustees met on July 11, 2016 without Superintendent Jim Snapp. The meeting lasted only 30 minutes with little mention of the upcoming public hearing to address the public's recommendation for a solution to the increasing enrollment and the high school's failing infrastructure. The meeting will be held on July 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building. Waiting to see what will transpire is equivalent to awaiting

for the announcement of the Republican Vice President candidate.

Kenyth Cooper was recognized by the Board for being elected Governor at the 2016 Indiana Boys State. This is quite an honor as he was selected from 450 delegates. Had Superintendent Snapp been present he would have had to admit that he had not achieved that high of an office. It was also mentioned that Abrigail Bohrer, also a Brownsburg student, was elected Governor at 2016 Indiana Girls State. Miss Bohrer was not able to attend the Board meeting.

Mr. Gardner presented the budget for the General Fund, Transportation, and Bus Replacement. The General Fund budget for 2017 is \$4 million higher than 2016. The transportation fund will also be increasing because two additional bus routes are being added. Bus replacement is a separate fund from the transportation fund. The concern is that fifty buses are between 10 and *cont to p. 6*

# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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

Imagine there is a cooking spice named Witch-Hazel. For the purposes of our discussion, Witch-Hazel is a bitter tasting spice and is used in cooking to offset sweet tastes to balance the dish. Used in very small quantities it is effective, in any other quantity it becomes overpowering spoiling the dish.

Same is true for bitter people who are never happy. One on one we can listen to their trials, comfort and console them, walking away being thankful you're life really is not that bad.

When these people lose control of themselves in a public meeting, they become poisonous rapidly spreading killing off any good will and positive actions the group has accumulated to that point.

Unfortunately such an incident occurred during the July 14th town council meeting, an individual we'll nick name "Witch-Hazel" who according to witness reports said to the attending law enforcement officer *I started it, but now that person will not stop. All too often a bully cannot take a thimble full of what they dish out by the boatload.* This is in fact what occurred the evening of July 14th, no more and no less.

Apparently the same conclusion was reached by law enforcement, who interviewed the other party as well. They must have viewed "Witch-Hazel's" complaint(s) as baseless and without merit, and quickly allowed the other party to return unhindered to the meeting.

Surprisingly, thoughts of "I must have looked silly last night" surfaced overnight. This publication was provided a copy of the "morning after revisionist history email" "Witch-Hazel" concocted and sent to all the town council members. Not surprisingly "Witch-Hazel" failed to send this significantly revised account of events to the other party.

Thankfully, multiple town council members, spoke to by this publication, witnessed the event themselves, they were unable to reconcile "WH's" revised version of events against what they had actually observed. These town council members all know "WH", and "WH's" decades long less than stellar reputation in this town, and know the other person involved as well. As a result, multiple town council members dismissed "WH's" email outright.

Witch-Hazel, we offer two take aways to learn from --

1) It seems odd you take great interest in the affairs of the Town of Brownsburg, since you live far outside its incorporated boundaries. It's a public forum and you are welcomed, *up until the point you throw a temper tantrum, and expect everything to stop to correct a perceived slight, to one-- once which again you admitted you started.* Rather than blame others for your plight, please have the courtesy to leave the venue until you've had a chance to compose yourself, we suggest you take as long as you need.

2) As many of us were taught, **those who can't take it, shouldn't dish it out.** This publication has been in contact with the other party involved. This party harbors you no ill will, instead feels great sadness and pity for you, yet finds their faith in their follow man restored, as many on the council who received your email dismissed it outright.

As a result of the aforementioned, this party views the matter in the rear view mirror and closed. Finally, to save "Witch-Hazel" additional embarrassment, this unfortunate incident will be omitted from the July 14th town council report.

**July 14th --** Many people in the audience witnessed numerous events where it appeared the president of the Town Council was receiving text messages from persons unknown in the audience altering the course of the meeting as a result. This is a very troubling matter indeed to believe anyone other than the town council president is in control of a town council meeting. This publication performed an investigation, and was told by multiple parties familiar with the circumstances and confirmed on the condition of anonymity, multiple events in fact took place. As a result, this publication has submitted to multiple council members the following measures are added to the revision of "Resolution No. 2016-26 - A resolution further updating and amending certain procedures and processes for the town council agenda and council meetings" (Restoration of General Citizens comments, which failed to pass this same meeting).

