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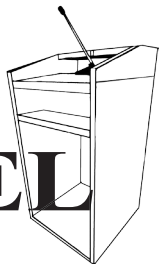
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## PUBLIC COMMENTS RESTORED!



### October Town Council Highlights

#### October 4, 2016 Town Council Special Meeting

This evenings Town Council was devoted to the proposed financing plan for Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and collection system improvements because of the SRF deadlines. The bid opening was moved up to October 27 to accommodate the timelines for closing of the loan from SRF. Councilman Benham was participating by phone but he could not vote or be considered as part of the quorum. Mr. Dawes was not in attendance at the beginning of the presentation.

The project manager gave an update on the two separate projects for the wastewater treatment plant which as of this date were being advertised with good questions and several contractors contacting the town. The projects were advertised in the Indianapolis Star, the Hendricks County Flyer and the Danville Republican. A pre-bid conference was held on October 6th allowing potential bidders to ask questions and tour the current plant. Bid opening was slated for October 27th because of a very tight schedule to get the SRF loan closed by December 14th which is the last date to close with the SRF this year. Hopefully the lowest bidder meets all the requirements so the contract can be awarded on the next day. The notice to proceed will be given to the chosen contractor(s) January 2nd, 2017. There were 14 general contractors who purchased the plans and specs for the wastewater plant and 15 general contractors purchased the plans and specs for the sewer portion of the work. Some general contractors are bidding both projects which would be advantageous to *cont to p. 3*

### Brown Township Board Members Resign



John Gootee Former Chairman



Jason Welsh Former Member

October 13th 2016, members of the Brown Township board and the public alike arrived for what was scheduled to be a brief review and acceptance of the 2017 budget. Initially, these was an uneasy but cordial atmosphere in the room which was shattered when unprovoked Mr Gootee levied profanities towards a citizen in attendance. This set the stage for his tone and tenor for the remainder of a 15 minute meeting. Immediately following the meeting, based on dated resignation letters in this publications possession, Mr. Gootee and Jason Welsh tendered their resignations to the Brown Township Trustee. Mr. Gootee resigned due to the rapid growth of his company, Mr. Welsh resigned due to the increasing demands from his job and family. - *The Editor*

### Town Councilman Jessen Worked to Restore General Citizens Comments



#### ***Why did you initially vote for the elimination of General Citizens Comments (line 14) from the Town Council Agenda?***

Initially, at the beginning of the year, there was a good deal of discussion about wanting to return to a more professional environment at Council Meetings. The last few years had proven to be a confrontational atmosphere at Meetings. The Council also had discussed reviewing the procedures at meetings and come to find out, we were not following the initial guidelines established a few years ago. This was one of my first votes. And I felt it was important for this Council to be united in our first few decisions on topics to build working relationships. We all have to find a way to work together. As it started off, it felt like a good idea. I was already planning on having my "Coffee with your Councilman" events, so giving everyone opportunity to speak about issues would happen.

#### ***What changed your mind to reinstate General Citizens comments?***

One of the initial arguments against Citizens Comments was that one cannot simply go down to the Indiana Statehouse and be heard on any topic. I disagree with that. I reached out to our State Senator Pete Miller and our State Representative Jeff Thompson. Both of them said that if a resident took the time to come down to the Statehouse, they would make time to sit down and listen to what someone had to say. I also began to research the argument that there are not a lot of communities around us that have the opportunity for open public comment. That too, did not turn out to be the case. Communities like Clermont, Zionsville, Whitestown and Greenwood (to name just a few) all have an open format to allow citizens the right *cont to p. 3*

# LETTER TO / FROM THE EDITOR

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

**BULLS-EYE** - There's no law that says we have to have citizens comments. This and many other nonsensical statements were made by public servants and their like minded friends who hid from criticism and/or denied themselves access to the communities collective wisdom. Just as there is no needed law stating the sun must rise in the east and set in the west; speaking before public servants on any matter is an inalienable, self evident right. For 246 days, our public servants lost sight of this undeniable fact. Thank you Brian Jessen for your leadership, and tireless efforts which ultimately resulted in the restoration of general citizens comments to the town council agenda.

