

## BROWNSBURG

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## Budget Time !

## 2019 Proposed Town Budget Meeting

On **September 6th**, the Town Council held a special meeting with all the boards and commissions and town and fire territory departments to go through the 2019 proposed budget. Interim Town Manager Brian Hartsell used a PowerPoint presentation to go through the budget items. To start the conversation, Mr. Hartsell discussed the growth trends and changes between 2012 and 2019. In 2012 the General fund budget was 7.8 million compared to a proposed general fund budget for 2019 of 10.1 million which is a 29% increase from 2012. The town assessed value in 2012 was 904 million compared to an assessed value 1.4 billion in 2019 which is a 58% increase. The town population according to the 2010 census was 21,285 and is estimated to be 27,500 by the end of 2019. According to the CPI inflation calculator 1 dollar in 2018 is equal to 0.91 cents in 2012 which is an impact of 9.8%. Lastly, the square mileage of the town has increased from 14.79 miles in 2012 to 16.21 miles in 2018.

Mr. Hartsell then went through a high-level review of the major budget funds. He indicated that the 2019 budget is actually 3.11% less than 2018 and is proposed to be 50.02 million compared to 51.625 million in 2018. Along with the budget, the tax rate for 2019 is projected to be 0.9251 compared to 0.9393 in 2018 which is a 1.5% decrease. The tax rate in 2012 was 1.1498 and has steadily decreased over the last 6 years.

Next was a more detail look at the changes to the major funds. First, the general fund which will have a 4% increase. A major portion of the increase is in personnel services with the addition of three police officers, a 1.5% cost of living increase and 1% merit pool increase. The next fund is the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund which will decrease by 8% in 2019. The decrease includes major expenditures for a mini excavator, a boom mower and funding to compliment the 2017 GO Bond to complete the fleet storage building. The third major fund is the Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) Fund. This fund is projected to have a 11% increase. This increase includes a dump truck, a pickup truck, 8 police vehicles, PC replacements, mobile data terminals for the police vehicles and Microsoft office licenses. The next fund is the Water Fund which will have a 3% decrease in its 2019 budget. The Stormwater Fund will have a 2% decrease by removing the assistant town manager salary from this fund and a decrease in engineering and consulting fees. The Wastewater (Sewer) Fund will increase 16%. The increase consists of an increase in the chemicals needed for the new process, Engineering fees for the North Regional Lift Station, and an increase of the monthly transfers for the payment of the SRF bond for the WWTP project. The Redevelopment Commission/TIF Fund will see a 5% decrease in its budget. Within this budget is 2.2 Million in debt service, 300K for miscellaneous unidentified property purchases, 216K for Envoy Master Lease and 258K for the Paragon Master Lease. The last major fund is the EDIT fund. This fund will have a 23% decrease in 2019 however it still contains 216K for the Envoy Master Lease, 466K for Scannell development, 89.5K for F&C Grant purchase agreement and 514K for debt service on the Tilden street project.

The summary of significant changes showed how the budget for certain items were spread across several funds. First is street resurfacing and sidewalk replacement which has 600K *cont. to pg. 7*



### Vote Centers New for 2018 General Election

Hendricks County will officially gain status as a vote center county. "I am so excited that Hendricks County has decided to make the switch to vote centers," County Clerk Debbie Hoskins said. "It has taken a lot of planning and hard work from all those involved, but the benefits to the voters of our county

will be well worth the effort we have spent implementing the new model."