Require ANY and ALL elected, hired or appointed public servants attending a Town Council, Board, Commission or any other combined Town / Township meeting to:

Turn off all personal and town issued electronic items, including but not limited to pager, phone(s), tablet, kindle, ipod, ipad, laptop, apple watch, fitbit, Google glass, and the like.

Include wording in the resolution, the resolution will be revisited annually in public, during a designated town council meeting, for example the second meeting in January, and updated if required by advances in technology.

Place ALL personal electronic items in a transparent box in clear view of the audience (public) immediately upon entry to the meeting venue (town hall for example); even if the meeting participant arrives prior to the meeting's scheduled start time.

All the items listed above remain in the box undisturbed for the duration of the meeting.

All elected, hired or appointed public servants, may collect their personal electronics immediately following adjournment of the meeting.

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Need to remotely control the president of the Brownsburg town council? There's an app. for that!



Ashley Bascu continues to refuse to speak to this publication to provide insight into her vote Feb. 27th 2016, to remove "General Citizen's Comments" from the Town Council Agenda.

It's been 158 days since citizens were allowed to speak in their own forum.

I wonder when they will make an app for that?

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## Letter from the Editor - *continued from page 2*

For public servants attending multiple meetings the same evening, they may pick up their items at the end of the last meeting they are required to attend.

This resolution should also require similar actions by elected, hired or appointed public servants seated in the audience who for one reason or another are listed as presenters on the meeting's agenda.

Naturally, all members of public safety present in the meeting would not be subject to these changes.

These changes will in some small measure restore the confidence in the various Town of Brownsburg meetings, an objective repeatedly stated by numerous elected, hired, and appointed public servants.

**July 14th** -- Former Town Council member, now private citizen Rob Kendall was one of the most outspoken in opposition of sewer rate hikes. This is perplexing by many members of the public. Clearly the alleged re-direction of monies as noted in Bill Sibbling's analysis would have occurred during Rob Kendall's term. Furthermore, this publication is in possession of the Town of Brownsburg's application for **WasteWater State Revolving Fund Loan Program (WWSRF)**, dated July, 8th 2015. Line (M.) on the form clearly states "Current user rate per 4000 gallons \$25.06, Estimated Post User Rate per 4000 gallons \$50.20." Where was his voice of opposition of the sewer treatment upgrades while he was a town council member? To further confuse the matter, in 2013 without hesitation then councilman Rob Kendall, and two others voted in a predatory manner to annex and significantly increase costs to 1193 parcels, 3000+ people by an estimated *hundreds of dollars per month* per home site. Despite 70%+ of the people saying they wanted no part of the town. His statement I've never raised taxes resonates with little truth with these people. Rob's current re-branding efforts are akin to placing lipstick on a swine, this does little to improve it's attractiveness and nothing to change it's behavior.

**July 14th** -- Finally under the category of "Truth is stranger than fiction" Kurt Disser shared his written speech as follows (he was barred from speaking at the meeting)-- "This concerns agenda Town Manager items, town attorney items and the waste water treatment plant expansion. This is extremely important information for the town council and the public, especially given the fact at tonight's meeting I assume Grant will be providing a lot of the information. According to the Town's attorney firm, the Town Manager's thoughts and opinions do not constitute facts and are irrelevant. This information comes directly from Brownsburg's memorandum of law in support of a motion to strike that was filed by the Town on July 7. Here is the exact wording from the filed motion in which the town references an exhibit that was filed by annexation remonstrators. *Exhibit 7 a video excerpt of the April 21, 2016 Town Council Meeting is not relevant. This 19 second clip shows Town Manager Grant Kleinhenz discussing the separation between the Brownsburg Fire Territory and the Town of Brownsburg. This exhibit is not relevant to this litigation because Kleinhenz's thought and opinions regarding the relationship between the Brownsburg Fire Territory and the Town of Brownsburg do not constitute facts and are irrelevant. I find this information rather disturbing because in this instance Grant was speaking directly to the Town Council. If Grant is not providing facts to the Town Council, where does the council get the facts concerning issues? So, I am left to wonder if information that has been provided or will be provided by Grant is true?"*

*(Editor-- This is the legal opinion of the Town Manager's performance provided by the town's own attorney's bought and paid for by Brownsburg Tax Dollars !!)*