**A.W.O.L.** - For 246 days, Ashley Bascu flat refused to provide greater insight into her reasoning for voting to terminate general citizens comments. This is not lost on this publication nor many members of the public. Furthermore, her lecture demanding respect and decorum was poorly received when delivered by a precocious individual still riding around on her training wheels. Do you demand respect from your customers when they enter your business, or do you earn their respect by your actions? We have many eye witness statements of your lack of engagement earlier in your public service. We will not list them here. Merely attending each meeting, reading an agenda prepared by others, taking direction from the town manger and attorney hardly grants you standing to place any demands on the public you were elected to serve.

**Dishonorable Discharge** - Thank you John Gootee for your resignation from the Brown Township Board. The reasons you noted in your resignation letter are as accurate as your oversight of the trustee's budget. After his resignation, Mr. Gootee has stated many times when publicly questioned, I don't want to get into it, please contact me personally to learn the real reasons for my resignation. Mr. Gootee, your final act as a public servant is emblematic why you should have left public service long before you did. Mr. Welsh thank you for remaining silent and going forward with your life outside politics. This publication wishes both men nothing but success going forward, and suggest neither of them return to public service. This publication and the public has a long memory.

**Demonstration of Questionable Judgment - Town Council** - This publication held a conversation with the presumptive replacement for one of the two police commissioners, Troy Austin. We found it troubling on many levels. Recently Troy thanked Brian Jessen for removing \$30,000 from the police budget (this is not what happened see pg 5 right), he expressed his opinion the monies were not needed. It is unclear how Troy arrived at this conclusion, having not met with Dennis Dawes Town Council rep. on the police commission, nor anyone with the police department's executive staff. The conversation later turned to the Brown Township mess, Troy questioned why did the investigation take so long, why were the results and charges brought to the public so late in the trustee's term? He also questioned why this was such a big deal, when Troy Wymer had returned the stolen monies? We will not speculate where Troy received his information regarding the \$30,000 police budget line item, but as best we're able to determine, his information did not come from original sources. We question his powers of observation and attention to detail when speaking on the pubic record, the \$30,000 in monies were not removed from the budget. The position he gave regarding Troy Wymer's actions are compassionate at best, or demonstrates a poor understanding of what constitutes criminal act at worst. Regardless, if this is the best candidate the current administration can bring forward; when compared to the track record of the sitting members of the Police Commission (see pg 5 left), there are no justifiable reasons for change.

Dear Brownsburg Sentinel Editor, I sent this email to all town council members on Oct 12, 2016 and I felt it should be shared with the public at large:

Dear Council Members,

Recently an article quoted Dennis Dawes responding to discussions regarding the removal of citizens' comments from the Town Council meetings.

He said, "With the north annexation lawsuit and so forth and all the challenges we had with that and [there were] some people coming to our meetings and taking up a lot of time," he said. "A few people that wanted to lambast everybody and it was getting old and was wearing on everybody. I think that's why we decided to take it off and figure out how can we get better control on this."

Jim Sering said, "Anybody who runs for council that can't stand criticism or discussion from the citizens shouldn't be on the board."

I want to remind all council members that each of you are elected public servants and are being *paid for your time*.

The claim, that citizens were lambasting everybody and it was getting old and was wearing on everybody, is just absurd.

I think that I can safely speak on behalf of most property owners in the North Annexation Territory. "We feel that we have been attacked and this is getting old and this wears on all property owners in the annexation territory every single day since we got the annexation notice in the mail".

Unlike the council members, we are not being paid. Therefore, I suggest that all council members grow a backbone and quit being pretentious.

I actually believe the reason citizens comments were removed is that the council does not want the public to know anything about the annexation litigation and the vast amount of money that is being spent in this legal fight.

If the above comment is incorrect, then I would suggest that at the next meeting the council should provide an update to the public regarding the annexation litigation. Provide details to the plan regarding the next steps in the litigation process. Additionally, tell the public and provide documents to show how much has been paid in legal fees, consulting fees, planing, etc. in regards to the annexation process. Thank you for your time.

