



September 30, 2016

Gootee Approved Embezzled Budget Brown Township Chairman Gootee Asked to Resign



Brown Township Residents Call for John Gootee's Resignation Brown Township Meeting Summary

The September 14, 2016 Brown Township meeting was called to order by Chairman John Gootee with the Pledge of Allegiance and he indicated all members of the Board, the Trustee and the Township Board attorney were present. The first order of business for the evening was the approval of minutes from January 18, 2016, May 26, 2016 and June 11, 2016. Mr. Mantlo asked for a clarification in the June 11 meeting minutes to indicate that he called for Tricia Leminger or any member of Frost, Brown and Todd to resign as attorney for the Fire Territory. This correction was made and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Next on the agenda was the 2017 budget public hearing. Mr. Kmetz indicated that public comments should come first. Mr. Gootee agreed and opened the floor for comments giving a 3 minute limit. The first comments came from Sabrina Graham who asked if the salary for the Township Trustee was \$20,000 and had it been that amount for a number of years? The salary of \$20,000 was established in 2013 or 2014 before that date it had been higher.

Next person to comment was Kurt Disser. He started his comments insinuating that the board was not following its laws and statutes. He was interrupted by Mr. Gootee who said his comments were not about the agenda.

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September Town Council Highlights

September 8, 2016 Town council meeting was opened by Ms. Bascu and she indicated that all council members were in attendance. This meeting would turn out to be very short. Ms. Bascu opened the floor for citizen's comments and no one came up to speak.

First up this evening were bids for building and site demolition on the old St. Malachy property. There were three bids with the lowest coming in at \$330,000 from Denny excavating. The original estimate was \$450,000 but that was with asbestos removal. However, Denny excavating will not be doing the asbestos removal. The asbestos removal will be a separate bid from a company that specializes in asbestos removal. Mr. Kleinhenz indicated that the Baseball diamonds and batting cages will not be touched until late 2017. The bid was approved 5-0.

Next was the bid for Twin Street Force Main Relocation project. The force main sits between the school and the church and is an 8 inch main. The proposed new route would take the main down by the creek to the park road and out to the old connection. In this move the main would be upgraded to a 10 inch pipe. The lowest bid came from Subsurface of Indiana at \$187,000. The bid was approved 5-0.

First up for new business was Ordinance #2016-21 – An Ordinance Annexing Real Estate into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana Pursuant to a Petition for Voluntary Annexation, 4278 Eastside Drive –Proposed 1st Reading (Brian Hartsell) The utility connection was approved in August and this is the *cont to p. 4*

Troy Wymer Pleads Guilty to lesser charges



Troy Wymer
Former Brown
Township Trustee

On July, 28 2016 Troy Wymer, Wayne Township firefighter and former Brown Township trustee, plead guilty to lesser charges. Mr. Wymer plead guilty to (1) one count of theft entered as a class "A" misdemeanor, paid a (\$1.00) one dollar fine, court costs of (\$183.00) one hundred and eighty three dollars, pay restitution for monies stolen, placed on (364) three hundred and sixty four days of probation, and ordered to serve (20) twenty hours of community service.

This information was provided to the public at the September 14, 2016 Brown Township Board meeting.

Wymer was originally charged on June 10, 2016 for withdrawing funds totaling \$9,739.50 which he paid back to Brown Township on his last day in office.

As reported in the June 30, 2016 edition of this publication, now convicted of lesser charges, members of the community have stepped forward and asked for Township Board Chairman John Gootee's resignation. As a member of the township board during Mr. Wymer's term in office, Mr. Gootee is the person responsible who signed off on the accuracy of the Brown Township's financial records. -- *The Editor*

LETTER TO / FROM THE EDITOR

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

This edition of the Brownsburg Sentinel characterizes the worst behavior in our elected public servants. Since it's inception this publication's mission statement reads in part:

"Aggressive oversight and public examination to ensure open, effective, accountable government at every level, favoring collaboration and consolidation over growth in the size of government, and demanding transparent and responsible stewardship of tax dollars."

We take this mission very seriously. When wrong doing is identified, those who are charged brought to justice, next we look to "who was asleep at the wheel" at the time the criminal conduct occurred.