**July 28th** -- Everyone enjoyed listening to Grant Kleinhenz's rebuttal to Bill Sibbling's July 14th waste water bills & fees cost / expenditures review. A number of Grant's actions raised concern. His presentation was not available on the town's website prior to the meeting. This prevented any public examination prior to his presentation. The font

was tiny and illegible even to those seated closest to the projector screen. Grant promised the presentation would be available on the town's website the following day. As a result, any questions would have to wait 2 weeks, then only be allowed if the item in question was on the agenda or a public hearing on the matter. For reasons unknown, there is a repeated lack of transparency. Next, Grant's presentation included numbers from 2014 & 2015. I am confident sewer bills and fees were collected before this time-frame, why were they not included in his analysis? Finally, I honestly thought I was watching Grant trying out as a coveted competitor for the International Story Telling Competition. The torrid tale he wove ran the gambit from monies spent on standard operating expenses, (planned?) incremental growth, (forecast?) equipment obsolescence, even inflation was blamed. Little of Grant's presentation provided any insight into where the bulk of the total monies were directed over a broader timespan.

**July 8th** -- A meeting was held in a conference room of the Brownsburg library, to discuss the possibility of changing from a "Town" to a "City". Less than 20 people attended including past and present members of town governance, Rob Kendall, Brian Jessen, and Mark Teiken. Mr. Jessen advocated for the change claiming it would facilitate increased funding opportunities at state and federal levels, greater representation to the area residents (by adding two more at large council seats), increased transparency by having a "buck stops here" -- a mayor. Oddly, Mr. Jessen along with the other 4 town council members voted to eliminate general citizens comments from the current Town Council agenda. All council members actions speak louder than any of their pontifications on this matter. Furthermore, Mr. Jessen was unable to articulate even the most basic details into the interworkings of this new form of governance, constantly replying that's a good question, I'll get back to you on that.

I spoke and asked a couple of simple questions. Currently you have five people who are unable to consistently set aside their personal ambitions and execute their duties of office in a collaborative and "serve the public first" manner, where will you find eight? Many in office now ran unopposed, expressed little regarding their views during their campaigns and there is varying degrees of acceptance, understanding, and dedication to the office they voluntarily signed up for. Perhaps it is not the process of governance which is broken, but the people we have to choose from, who in turn appoint or hire others of like mind. This publication believes entertaining this notion is at least 5 years premature. Elected, hired and public servants must be able to show more consistent higher levels of performance, before asking the public to vote on such a radical consolidation of power.

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Reading. This is to refund the bond at a lower rate saving the town approximately 1 million dollars over the life of the loan. First reading was approved 5-0.

The next 72 minutes were set aside for Public Comment on the Waste water Treatment Plant Expansion. Eleven citizens came up to speak—all in favor of the project but not in favor of wither a 50% rate hike over the next five years or stopping the recreation center to fund the project. Mr. Kleinhenz answered questions as they came when he could otherwise he promised to answer the questions at the next town council meeting.

First to the podium was Chuck Danbom. He asked if the project was funded. Grant responded that the town has 6-7 million in cash. The project will be 24-27 million to bring the treatment plant up to standards and expand for growth since it is currently running at 85% capacity. The remainder of the project will be funded by SRF (State Revolving Fund), a pool loan, some form of a rate increase and cutting costs. He then asked why he was billed sewer based on the amount of water used in the month. He also noted that for his bill the water rate averages 4.4 cents per gallon but sewer averaged 6.8 cents per gallon. Why the difference? Grant explained that it takes more effort to clean sewer water than to make potable water.

Next up was Bill Sibbing, who gave a presentation based on the public record information about the budget from 2014-2016. He specifically looked at the general fund, the enterprise fund, total expense and the enterprise supplement to the general fund. He gave 2014 as an example. Total expense for the wastewater plant in 2014 was 336,000 which is being taken out of the user fees. Yet 7 million dollars were taken out of the enterprise fund to supplement the general fund. The same thing happened in 2015 at the rate of 5.5 million and 2016 8.5 million was removed. Over the last three years, the town has used 22.5 million out of the enterprise funds for the general fund. Mr. Sibbing’s proposal is for the town to stop using the enterprise funds to pay the general fund and use those funds to pay for the bonds without raising the rate. The town would need 800,000-900,000 a year in the enterprise fund for the next 25 years. This is a 2% shift in funds. Grant commented that he would do an analysis to show where the money goes. He stated that some fund transfers are not allowed by law.