Sabrina Graham  
Brownsburg North Group Against Annexation



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lower the cost for the town. The construction schedule is as follows: For the sewer/lift station—notice to proceed January 2, 2017 with 390 days of construction with completion by January 27, 2018. For the wastewater treatment plant, they will get the notice to proceed on January 2, 2017 with 718 days of construction time which makes the completion date as December 21, 2018. However, the phosphorus removal needs to start October 2018 which is why we are starting on January 2nd and making a stipulation in the contract the phosphorus removal must be done by September 14, 2018. If we miss the phosphorus date, there may be fines.

Councilman Dawes arrived at the meeting late and was acknowledged by roll call after the project manager presentation. Next up was the financing plan presented by Umbaugh. They are presenting 4 options with the biggest difference being the amount of cash slated to the project from the town. The new options are based on recent estimate data but will be tried up when the bids are received. Basically there are two construction options one for 27.8 million and one for 26.7 million which does not build out all the options. All options assume the refinancing of the 1998 bonds and a 2 million dollar GO Bond. The difference between the choices are the amount of cash put in to the project by the town. For the SRF loan, they cannot use future growth. All the numbers are worst case scenario and will be changed when the town receives the certified net assessed value from the county. Mr. Kleinhenz was asked to look into a program to help seniors with the increased sewer/water bill rates.

### October 13th Town Council

Ms. Bascu opened the meeting and indicated that all council members were present. There were no citizen's comments as regards to the agenda.

Phil Parnin gave the Park Board report where he gave an update on what has been happening this fall. 90 trees were removed from Arbuckle Acres for two reasons 1) the emerald ash bore and 2) lightning strikes which made the trees vulnerable to collapse. The Park Board has already planted back 72 trees. The Park Department is working on the Christmas under the Stars celebration, Christmas and Spring camps for the kids and the Father/Daughter Dance. He indicated that 174 trees were purchased this fall. There is now 10 miles of connectivity trails in Brownsburg and there will be 15 miles with the new trails being built. This is in comparison to 2009 when there were Zero miles of connectivity trails. *cont to p. 4*



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## Jessen Interview - *continued from page 1*

to be heard. Each elected official I spoke with from these communities spoke about why it's important to allow such a measure at meetings. I also heard from many people on both sides of the issue, pros and cons. And I took some time to pray about it and ask for His guidance. I now have a better understanding of why people want comments to be read into the record at Council Meetings. I regret my initial vote to remove Citizens Comments.

### ***When you made the resolution in July, why were they not reinstated at that time?***

Several Councilman wanted to have some discussion and more input on how and why this could be returned to the Agenda. Some were cautious. So instead of really pushing the issue, I wanted to give my cohorts the opportunity for input.

### ***Why did you now make a second attempt at to restore comments?***

Almost two months had past and with little to no response to my requests to discuss it, I felt it time to really push the issue. We also have a lot of important issues that we are currently dealing with and in the future. These issues (and all others) directly affect my neighbors, town residents and residents of the townships. Now is a good time for people to get involved and be heard.

### ***Why do you think it took so long to reinstate General Citizens Comments?***

There are some on our Council that can remember what 2015 and so were like. And there are some in our community that want this Council to "get down to business" with the work that needs to be done. I understand their concern. But I also felt like this new Council had really established that we are different from the previous Council(s). We have all talked about wanting to be connected more to the residents. We all want to hear more from people. I just felt that taking away resident's opportunity to speak was hypocritical to that.

### ***What are you hoping is the result, now that General Citizens Comments have been fully restored?***

I have heard Evelyn Beatrice Hall's quote: "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." And I now have a better understanding of the quote. It is my hope that more people will get involved, attend meetings, speak their mind and know/understand all that is going on in our growing community.-- *The Editor*

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Next to the podium was Todd Barker for Development Services, Mr. Barker indicated that single family home permits were up 37% this year with 151 single family home permits and 11 commercial permits issued this year.

With no Bids and/or awards, the council moved on to previously considered items. First up 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 3rd Reading and Final Adoption(Brian Hartsell)This was approved 5-0.