Mr. John Gootee (a 10+ year veteran of office) and Dr. Jason Welsh were asleep at the wheel at this time. Mr. Gootee freely admitted during the September 14th Township meeting *"The annual report is approved as presented because the board members are not CPA's so they are approved as submitted."*

This approach is in direct violation of Indiana Statutes:

IC 36-6-9 Meeting; consideration and approval of annual report of executive; disposition of funds

(b) The legislative body may send for persons, books, and papers necessary in the examination of the report. A member may administer oaths necessary in the examination of the report.

(c) When its examination of the report is completed, the legislative body shall take action on the report, specifying the parts of the report that are altered or disallowed. The report remains under the control of the legislative body and in custody of its chairman, who shall keep it open to inspection by taxpayers of the township.

IC 36-6-4-12 Annual meeting; report of receipts and expenditures of preceding calendar year; failure to file; penalty

(a) At the annual meeting of the township legislative body under IC 36-6-6-9 the executive shall present a complete report of all receipts and expenditures of the preceding calendar year, including the balance to the credit of each fund controlled by the executive. If the executive controls any money that is not included in a particular fund, then the executive shall state all the facts concerning that money in the report.

This entire section goes on in detail how the expenditures and receipts are examined, validated, documented, and stored for public review.

It is unclear to this publication which of the statues above were in force during the time of the embezzlement. In any event absent of being "on the books", these are standard practices for oversight, a duty required by each member of the Brown Township Board.

Why were Mr. Gootee and Dr. Welsh not charged along with Mr. Wymer? Thankfully for them and many other elected public servants, apparently the level of incompetence they exhibited did not qualify as criminal.

In addition, there are many closed or pending open door and public access violations filed against Mr. Gootee, and others. Taken in total, this has caused members of the public, and this publication to call for Mr. John Gootee, and Dr. Jason Welsh resignations from office.

Failure to resign, exhibits a callous disregard for the oaths of office taken when they were elected by the public to serve. -- *The Editor*

Dear Editor:

I am a Brown Township resident who recently heard several unflattering things about the Brown Township Board, particularly with John Gootee, its current chairman. I know John has been on the Board for more than ten years but does he continue to be an effective Township Board member?

John Gootee was on the Township Board when Troy Wymer, then Brown Township Trustee, committed theft and official misconduct. [--Editor comment see page 1 for Troy Wymer's charges and guilty plea agreement.] Where was John when Troy Wymer was meddling with Township funds! As a long-standing Township Board member, did he not have an obligation to approve the Township budget and review Trustee expenditures as township board members are required to do under Indiana law? Did he not scrutinize Troy Wymer's annual report and detailed expenditures? What was John doing?

And what was that nonsense with the Brownsburg Town Council? Brian Jessen read on behalf of John Gootee a letter into the record in which he lambasted Nathan Mantlo, a fellow Township Board member, for expressing his personal views in an earlier joint meeting of the Council and Township Board members. From my review of the Council meeting video, Mr. Jessen on behalf of John Gootee read this letter purportedly under full color of authority to assert Mr. Mantlo was wrong to do so. Moreover, in this public forum, John labeled Mr. Mantlo an inferior Township Board member, claiming his appointment to fill a vacancy somehow rendered him an improper representative of Brown Township residents. Indiana law prescribes how such vacancies are filled and persons lawfully appointed are fully authorized to fulfill the duties of the office. For John to assert otherwise is absurd and begs the question whether John is fit to continue serving on the Township Board. When is his term up?

Also, I wish to thank Brown Township Trustee, Tom Kmetz, for turning back on the street-lamp at State Road 267 and County Road 1000N. I missed its illumination when it was turned off to save money in the Brown Township budget. How much money did it really save when compared to the approximate \$800,000 Brown Township has sitting in the bank uncommitted for any public purpose? It seems to me the money should be refunded to Brown Township taxpayers yet John Gootee continues each year to rubber stamp the tax rates Brown Township residents are compelled to pay. But thanks for the light!

Signed, Appalled Brown Township Resident



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Brown Township Meeting Summary - *continued from page 1*