Next to the podium was Fred Arkanoff. His comments were about the commercial user fees. When he builds a house he has to give the town 7500 dollars to add the house to the water system. He also stated that for a commercial building to add a 8 inch pipe would cost 500,000 dollars. He asked where does the money go? Grant answered the fees go into the account that has the 6-7 million dollars in cash that the town will be using to fund part of the project.

Roxanne Flowery (Hope I got the spelling right) then came to the podium. She commented on how the elderly on fixed incomes were supposed to absorb the rate increase. Some of the elderly will need to make choices between medications, food or water/sewer rates.

Jim Sering was next. He commented that he hoped the town was not cutting corners to save money. That has happened before with other waste water projects and he did not want to see it happen again. Do it right the first time.

Troy Austin came up and asked several questions about the debt service and the increase in assessed value over the same time frame. He asked what the town’s portion of the assessed value increase would be and Grant answered about 4% increase.

Rob Kendall came up to the podium. He thanked the council for having the public comments but asked that more public meetings be held because of the short notice to this meeting. He then stated “This is a massive tax increase... The rate increase as proposed would be on par with the tax referendum from the school corporation last year... It would arguably be the greatest transfer of wealth from citizens to

a municipality in the history of Hendricks County.” He then went on to say that while on the council, the waste water treatment plant expansion was brought to the council in March 2015. They were told that a 30% design with three options would be brought back to the council in September 2015 which did not happen. The 30% design was presented to the present council in March 2016 with only one option with a much higher cost than what was presented in March 2015. Then Mr. Kendall asked several questions. “Why was there a six month delay in the presentation of the design and why is there now only one option to vote on? Over the winter the town manager actively promoted the building of a rec center with a price tag that was greater than the proposed plant now, how was there money to build a rec center and not a treatment plant without a rate increase? Why does the town continue to give out money to private for profit business through TIF and EDIT if there is not enough money to upgrade the plant without a rate increase? Why does the town manager continue to move large sums of money out of the enterprise fund to pay other bills unrelated to enterprise if there is not enough

“Focus on the needs not the wants and stop taxing us to death”

Tom Reese  
July 14, 2016

money to build a plant without a rate increase? Why does this town continue to force tax payers to pay for staff lunches eaten in town and trips to conferences and other events across the country if there is not enough money to build a plant without a rate increase? If the upgrade is about growth, why are there no triggers to reduce any rate increase once growth happens and more payers are on the system... This is without a doubt a tax increase.”

Next up was Tom Lacy from the group Brownsburg Residents for Fiscal Responsibility. He stated that the school system found a way to get their funding without a tax increase. The town should look at Bill Sibbing’s proposal and take his concept and fund the plant with what the town has today.

Kurt Disser came up to the podium next and he stated that the town’s attorneys for the annexation litigation stated “Kleinhenz’s thought and opinion ...do not constitute facts and are irrelevant.”

Representing Brownsburg older adult alliance (BOAA), Jennifer Cox reiterated that seniors are the most conservative with their money. They want and need the rec center. She asked the council to find a way to do both.

Last up was Tom Reese who had one statement **“Focus on the needs not the wants” and stop taxing us to death.**

At the end of the meeting, Anne Hathaway noted that the DLGF approved the additional appropriation for the three fire trucks.

## July 28<sup>th</sup> Town Council

Mrs. Bascu opened the meeting and noted that all members of the town council were present. All members present. At citizen’s comments Kurt Disser got up to speak but was cut off by the council because they had removed Town attorney items and Town Manager items from the agenda. He was able to state that the Annexation trial date is set for August 16-19<sup>th</sup>.

Next were three proclamations. First, A Proclamation Recognizing National Association of Town Watch (NATW) for the “33rd National Night Out” Second A Proclamation Recognizing National Farmers Market Week and Declaring Brownsburg Farmers Market Day. Last but not least, A Proclamation Declaring August 2016 Chloe Dygert Month.

Next was department reports, first was Major Grimes with the Police Department report. He wanted the council to know that at the police commission meeting , five conditional offers were given. This brings the staffing to 46 fulltime sworn officers and 13 reserve officers which is fully staffed. **He also wanted to thank everyone who had called, sent notes, sent food to show support for the police department over the last month.**

## July Town Council Highlights - *continued from page 4*

Next up was Fire Territory report by Larry Alcorn who stated he finished the design for the new fire trucks and they should be delivered the first part of 2017. Also, they had renewed the grant for the car seat program so it can continue.