Next was the budget ordinance, Ordinance #2016-22 – An Ordinance Approving the 2017 Town of Brownsburg and Fire Territory Budgets – Proposed 2nd Reading ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING (Grant Kleinhenz)Mr. Kleinhenz stated that the budget was approximately 48 Million which is lower than the 2016 budget. Mr. Kleinhenz indicated the budget is balanced even with an increase to the general fund of approximately \$326, 000. It looks like the tax rate will decrease from .9583 to the proposed .9191. However, as of this meeting they had not received the certified assessed value from the county which could reduce the rate some more. The budget does include a 2% merit base pool and a 1.5% cost of living increase across all employees. The budget also includes engineering for Green Street between 136 and 56th street, construction of the public green at the old St. Malachy property, a new east-west extension of Enderly Avenue from Green street to Grant Street, and four new positions consisting of a GIS technician, a Communications assistant, a storm water technician and a street laborer.

Mr. Dawes asked if Green Street south of 136 was in the works. Mr. Kleinhenz said that part of the road will be slotted for 2022. This was a proposed second reading and not a 3rd reading. Ms. Bascu opened the Public Hearing. The only person to come up was Mr. Sibbing. He stated he was sorry to see that his advice to not take funds from the enterprise funds and move them to the general fund was not followed. Again, he requested the town council to ask the town manager to but 2.9 million back into the general fund for the next 22 years which is the life of the wastewater treatment plant bond. It looks like the 2.9M is being paid by user fees for 2017. He believes that no user fees need to be increased if his recommendation is followed. However, it will cause the tax rate to go up instead of down but the tax rate will not increase by 65%. This will make the enterprise fund to become self-sufficient. The Public Hearing was closed and a motion was made and seconded. During the comments, The council indicated that Mr. Sibbing's comments had been looked into and the town cannot add 2.9 million to the general fund increasing the levy which would affect the tax rate. The only way this can be done is to cut expenses by 2.9 million dollars. Just a note 65% of the general fund goes to pay salaries and benefits for town employees and the police budget. The motion was approved for 2nd reading 5-0.

Next on the agenda were the changes to the town code for the

different commissions and boards to bring the municipal code up to date with state law. Mr. Benham asked if these could be 2nd, 3rd and final approval tonight and Ms. Leminger said this change could be made. The only open question from the last meeting was the Bonds needed from the police commissioners and the Economic Development Commission which was taken care of by the town with a blanket Bond. The ordinances were all approved 5-0. The following ordinances were approved: Ordinance #2016-23, Ordinance #2016-24, Ordinance #2016-25, Ordinance #2016-26, Ordinance #2016-27, Ordinance #2016-28 and Ordinance #2016-31.

Next up was the long awaited discussion on returning citizen's comments. Resolution No. 2016-26 – A Resolution Further Updating and Amending Certain Procedures and Processes for the Town Council Agenda and Council Meetings (Brian Jessen) (tabled from July 28, 2016)This was tabled at the July 28th meeting and at the last council meeting in September all council gave their inputs. After the input, he added in the code of conduct the following statement: "All remarks and questions shall be made to the Town Council President or Council as a whole, and not to individual Council members."He also added a sign in sheet requirement. Mr. Jessen made the motion and Mr. Dawes seconded the motion. *Ms. Bascu spoke first; she "hopes of people have manners when they come up. We are here to create good discussion and to go through business.....It was ruined quite a long time ago. When things got out of hand The things that were happening were uncalled for...need to act like adults and say our words."* A citizen from Winding Creek Trail who moved to Brownsburg about a year ago, and this was his first town meeting and asked if the Town Council scared away the citizens. Ms. Bascu indicated that he should attend the Town hall meetings. He has concerns with Brownsburg had some problems with the town over the last year. ***After some discussion, they removed the sign in sheet requirement for the resolution and it was approved 5-0. The citizen's comments on the agenda will be back on October 27th town council meeting.***

Next was new business, first up was were two ordinances for voluntary annexation for 1st reading :Ordinance #2016-32 – An Ordinance Annexing Real Estate into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana Pursuant to a Petition for Voluntary Annexation, 6815 E. Co. Road 425 North –Proposed 1st Reading (Brian Hartsell)and Ordinance #2016-33 – An Ordinance Annexing Real Estate into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana Pursuant to a Petition for Voluntary Annexation, 7523 N State Road 267 –Proposed 1st Reading (Brian Hartsell) The council approved both 5-0.