Kurt countered and stated that he was laying a foundation for his questions, Mr. Gootee then stated only comments no questions. Kurt went on to state that the purpose of the board was to oversee the trustee and two members of the current board were in their positions when the Troy Wymer theft occurred. When Mr. Disser started to ask questions he was interrupted again by Mr. Gootee. Finally Mr. Gootee allowed Mr. Disser to talk but not did not answer or acknowledge his comments. Mr. Disser asked how the Board could approve the expenses and not understand that Mr. Wymer had paid out checks to himself that were more than he was allowed. Mr. Disser ended with two possibilities: one that Mr. Gootee was complicit with Mr. Wymer and knew about the money withdrawal. Mr. Gootee asked Mr. Buschmann to stop Mr. Disser and he did stating that the remark was accusatory. When Mr. Disser started again he was told his time was up. Mr. Weyant asked for a point of order and gave his time to Mr. Disser and Mr. Gootee allowed two more minutes. Mr. Disser went on to say the other possibility was that the Board did not know what their responsibilities were in regards to expenses and the budget. Mr. Disser then asked for the resignations of the two members who were on the board when the theft occurred which was Mr. Gootee and Dr. Welsh. No other person had comments so Mr. Gootee closed the public comments.

Next was the discussion about the budget. Mr. Kmetz presented the budget. He pointed out the township assistance was lowered to 30,000 because the budgeted amount of 38,000 was never used. Salaries stayed the same. The current trustee does not take the vehicle reimbursement which was \$1200 so he moved that money to professional services. Only questions were asked by Mr. Mantlo with no other trustee having any questions. Mr. Gootee stated that the budget would be approved at the next meeting.

The next item was presented by Mr. Buschmann concerning a need to have a materiality policy and set up internal controls before the next budget is submitted to the state. The law states that every government unit in the state must have a materiality policy which states that anytime something goes missing either property or cash it needs to be reported to the state. The policy allows a government unit to state

that they report only if the cash or the property are over a certain amount. Mr. Buschmann brought with him a sample policy and a recommendation that the board adopt a materiality policy that states they would report anything over \$500 cash or \$2000 in property. Mr. Kmetz said he would bring the materiality policy to the October meeting.

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Mr. Buschmann then moved on to internal control policy which states that every financial transaction should have two people looking at it. Every unit of government is required to have a flow chart for receipts come in and get deposited in the bank and when invoices come in how are they reviewed and how checks are paid out and how payroll is handled etc. Mr. Gootee proposed to hire a part time clerk with an accounting background to be the second person for the internal controls. It is up to the board to create the position and set the salary and the Trustee hires the person. Mr. Mantlo made a motion to hire a part-time clerk which was approved unanimously. The compensation level will be set at the next meeting.

Next Mr. Kmetz discussed the theft case and the timeline of events. Mr. Kmetz was closing out the year end books in January and was getting ready to file the annual report. In the accounting system there was an unreconciled adjustment. The adjustment was for \$5872. He started looking into the adjustment and called the software vendor who had expressed concern because she had been called by the previous trustee and asked how to make that adjustment. He contacted the state board of accounts and started working with the Indiana State police detective and State Board of Accounts detective for over 3 months. They found 18 checks for the trustee's payroll amount written and cashed in 2012. Twelve of them were written and cashed before the end of August 2012. He wrote three more in September and reversed those three in October yet he still cashed the checks which caused the adjustment amount and then he wrote himself three more not through payroll but wrote them as he was a vendor. On August 14, 2013, Mr. Kmetz before he was elected questioned services that were reimbursed to Mr. Wymer and he stated that he did not have a credit card and bought everything for the township out of his own pocket.. The final amount was \$9741.50 which he paid back on his last day in office *cont to p. 5*



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voluntary annexation that goes with it. This was approved 5-0.

Next up was Resolution #2016-33 – A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Brownsburg Approving an Additional Appropriation for the Purchase of Real Estate Located at 402 & 410 East Main Street, Brownsburg, Indiana – Advertised Public Hearing (Phil Pamin) This lets the Park department offices and storage relocate to the old Mowery building. So far it is estimated to be \$33,000 for the changes needed to make the building usable. The resolution passed 4-1.

Last was Resolution #2016-34 – A Resolution of the Town Council Transferring Certain Real Property to the Brownsburg Redevelopment Commission (Grant Kleinhenz). This is to transfer the old ST. Malachy property to the Redevelopment Commission by quickclaim deed. The site was originally bought for mixed use development and a recreation center. The town worked with Rick Bolt on the new UC codes to help the town create a new downtown and new gateway to downtown until Rick broke away and went his own direction. *[Mr. Bolt categorically denies this. Ed.]* Up to now, there has not been any RFP's submitted for the site. The town will continue the negotiations with the developers. The land transfer allows the RDC to continue the negotiations and give the property when needed. The agreement stipulates that the demolition project and the sewer main have to be completed before the property can be transferred. When the economic development plans are completed and brought to the council, the town has the right to take back the property back. Several council members confirmed the RDC can own the property based on state statute. The town is not just using TIF funds for the demolition and sewer main work. Mr. Dawes stated the direction for the Old St. Malachy property fits in with the plan to develop downtown Brownsburg.