*"Hendricks  
County  
Voters can  
choose from  
26 different  
locations to  
cast their  
ballots"*

Simply put, vote centers are polling places where any eligible voter in the county may go to vote. They eliminate the need for traditional polling places and allow voters in the county more flexibility regarding when and where they cast their ballots. Vote centers throughout the county are linked by secure internet connections and an electronic poll book is instantaneously updated as ballots are cast. In addition, significant cost saving are expected over time. ( See page 7 for locations )

-- Materials by Hendricks County Election Board and The Editor

### August Park Board Meeting

At the August 16th Park Board meeting, the Park Board approved the ratification of new hire, Avery Cooley. Mr. Cooley will be the new Site Manager for the Middle School PEAK Program. Mr. Cooley is a recent graduate of Indiana State University where he focused on group facilitation. The Board recognized Mr. Cooley's success during his internship, where he led a fitness education program at the Indianapolis VA Hospital. Mr. Cooley is currently volunteering with special projects of the program and the Board approved ratification with enthusiasm. The Board also recognized the recent appointment of Jason Johnson for the 2018-2021 term.

The Board celebrated the installation of new 911 signs along the B&O Trail. This idea was inspired by the Delphi tragedy, and is the first of its kind in Hendricks County. The signs provide mile-marker locations ever 1/5th of a mile, from the far east and west parts of the trail. The emergency CAD system have all markers loaded in the database. If an individual should experience an emergency on the trail, they will be able to provide their mile marker information to the 911 dispatcher so they may be located by emergency personnel.

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Anne Hathaway

The January edition 2018 raised a question "Anne Hathaway (Elected Town of Brownsburg Clerk Treasurer) has stopped capturing the details of citizens comments, instead only documenting their name. On the surface this sudden change is suspect."

This change is, by all appearances, now policy, as the town council has continued to vote and accept her Town Council meeting minutes without explanation.

When citizens again raised their concerns, the next meeting minutes contained the following legal disclaimer "These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Brownsburg Town Council meetings. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at <http://brownsburgin.swagit.com/play/> for as long as this media is supported."

While this disclaimer may provide legal guidance and protections, it does nothing to address the concerns brought forward by citizens.

The question raised by citizens remain unanswered -- **Why are citizens comments valued less than the words spoken by public servants?** ( TC - Jessen, Bascu, Worley, Dawes, Benham )

Please welcome DJ Huffman as a contributor to the Brownsburg Sentinel. DJ is a long time Brownsburg resident we are thankful for DJ's assistance and look forward to DJ's insights.

Stay tuned for our coverage of the October 24th 2018 town council meeting agenda item 10.02 : "This resolution approves a special appropriation from the EDIT Fund for \$1,244,479 for various reasons including"

- Significant design errors and omissions (E&O) on the Green St and Enderly Mill projects totaling over \$780K.
- Scope changes to address unforeseen conditions. Unforeseen conditions includes \$15K for Mill St undercuts. On Green St, about \$63K in subgrade treatment change.
- Unbudgeted items, such as the Arbuckle Commons fountain, landscaping, and amenities that were previously awaiting bids and thus not previously budgeted. Total project costs is \$464K of which \$288K is from EDIT.
- Timing of potential reimbursements for some of these costs are occurring after the obligations become due creating a cash flow issue.
- \$67,913 towards the Arbuckle Commons Signature Corner at the Southeast corner of the Paragon development at Lucas and Green St.

Finally this publication suggests you vote in the upcoming election. It's never been easier. Reach out to meet candidates of interest, email or call them. Review their voting record if they are the incumbent. Examine their qualifications and positions on issues if they are the challenger. Cast your vote based on an informed position. There are two times when public servants are remanded by law to listen to their constituents, the primary and the election. This is a right few on earth have the ability to freely exercise without fear of reprisal. -- *The Editor*

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## August / September BCSC School Board Meetings



**AUGUST** - The meeting opened with a much anticipated update on the current High School Construction Project. Since the start of the school year, security has noted a larger traffic flow than originally anticipated. The amount of congestion due to this has been a hot point for many parents of students within the community. Mr. Voigt explained during the meeting in an effort to

relieve the congestion, there will be an additional exterior temporary hallway added to handle foot traffic in one direction.

Questions were also raised on the time of passing periods for students as this has been another concern within the community. Mr. Voigt explained, currently, passing periods will remain at six minutes and that time will be re-evaluated after the new corridor opens. He also explained this corridor will be used through the entire Phase III of the project which is expected to end by December 2019.