Ordinance #2016-34 - An Ordinance to Approve the Salaries and Salary Ranges for the Year for 2017 – Proposed 1st Reading (Brian Hartsell) Mr. Hartsell stated that the ordinance contained significant changes to pay ranges for some positions and accommodates the new positions in the budget if approved. The Police department and the Fire Territory both have provided input to the ranges. ***cont to p. 5***

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The other change is the renaming longevity pay to special time in service pay. The motion was approved 5-0.

Motion to approve of Assignment, Assumption and Amendment Agreement of Voluntary Annexation and Economic Development Agreement and Loan Documents (Grant Kleinhenz) This is for Heritage Hills development. There is a new developer who will take over the payments for the Economic Development agreement by paying \$200,000 up front and the rest will come from increased fees for each lot. The motion was approved 5-0.

Last up was a Motion to Approve the Uniform Property and Easement Acquisition Offer to Farmland Reserve (Todd Wallace) This land is for the Bicentennial Trail location. This is the final parcel. The Town tried to do this with easements but it was determined that acreage was needed. This is for 3.69 acres at \$24,000 per acre for a cost of approximately \$88,000. This will avoid an eminent domain case. This was approved 5-0.

Last comments for this evening were from Mr. Kleinhenz, he stated that the cornerstone and the time capsule from the old St. Malachy property were delivered to the new church.

### Oct. 27, 2016 Town Council

The meeting was opened by Dennis Dawes as Ms. Bascu was absent for the evening all other members were present. For citizen's comments pertaining to the agenda, Jim Sering podium saying he that citizen's comments also went on to talk about treatment plant saying that when town just has to make the changes for growth the town should increase rates.

With no other citizen's comments, Mr. Dawes went on to bid openings. Mr. Kleinhenz stated that October 27, 2016 was the day to receive bids for the wastewater treatment plant and lift station. Several bids were received by the town, they have not been fully vetted but the bids are running lower than expected. The town had expected 24 million for the wastewater plant with 3 million for contingency. However, the bids came in around 15 million for the plant and 2.5 for the sewer system upgrades with inspections and contingency the project may come in as low as 21.2 million. This means the town would be financing 16 million instead of over 20 million.

Next were the department reports with Chief Mike Dove up first for the police department. Chief Dove indicated that on 10/27/16 a task force agreement was signed so that every department in Hendricks and Marion county will work together on ridding the counties of drugs. ***Recent undercover raids have caught drug dealers saying that they do not come to Brownsburg because it is too hot. The Brownsburg police department has a 100% conviction rate of drug dealers over the last few years.*** The new body cameras have been put into use with new policies of what can and cannot be divulged to the

media based on privacy laws. put in a good word for two terms are up in January. reappoint them to the soon to be Chief stability on the These would be new

On a personal note, Chief Dove police commissioners whose He requested the town to commission so that Major Grimes would have police commission. commissioners helpful to the Chief and his new staff and would not need to be vetted since they are already in place and have shown their quality of work.

Chief Alcorn was recovering from minor surgery this evening so the Fire Territory report was given by Asst. Chief Keith Rinehart. There were 317 calls for service so far in October. The Fire Territory helped the county with reprogramming of the radio system so that Hendricks County was done on time. The Fire Territory is looking into a card access system instead of using keys. He thanked the town for letting the Fire Territory training division to use the old St. Malachy school and church before demolition. The training division received a grant of \$2000 from Hendricks Power and a grant of \$500 from the American Legion to be used to update the fire training facility. Last point was that the 3 new pumpers will arrive in March of 2017 with one to be put on display at the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis in the Spring.

Previously considered: Ordinance #2016-22 – An Ordinance Approving the 2017 Town of Brownsburg and Fire Territory Budgets – Proposed 3rd Reading and Final Adoption (Grant Kleinhenz) The town has received net assessed value from the county but it will not be certified until it goes through the state agency. Brownsburg grew by 52 Million which is less than last year. With this information, the projected tax rate will be reduced to a projected .9242 which is a 3.56% decrease over last year. This rate assumes the GO Bonds will be approved later in the meeting.

The budget is the same except for one change within the fire territory budget because Fire Marshall Steve Jones has tendered his resignation. His position was part-time but the Fire Territory will replace him with a full-time position but it did not change the budget numbers.