September 22, 2016 town council meeting was opened by Ms. Bascu who indicated all members were present. During town department items Annisa Rainey announced on September 23rd the Bicentennial Torch Relay would be in Hendricks county and would start at Lucas Oil Raceway with the Torch being carried down the track at speed. She also announced that Mr. Dawes would be one of torch runners/walkers in Hendricks County. She also announced in the Best of Hendricks County contest in the Hendricks county Flyer. The Brownsburg Farmers market won as best farmers market and Brownsburg won as best place to live.

There were no bid approvals for this meeting so it was on to previously considered items. First for this evening was Ordinance #2016-21 – An Ordinance Annexing Real Estate into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana Pursuant to a Petition for Voluntary Annexation, 4278 Eastside Drive –Proposed 2nd Reading (Brian Hartsell) (Part 1 of 2) The ordinance was approved 5-0.

Second under previously considered was Consideration of Economic Development Agreement with Envoy, Inc. (Grant Kleinhenz) (tabled

from September 8, 2016). It was tabled on September 8th because the RDC had not approved it as of that meeting. The RDC did approve the agreement between the Town and Envoy for an office building on the St. Malachy's on September 13, 2016. Envoy will be investing an estimated 3.5 million dollars in the development of a 28,000 square foot building to house approximately 100 office suites. The development should be ready sometime in the summer of 2017. The town has negotiated several clauses in the agreement in case the development does not work out. This was approved 5-0.

First for new for consideration was Ordinance #2016-22 – An Ordinance Approving the 2017 Town of Brownsburg and Fire Territory Budgets – Proposed 1st Reading (Grant Kleinhenz) Mr. Kleinhenz stated that the proposed budget was for 48.9 M which is 4.1% lower than the 2016 budget. It does have a balanced general fund budget with a tax decrease from .9583 to .9191. This rate is based on an increase of assessed value by 28 million but the tax rate may become lower if the assessed value is higher. The town does try to stay within the budget. The budget does include cost of living increase and merit based pay pool. The Public Hearing will be at the first meeting in October with final adoption October 22nd. They are also working on trying to lower the proposed increase in the sewer rate for the new wastewater treatment plant. This was approved on first reading 5-0.

Next was Ordinance #2016-21 – An Ordinance Annexing Real Estate into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana Pursuant to a Petition for Voluntary Annexation, 4278 Eastside Drive –Proposed 2nd Reading (Brian Hartsell) (Part 2 of 2) This was an advertised public hearing but no one spoke.

The next two resolutions go together Resolution #2016-31C – A Resolution Setting Forth Final Action in Determining that the Qualifications for an Economic Revitalization Area have been met and Confirmation Resolution #2016-31 Regarding Application for Real Property Tax Abatement – AVEPT, Inc. / MKA Holdings, LLC at 1210 East Northfield Drive, PIN: 32-07-12-483-001.000-016 – ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING (Greg Anderson) and Resolution #2016-32C – A Resolution Setting Forth Final Action in Determining that the Qualifications for an Economic Revitalization Area have been met and confirmation Resolution No 2016-32 Regarding Application for Personal Property Tax Abatement – AVEPT, Inc. / MKA Holdings, LLC at 1210 East Northfield Drive, PIN: 32-07-12-483-001.000-016 – ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING (Greg Anderson) The public hearing was opened for both resolutions and no one spoke. Both resolutions were approved 5-0.

Next was Resolution #2016-35 – A Resolution Adopting Fiscal Plan for Annexation Ordinance #2016-21 Annexing Certain Real Estate into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana Pursuant to a Petition for Voluntary Annexation, 4278 Eastside Drive (Brian Hartsell) This resolution was approved 5-0.

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Next Sean Benham presented eight ordinances which updated the town ordinances to match the current state ordinances. Mr. Benham went through all the major changes and the council approved on first reading each ordinance 5-0.