For previously considered items was Ordinance 2016-16 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance by the Authority of Bonds known as Economic Development Lease Rental Revenue Refunding Bonds of 2016 and Approving other Actions in Respect Thereto - Proposed 2nd, 3rd Reading and Final Adoption With the discussion last meeting, the ordinance was approved 5-0.

Under new for consideration, first was Resolution No. 2016-25 - A Resolution Expressing an Interest in Certain Real Property and Authorizing the Appraisal Process. With the construction of the rec center, the park department needs to relocate offices. After looking at many rentals and with the thought that after the build they would not need the office any more, the Park Department decided to look at buying a property that they could sell later. The resolution was approved 5-0.

The second item up for new business was Resolution No. 2016-26 - A Resolution Further Updating and Amending Certain Procedures and Processes for the Town Council Agenda and Council Meetings. Dennis Dawes asked if the resolution could be tabled because he did not think the council was all on the same page. After a very confusing vote process, the motion to approve failed 3-2 and Mr. Dawes promised that the resolution will come back when they are all in agreement.

Next up for the third meeting in a row was Public Comment for WWTP Expansion. Mr. Kleinhenz started with a 20 minute presentation on "where the money went" after being asked that information at the last meeting. The presentation is on the Town website. The editor encourages all readers to look at the presentation and see where 5-8 million dollars go from the enterprise fund each year.

First to the podium after the presentation was Tom Lacy. He did bring a presentation but did not want to show it because the numbers were wrong based on what was presented last meeting and the difference this meeting. He did state that his proposal was to use all future hook-up fees to pay for the debt service. Also, since the high price seems to be caused by the expansion, maybe the council should look at slowing growth.

Next was Bill Sibbing who has been looking at the claims each month and was distressed to find that electrical utility payments were being made out of the enterprise fund. He asked why the user fees were paying for street lights and stop lights.

Troy Austin came to the podium and stated that the town needed to improve communication since he meets people every day that don't seem to know about the Waste Water Treat plant expansion. Not everyone in town uses social media, the town needs to think about

another way to spread the word.

John Rabold came up and spoke as a business owner. He runs the carwash on Main street and stated that his three year monthly average for sewer was \$456 and by the end of the five years of rate hikes his bill would be \$684. With the negative impact of the new competitor in town, he will be hard pressed to meet his expenses.

Tom Reese still kept his message simple. The town is spending millions of dollars a year on the wants and ignoring the needs of the community. Focus on what we need and if we have extra money then spend on the wants.

Next to the podium was the most moving and influential speech of the night by Ray Cronin, Jr. He moved to Brownsburg to be near family and near to a hospital. He was representing the rec center so that there would be a community center for seniors to have a place to gather. He considered it a quality of life issue. The town needs both and cannot do without either the waste water treatment plant or the rec center. Brownsburg is the only community without a center.

Jim Sering was not going to speak until Mr. Cronin spoke. He wanted to remind the council that MR. Cronin was probably a veteran and had served his country. He thought it was great that Mr. Cronin cared enough to come to council to speak his mind.

Next up was Jeanne Paul who recently moved to Brownsburg from another state. She moved here because of the medical care and her doctor is at IU West. She agreed with the two prior speakers that there is absolutely nothing to do in Brownsburg. She has to go to Danville to keep from staying home by herself. "Brownsburg needs to get with the program for the elderly."

Last up was Jennifer Cox who is the president of BOAA. She was very happy to see the older adults come up an advocate for themselves. She wanted to say to the council that they needed to do both the rec center and the waste water treatment plant.

Town council items had Dennis Dawes comment on the discussion on whether Brownsburg should be a town or a city. One of the issues that is being discussed is that the citizens don't have a voice. However, there are ways to contact the town manager and the town council. If you don't like what is happening they can vote at the polls as each of the council members come up for re-election. If you have a problem with the town manager, bring your concerns to the town council. There are a lot of issues within the town right now and the council needs to get through those issues first before looking at a city vs. town. Brownsburg will need to look at this in the future but not now. Brian Jessen added that the decision will be made by a referendum vote by the citizens of the town. This is not something that will happen soon. It will take a several years. It is not a plan of this council to move the town to a city.