Mr. Dawes opened the floor for discussion from the council. First up was Mr. Benham who proposed an amendment to section 101.01 attorney fees. Right now there is a separate line for the town and a separate line for the police attorney fees. He proposed to combine into one line item for \$215,000 versus two lines one for \$120,000 and one for \$95,000. Mr. Kleinhenz was consulted and he indicated that the only reason it was two lines was for easier accounting but he could put them back together. It will just make a little more work when the bills come back into the town. This amendment was passed 4-0.

Next was Mr. Jessen who proposed an amendment to 101.06 to remove \$30,000 in consulting fees for the police department. This motion was seconded by Mr. Worley. Mr. Dawes explained the police department was not going forward with the consulting agreement but they wanted to keep the money so that ***cont to p. 6***

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soon to be Chief Grimes would be able to call for consulting on an as needed basis. Mr. Kleinhenz recommended moving the money to the administrative contingency fund instead of removing it from the budget since the budget was balanced at this time. Ms. Leminger recommended failing the amendment on the table which was rejected 4-0 and proposing a new amendment which moved the money to the administrative contingency. This would also remove the consulting line item from the budget. This new amendment was approved 4-0. With no more amendments, the budget was approved 4-0.

Next was Ordinance #2016-32 – An Ordinance Annexing Real Estate into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana Pursuant to a Petition for Voluntary Annexation, 6815 E. Co. Road 425 North – Proposed 2nd Reading (Brian Hartsell) It was approved on 2nd reading 4-0.

Then, Ordinance #2016-33 – An Ordinance Annexing Real Estate into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana Pursuant to a Petition for Voluntary Annexation, 7523 N State Road 267 – Proposed 2nd Reading (Brian Hartsell) It was also approved 4-0.

Last in the previously considered items was Ordinance #2016-34 – An Ordinance to Approve the Salaries and Salary Ranges for the Year for 2017 – Proposed 2nd Reading (Brian Hartsell) There were a few changes between first and second reading that will require an amendment to the ordinance. The changes were a change in the per diem for the Economic Development Commission to standardize all members to \$100.00. The other change was an addition of a management analyst instead of an administrative assistant. There was no change to the pay range because the position fell into the same pay range. This was approved as amended 4-0.

New for consideration First up under new for consideration was Ordinance #2016-35 – An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Brownsburg, Indiana Amending Title V, Chapter 52, Section 52.71 of the Town of Brownsburg Code of Ordinances Relating to Sewers and Sewer Rates – Proposed 1st Reading (Grant Kleinhenz) Mr. Kleinhenz indicated that the ordinance was the worst case scenario for the utility rates. Umbaugh did look at the questions from the last meeting on the subject. There was a request to look at extending the rate increase across 6 or 7 years. The analysis showed that this changed the rates marginally over the years and may hurt the town's position with SRF. The next question was what if the town puts in 3 million instead of 2 million? This too had very little impact on the rates. What happens with customer growth? Since the ordinance provides for a phased approach, the council can come back and change the rates every year if they want to make the changes. The town is on a tight timeline for the SRF loan. There will be a meeting on November 2nd to accommodate for additional discussion. This will be an open forum with no official action. Then there will

be another special meeting on November 3rd to vote on the rate ordinance and the SRF ordinance on 2nd reading. On November 10th regular scheduled meeting, there will be a Public Hearing and the 3rd and final approval of both ordinances. This schedule is so fast to accommodate closing on the SRF loan on December 14th to preserve a 2% interest rate. This ordinance was approved 3-1.

Next on the agenda was Ordinance #2016-36 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Construction and Installation of Certain Additions and Improvements to the Sewage Works of the Town of Brownsburg, the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Provide the Cost thereof, the Collection, Segregation and Distribution of the Revenues of Such Works, the Safeguarding of the Interests of the Owners of Such Revenue Bonds and Other Matters Connected therewith, Including the Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of Bonds, and Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent herewith – Proposed 1st Reading (Grant Kleinhenz) This is the SRF ordinance and it is for the issuance of revenue bonds for the project. With bids received, this ordinance will be amended lower at 2nd reading. This was approved 3-1.