The ordinances were:

Ordinance #2016-23 – An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Brownsburg, Indiana, Amending Title III, Chapter 30, Sections 30.01 to 30.10 Of The Brownsburg Town Code Relating to The Brownsburg Town Council

Ordinance #2016-24 – An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Brownsburg, Indiana, Amending Title III, Chapter 31, Sections 31.60 to 31.64 Of The Brownsburg Town Code Relating to The Brownsburg Redevelopment Department

Ordinance #2016-25 – An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Brownsburg, Indiana, Amending Title III, Chapter 31, Sections 31.75 to 31.77 Of The Brownsburg Town Code Relating to The Brownsburg Redevelopment Authority

Ordinance #2016-26 – An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Brownsburg, Indiana, Amending Title III, Chapter 32, Sections 32.35 to 32.40 Of The Brownsburg Town Code Relating to The Brownsburg Economic Development Commission

Ordinance #2016-27 – An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Brownsburg, Indiana, Amending Title III, Chapter 31, Sections 31.45 To 31.50 Of The Brownsburg Town Code Relating to The Brownsburg Department of Parks and Recreation

Ordinance #2016-28 – An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Brownsburg, Indiana, Amending Title III, Chapter 32, Sections 32.01 to 32.05 Of The Brownsburg Town Code Relating to The Brownsburg Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners

Ordinance #2016-31 – An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Brownsburg, Indiana, Amending Title XV, Chapter 154 Sections 154.001 Through 154.070 And Chapter 155, Sections 155.001 To 155.999 Of The Brownsburg Town Code Relating to Zoning, the Advisory Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals

There were no town manager or clerk treasurer items. Under Town Council items Brian Jessen requested an open forum to discuss citizen's comments. Mr. Jessen went to each Town Council member and asked their thoughts on the matter.

Mr. Benham stated the discussion started in the fall of 2015 right after he was appointed to the council. There was a discussion about bringing efficiencies to the agenda it was never brought forward to curtail comments. He wanted the citizen's comments to be at the beginning because something said in the meeting might sway his vote that night.

Chris Worley stated he was in favor of the citizen's comments on any subject to be at the end of the meeting. It allows for discussion on things that happen in the meeting. He did want to keep a time limit that was allowed to be exceeded if necessary. He also thought big groups should appoint a spokesperson and not have everyone speak. He wanted to keep the conduct rules that are in the current resolution.

Ashley Bascu stated that a few "bad seeds" lost it for everyone. She was in favor of taking out the comments at the end because of the lack of decorum. She does not want to have to act like a referee and wants all citizens to act like adults when addressing the council.

Dennis Dawes agreed that there does need to be a time on the agenda other than on just the agenda items but there needs to be a time-frame. If there is a big topic to be discussed, the town should consider another forum for the discussion other than the council meeting. He wants the changes monitored and watched closely.

Anne Hathaway stated she does not want to be a referee. How do you stop it when it gets out of hand? Mr. Dawes suggested a time-frame on the category not on each person.

Mr. Kleinhenz stated the council might not like what is said but it should be allowed with a level of decorum.

Mr. Jessen thanked everyone for their comments and stated "The hard part of freedom of speech is it is that it is freedom of speech." He will put a resolution on the agenda on October 13th. -- *The Editor*

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Brown Township Meeting Summary - *from p. 3*

in 2013. He had the money for 26 months as basically a interest free loan. The information was given to the Hendricks County Prosecutor who filed charges in June and was sentenced just recently (see article on page 1).

Ms. Graham asked if she could make a couple of comments. She again questioned the trustee salary and asked to see the resolution that changed the pay and then she questioned the amount taken. She questioned if the board would have seen the chart of accounts and have to review before submission to the state. Mr. Kmetz answered that the information is in the annual report which is approved by the board. Mr. Gootee said the annual report is approved as presented because the board members are not CPA's so they are approved as submitted. With that Mr. Gootee asked if there were any other comments and the meeting was adjourned -- *The Editor*.

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2016 Brownsburg School Board Candidates *via Hendricks County Voter Information*

Marvin Ward - Brown Twp



Mr Ward has a BA and MA from University of Evansville. He has taught both at the high school and college level. He was also the Business Manager and Director of Transportation for Franklin Community Schools. He is retired from Brownsburg Schools after 27 years as the Business Manager. He is now the owner of MTW consulting whose business is school financial services consulting

with over 120 school corporations utilizing his company.

Mr. Ward is a member of the Indiana and Hendricks County Retired Teacher Association. He has served on the Board of directors and as President of the Indiana Association of School Business Officials. He is a Board member and Treasurer of the Indiana Coalition for Public Employees. Mr. Ward is a trained mediator and Fact Finder for the Indiana Education Employment Relations Board. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Brownsburg Kiwanis and the Central Indiana School Employees Insurance Trust. Lastly, Mr. ward was appointed to the Indiana Education Round-table by Governor Daniels and Or. Suellen Reed.