Dr. Snapp shared important dates which are upcoming for Brownsburg Education Foundation. The Foundation will kick off the year with the Yankee Candle fundraiser for all elementary and middle school students. The Annual Surplus sale is scheduled for September 15th. The Brownsburg Education Fund Open House is currently scheduled for September 25th. Finally, foundation members will be raising funds at Rockin' Hendricks County on October 6th at the Hendricks Country Fairgrounds.

This meeting discussed the goals for the 2018-2019 school year. One popular talking point was transitioning from ISTEP to iLearn. Over the years, ISTEP has been a controversial talking point throughout not only the local community, but throughout the State. The amount of time students are testing has become, to many parents, unreasonable. In an effort to reduce the amount of testing, iLearn has been adapted to meet Indiana specific testing needs and take less time than the ISTEP. Questions were raised on how the new test would be quantified and Dr. Snapp confirmed tests would not be compared to ISTEP, but assessed on the performance of iLearn. The hope is that this will cause less stress on students for standardized testing.

As of the start of the school year, Dr. Snapp explained the district has seen a growth of approximately 300 students. He also made not that this the first year in many years the incoming kindergarten class was smaller than the current graduating class. However, due to past data, he does foresee growth over the years ahead. This discussion helped transition talk of school assignments for Green Street project apartment homes, The Arbuckle. Currently, there are approximately 62 students projected to feed into the school system from the apartment homes. This estimate is a stark difference from the Town's projections of zero students being fed into the system. The motion to approve assignments was approved and the request to start planning for an additional projected 1400 homes should be split between schools as they are completed.

Moving forward, Mr. Gardner requested a motion to approve the publication of the Notice to Taxpayers for the 2019 budget. He also presented approval on the school bus replacement for 2019 to 2024. Questions were raised on if projects will continue to be reviewed to continue to lower the tax burden on the public. Dr. Snapp explained the Board will not consider any projects which may increase the tax rate, as this was promised to the public. He noted, in fact, the tax rate continues to decrease.

Per the Board meeting minutes, there are still concerns from the community in regards to the transgender policy. There are concerns transgender students are still being treated unfairly, even more so, since the policy was brought to light. Questions were raised on how the Board intended to change the policy for fairness. - DJ Huffman

**SEPTEMBER** - This month's meeting began with discussions of the current progress of the new corridor being opened for the high school construction project. The project is currently on track, and running according to plan. Questions were raised about the auditorium and common areas being undercover in time for the the upcoming Winter months, to which was explained the current auditorium is under cover and will remain that way as work continues through the winter.

The Brownsburg Education Foundation report shared that the foundation is still doing well this year. The Food Drive, which took place on September 6th provided great success. The Foundation has also started a deduction program through staff payroll, which student scholarships through employee donations. Ms. Heffernan explained that the best way to "get to know" the Foundation and what they stand for is by attending the Open House scheduled for September 25th.

One disconcerting item brought up in this month's meeting was the statistics on exit interviews for educators. National studies have indicated new teachers are more likely to change schools within their first three years of teaching or leave the profession all together. Data has also concluded experienced teachers are becoming more likely to leave the districts they teach in at some point in their career. With this information, Dr. Snapp showed concern in that Brownsburg employs some of the youngest staff in the State of Indiana. Young teachers face many life changes in their lives such as marriages and new families. Concerns for high turn over are apparent due to the recent National data of exit interviews. Mr. Utterback explained the reasons for this is due to the large amount of growth the Brownsburg Community has experienced over the last several years. In order to combat the high turn over and loss of educators, the Board has made an effort to recruit educators early by building meaningful relationships with colleges and universities throughout the State.