Next were the two fiscal plans for the voluntary annexations which were both approved 4-0. Resolution #2016-37 – A Resolution Adopting Fiscal Plan for Annexation Ordinance #2016-32 Annexing Certain Real Estate into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana Pursuant to a Petition for Voluntary Annexation, 6815 E. Co. Road 425 (Brian Hartsell) and Resolution #2016-38 – A Resolution Adopting Fiscal Plan for Annexation Ordinance #2016-33 Annexing Certain Real Estate into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana Pursuant to a Petition for Voluntary Annexation, 7523 N State Road 267 (Brian Hartsell).

Resolution #2016-39 – A Resolution Designating an Economic Revitalization Area and Qualifying Certain Real Property for Tax Abatement - Brownsburg Partners LLC / Lauth for property at Southeast Corner 56th Street and East Northfield Drive PIN: 32-07-12-100-001.000-016 (Greg Anderson) This is for a spec building next to Bill Estes Chrysler/Jeep. It is 25 million dollar construction for a distribution center. The council asked there was a potential tenant? There is no specific tenant as of yet and it will finish the Northfield for industrial buildings. Mr. Worley abstained from voting because he lives across the street from the development. This resolution was approved 3-0..

Last for new business was Ordinance #2016-37 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the Purpose of Providing Funds to Pay for Certain Projects Related to the Town and Incidental Expenses in Connection Therewith and on Account of the Issuance of Bonds – Proposed 1st Reading (Grant Kleinhenz) This is the GO Bond to fund specific items for the wastewater treatment plant to reduce the utility rate impact. Also, it helps *cont to p. 7*



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## October Council Highlights - *from page 6*

shift money back to the general fund instead of taking it from the enterprise fund. The 10 year amortization has an average debt service of \$218,000. This resolution was approved 4-0.

On the first day back for general citizen's comment, Mr. Rabold came to the podium with several questions for the council. He asked why the town had not saved for the wastewater expansion when they have been working on the expansion for 10 years. He asked if the town still had the funds for the recreation center when the reason to purchase St. Malachy property was for the recreation center which you gave away a parcel worth \$700,000 for \$5 dollars. How can we give away incentives but not have funds for the wastewater treatment? What is the average percent rate increase? He urged the council not to pass the rate increase and look for other ways to fund the project that would not increase sewer rates. -- *The Editor*

## October Park Board Report - *Anne Sering*



The enemy: Euonymus Forunei, aka: Winter Creeper. The Brownsburg Park Board voted to eradicate the menace taking over a section of Arbuckle acres. This invasive ground cover (and everything in its path even pine trees) will be eliminated by herbicide and replace with native plant seeds. Up to four treatments will be applied in hopes of stopping its spread. The park will use funds from the Food and Beverage tax to attack this enemy. I, myself, have battled this plant in my yard for years with pruning shears. It is never ending. Mallory Conservation Club has battled vines using arborists to cut the vines and dip the ends in poison. Another enemy, bush honeysuckle, is also considered invasive. It is at least attractive in the spring when blooming but its roots are extremely difficult to remove. It also has lived in my yard. Undoubtedly, it takes work and money to care for our Parks and Trails. The Board is up to the challenge.

In other news, Director Philip Parnin thanked the Lions Club for donating two trees. Also, as a result of the Tilden Road project 50 trees with be planted in Arbuckle Acres. The mound of dirt growing at the Cardinal Property is not for Native American burial site but 15,000 cubic yards of dirt are required to make the property usable. I have written on this before. Dirt is not cheap!

With regard to future dates: Parnin reported that the November and December 2016 Park meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday. That will be November 10, 2016 and December 9, 2016. Travis Tranbarger reported that open swimming in November on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 to 12 a.m. Check the web site for last minute changes. Registration has started for Christmas Under the Stars which will take place on December 3. (Am I the only person who missed the 'Build a Bale' which took place the past two year? When asked, I was told this was not a Park function but a Town function. Last year was rainy but this year would have been perfect.)

Citizen Jim Sering asked about Little League and was told Town Manager Kleinhenz and Council Member Dawes are working toward an agreement. (Has anyone other than I become aware of the shrinking opportunities for civic entertainment in Brownsburg? Ballparks and expanses of land eliminated and trails increasing so one can walk to spend money but not to play.) When asked, Parnin said the trees taken out on Tilden would not be replaced on Tilden. Sering was also told the Food and Beverage revenue was down this year from last even with the acquisition of the race track. -- *Anne Sering*

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