Mr. Ward's goals if elected are community service by giving back and representing the stakeholders of our school community. The school board decisions based on the needs of our students, staff and taxpayers. The School system should continue to develop long-term planning for programs, finances and facilities. Personally, he will respond to all emails and phone calls within 24 hours and participate in all town and county meetings which impact school growth and planning.

Jenn Cox- Brown Twp



Jenn Cox moved to Brownsburg in 2000 and has 2 children in the Brownsburg School Corporation. Her degree is in Political Science, studying at the University of Southern Maine. After her husband's transfer from New Jersey in 1995 to Indiana and then a quick stint in Maine, they decided to put down roots in the great state of Indiana; they chose Brownsburg as the town to raise their family.

Jenn will take the leadership skills that she has developed over the past 20 years and use it to serve the children, as well as the whole community of Brownsburg. She plans to focus her time on the School Board by "Enriching a Future of Opportunities" for all of the children in the Brownsburg Community School Corporation. Jenn understands the importance of advocating for each child's education. She will champion parental advocacy to ensure every child is receiving the best education possible. Her role on the Board will be focused on transparency, as well as ensuring BCSC is meeting the needs of the children and continuing academic excellence for all enrolled. Jenn understands the magnitude of being a School Board member and realizes the importance of making sure that each decision made has been given full attention. Jenn's focus, when making these decisions, will be whether or not the decision makes sense factoring in fiscal responsibility as well as short and long-term impact to the children, schools, and community. www.electjenncox.com

Eric Hylton - Brown Twp



My name is Eric Hylton and I am a 1989 Brownsburg High School graduate and have lived in Brownsburg since I was 6 months old. My wife Mercy and I have three children. I graduated from the IU Kelley School of Business in Bloomington in 1993 and from the IU School of Law in Indianapolis in 1997.

I am an attorney and Partner at the law firm of Riley Bennett & Egloff, LLP in Indianapolis. I have been practicing Education Law for

nearly 19 years. In those 19 years, I have had the opportunity to meet and speak to thousands of teachers, hundreds of school administrators and numerous school board members. In 2016, I was honored by the publication Best Lawyers in America as the Indiana Education Lawyer of the Year as selected by peer recognition.

Through my law practice, I have had the chance to see what works and what does not work in hundreds of schools. I have also had the chance to interact with lawmakers, the Indiana Department of Education, and others to work on what is best for Indiana students and schools. I believe having a School Board member with knowledge and expertise on these issues is beneficial to students, parents, school employees and the Brownsburg community.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at ehylton@rbelaw.com. I would appreciate you vote on November 8, 2016

Michelle Artmeier - Lincoln Twp Seat #2



I have been a Brownsburg resident since 2012, having moved from the Carmel area. My husband, Chris, and I chose Brownsburg as our hometown due to the wonderful schools and small community size. She has two sons and is expecting a daughter in February 2017.

For the past 17 years, I have worked for Indiana University

and currently serve as the Chief Operating Officer for Neuroscience. My responsibilities include executive level oversight of the academic missions for Neurology, PM&R, Neurosurgery, Psychiatry, and Stark Research Institute. I also oversee our clinical venues in the Indianapolis metro area, including IUH West, for Neurology and PM&R. My team includes approximately 160 faculty/physicians and 300 staff members, contributing to a portfolio of over \$100M.

My children currently attend Eagle Elementary School, where I serve as Vice-President on the Parent Support Group (PSG) board. I am well prepared for the school board position. Because I have children who are currently in school, I see the challenges that our teachers and administrators face on a day to day basis. I also know that, in this role, I represent Brownsburg. Professionally, I bring critical thinking, strong analytical skills, the ability to understand complex budgets, and a talent for connecting and communicating with diverse groups of people. I can make an immediate impact as part of this team.

I appreciate your consideration and vote. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at artmeierforschoolboard@gmail.com.

2016 Brownsburg School Board Candidates *via Hendricks County Voter Information*

Tami Carnes - Lincoln Twp Seat #1



As a school board member I plan to be the voice of the parents and the community. I want to be someone who listens to the concerns and issues facing the teachers, students, parents and community members. In turn I will be the voice for the teachers, parents and community. I am interested in constructive, efficient operations and open communication that will create the transparency needed in the Brownsburg community.