**"Brownsburg needs to get the with the program for the elderly"**

**Mrs. Paul  
July 28, 2016**



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## July BCSC Report - *continued from 1*

13 years old. This is apparent by an increase in maintenance costs such as radiator repairs. A long range plan is being developed for replacement. Bus age is not the only factor to consider. Looking at the mileage of the bus indicates that the buses that run longer routes run better. The next four years shows only 21 buses purchased and the next 6 year period only 10 buses were purchased. The budget process is just beginning and will not be finalized for a few months.

Mr. Voigt reported that interior repairs to the schools will be completed on time but the trail improvements (sidewalk expansion) may not be complete at the beginning of the school year. State inspection of the buses is scheduled to take place the Monday following the start of school.

Mrs. Heffernan reported on the Brownsburg Education Foundation. She stated that there were three new board members. The Advisory Board consists of Bob Duncan, Shelly Hellman and Lorena Stephens. BSCS representative is Kristin Gryskevich and Member at Large is Mady Brodt. Along with Dr. Snapp and Mrs. Heffernan are President Todd Jackson, Vice President Brad Angeles, Secretary Nikki Jarvis, Treasurer John-Paul Biehn and Past President Angela Falcone. The school surplus sale will be held on August 20. Ford Drive 4 UR School will take place on September 8. The major fund raiser, the Yankee Candle Sale will take place from September 9 thru the 26<sup>th</sup>. Elementary and Middle School students participate in the fund raising venture.

Second reading and approval of the policy changes in the student handbook and support staff handbook took place. A public hearing to approve additional appropriation for the early childhood center was held with no one speaking for or against and it was approved.

One item receiving no attention during the meeting but included in the printed information was the resignation of Dr. Scott Wyndham who has taken the position of Director of Finance and Operations in the Avon School District. He will actually be holding the positions of both Mr. Gardner and John Voigt. His replacement was present and was introduced to the Board prior to the meeting beginning but inadvertently not introduced in the meeting. Jennifer Dezarm-Lynch who had been Assistant Director of Special Education was promoted to the position. Often Dr. Wyndham was the only other person present beside myself at the Board workshops. I will miss his company.

Another item that was included in the packet was a listing of Brownsburg Community School Donations for the 2015-16 school year. What was surprising to me was that all elementary schools are not equal in donations received. It wasn't the difference that was a shock; it was the disparity in what was received. Reagan Elementary received \$500.00 while Eagle Elementary received \$33,324.00 all but \$2,000 was donated by the Parent Support Group. Reagan's

sole donation was received by the Brownsburg Junior Basketball League. Is this a reflection of the socio-economic status of the parents of the students? Cardinal received \$1472.97; only \$200 was from their Parent Support Group. One parent donated \$100 to the music department. Brown Elementary received \$2462.65 none of which came from a parent support group. Delaware Trail received \$14,640.52 (ten time more than its sister school). Delaware Trail has a Parent-Teacher Support Group which was responsible for all but \$2000.00 of the donations. White Lick has a parent teacher organization which donated \$17,633.20 and as, Reagan Elementary, received \$500 for gym use. When I inquired about this, I was told it could be a difference in how the schools reported the donations. However, if more parents were aware of what could be accomplished would they be able or willing to do more for their school? It appears as if some of these funds do provide more perks for some of the children that are not available to others. This is the first time that I am aware of that this information has been provided and since I have questioned it, I hope it won't be the last. I will have to calendar a reminder for myself for next year.

Brownsburg East Middle received \$2,127.10 in donations; West Middle \$4,570.94. Brownsburg High School received \$10,538.80. Nothing too shocking about these amounts unless you consider that West Middle School received twice the donations as East Middle School.

In August we should know how many additional students were enrolled for 2016-2017 and how this impacts the schools and whether there were any complaints about the results of the Public Hearing. Stay tuned.

**Brownsburg's New Code Compliance Employee** Daniel Whitaker has been in the employ of the town for about one month. Daniel is a Ben Davis graduate, who has lived in Brownsburg for about six years. He moved to the town for the acclaimed school system and has four children ranging in ages from one to 10 years old with one



on the way. Daniel has had a varied career most recently a CSX conductor for two years, and before that he worked for the various divisions of the Indiana Department of Corrections for approximately eight years.

Daniel is looking forward to working with the residents and businesses in a more cooperative fashion than his predecessor. His contact info. follows: 852.0021, Email [dwhitaker@brownsburg.org](mailto:dwhitaker@brownsburg.org)

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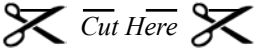
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