I work for the United States Tennis Association Midwest Section as

a district controller. I received a B.S. in Accounting from Purdue University along with a MBS with accounting specialization from Indiana Wesleyan University. The majority of my professional career has been spent in the nonprofit industry.

My family has lived in Brownsburg for 10 years. My husband and I chose to move to Brownsburg in 2006 due in large part to the excellent school system. We now have one child in the school system and another coming up the ladder. I was able to be a member of the 2015 Vision class for BCSC. This experience was very informative as I was able to learn about areas of the school system that I otherwise would not have been able to explore. As a board member for a Parent Support Group for the last 4 years I have seen firsthand what the programs in place at Brownsburg Schools can do for young children. I believe the school district is one of the most important pieces of our community. I have a strong desire to see BCSC continue to be successful and give our children the education and growth they deserve. My experience in working with governing boards and finances along with my knowledge of the schools and community make me an excellent choice for the school board. Info and contact at electtamicarnes@gmail.com.

Matt Freije - Lincoln Twp Seat #2



I live in Brownsburg with my wife Brandi and 3 little girls Victoria (5yrs), Virginia (3yrs), and Veronica (to be born any day now).

I am a Doctor of Physical Therapy and currently the lead staff physical therapist for a clinic in Zionsville, IN. Currently I serve as a Trustee on the Hendricks County Parks and Recreation Board promoting and developing

the parks throughout Hendricks County since 2015. I have been a Brownsburg resident my entire life except from May 2009 to January 2014 when I lived in Bunker Hill, IN, where I worked as a Physical Therapy Industrial Medicine Specialist and served as the Deer Creek Township School Board Trustee for Maconaquah School Corporation. As a result of this I have developed a great deal of hands on experience and knowledge as to what this job actually involves which would assist in allowing me to be an active from the start in January 2017.

Throughout my life I have been in a variety of leadership roles either for my occupation, education, athletics, or community. The greatest attributes I can provide this board are prior experience on another school board & willingness to be involved in the community by actively participating in other groups from St. Malachy Church, YMCA, and Hendricks County Parks and Recreation Office as well.

I look forward to assisting BCSC into the future by bringing a hard work ethic, common sense and logic to decisions being made, and the desire to develop well rounded students.

Phil Utterback - Lincoln Twp Seat #1



My name is Phil Utterback and I am running for re-election for the Brownsburg School Board. My wife, Phyllis, and I have lived in Brownsburg for 29 years. Both of my daughters graduated from Brownsburg High School.

I have 36 years of experience in education as a teacher and elementary principal. I have had the privilege to serve on the Brownsburg School Board for the past four years. These past four years have been a tremendous learning experience. I have tried to do what is best for students while trying to balance what is

acceptable to patrons of the Brownsburg Community.

I continue to have a heart and passion for the students and staff of the Brownsburg schools. I also believe my experience as a parent and grandparent gives me empathy for parents and the needs of all parents.

It is because of my desire to continue to help students that I have decided to run for re-election for the school board. I believe that my knowledge gained from my 36 years as an educator and four years as a school board member, adds a positive perspective to all decisions that come before the board.

I would greatly appreciate your vote.

Thank you. I can be contacted at: utterbackphil@sbcglobal.net

Brian Petraits - Lincoln Twp Seat #1



Wife Laura (Knueven) Petraits, son Neil (2 years old), baby on the way (September 2016), and guide dog yellow lab (Jetson)

Brownsburg High School (2004-Indiana Academic Honors)

Purdue University (2008 Bachelor of Science-Industrial Engineering Technology)

Indiana University (2013 Master of Public Affairs-nonprofit management)

Bosma Enterprises (9 years as Senior Manager of Industries)

Building on past accomplishments, developing sustainable infrastructure, and ensuring all children have an opportunity to gain a first-class public education while remaining fiscally sound are reasons why Brian is running for school board. Both Brian and Laura are graduates of Brownsburg High School and Purdue University. They chose to make Brownsburg home because they believe that the heart of this community is its excellent schools.

Brian believes in civic engagement and the importance with which a school board serves in the overall achievements of, not only the school corporation, but the entire community. "I would not be where I am today without the support of BCSC. BCSC has played such an integral part in my life, that I feel called to serve as a member of the school board so future generations can benefit from a solid foundation for success." Please feel free to contact Brian at petraits@gmail.com.

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