The Board discussed the recommendation to approve the school corporation goals for the 2018-2019 school year. One item brought up, which brought up concern with town residents was the Distinguished Graduate Program. The class of 2023 will be the first graduating class to recognize distinguished graduates. This program essentially eliminates class rank, which has been used for decades. Concerns from the community were heard as one member spoke up explaining her daughter will be directly affected by the new program. She explained the new program will be measured based on a points system. It was her understanding the new program was to help eliminate the stress and competition students experience with class rank. However, the points system implemented in the new program will create the same stress and anxiety and she is concerned this will be counter productive to what the school board is trying to achieve. The criteria for the program and points system will be shared with the graduating class of 2023 and their families during open enrollment for their freshman year of high school.

One important item to brought up, but for the community to be aware of are the upcoming BCSC school board elections and forum. It is imperative the community make sure they are registered to vote and participate in the upcoming elections. The elections will take place on November 6th. Currently there is a forum scheduled for October 30 at the BCSC Administration Center, located at 310 Stadium Drive, entry door #7. The current candidates on the ballot for Lincoln Township are David Ayers, Tiffany Dearman, and Glenn McCain. Those who are at large are Jessica Heffernan and Brian Overmars. The forum will be hosted by the Brownsburg Parent Support Groups as well as the Brownsburg Classroom Teachers association. -- DJ Huffman

**\*\*Personal Note\*\*** It is incredibly important all residents research and vote for school board members. These are the people who ultimately be making educational decisions for the children of our community. Let's ensure the right people are making the right choices!- DJ Huffman

## August/September Town Council

### Aug 9th

Mr. Benham opened the meeting and indicated that all members were present. After consent items, Mr. Barker came to the podium to give the advisory plan commission and the board of zoning appeals report to the council. Next was Travis Tranbarger with the park board report. He discussed the parks interactive website to gather information on what the community would like to see with the parks.

Next on the agenda was previously considered items, first was the final reading of the annexation of land for Belle Arbor on 700North. The ordinance was approved so the property development can go forward. The next ordinance was a zoning change for the new Lennar property near 300North and 900East where the new development is already in motion. This was also approved.

New business started with two items related to start the process of pre-design services. Mr. Tranbarger proposed an agreement with the vendor and asking for money from the food and beverage fund to pay for the study. The movement of funds was also an advertised public hearing. At the end of this phase, the town would have a recommendation of location, design, function and funding plan. The council opened up a public hearing with several citizens voicing the wish for the council to approve the ordinance and letter of approval. The ordinance was approved for the funding for the pre-design and then the letter of agreement.

During Town Council items, Mr. Dawes announced that the Chief of Police and one of the majors escorted the niece of Deputy Pickett to her first day of Kindergarten after citizen comments the meeting was adjourned.

### August 23rd

Benham opened the meeting and indicated that all members were present. However, one person was absent which was Grant Kleinhenz who was fired that last week of August (See Summer addition for full details as they are known). Besides the town manager news, this would be a very light meeting.

Under previously considered items was the 2nd reading of the zoning amendment of Wynne Farms zoning at Northfield and Hornaday drive. This was approved on second reading.

Under new items was the first reading of the annexation of the Tague property that will become a new park for the town. This was approved on 1st reading. The other new item was a request for eminent domain on the last parcel for the roundabout at 300N and Hornaday. This was approved.

The big news of the night would happen under Town Council items which was an ordinance to cover the severance pay if Brian Hartsell as interim Town Manager would be asked to leave or want to leave once a new town manager was appointed. The comments from this part of the meeting was reported in the last paper. After the comments from citizens the meeting was adjourned.

### September 13th Town Council meeting

Mr. Benham opened the meeting and indicated that only 3 members were present because of this any actions would need to be unanimous. The board reports given by Todd Barker were the Advisory Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning appeals. Mr. Tranbarger then came up and gave the park board report.

Under previously considered items was the rezoning of the Wynne Farm property at Hornaday and Northfield for second reading. This was approved on third and final adoption. The next ordinance was the second reading of the Tague property annexation. This was approved. New to be considered started with an ordinance to vacate an easement on South Grant street. This was approved in the spring but there were concerns on how it was noticed so the town is doing a new ordinance. With only three council members present this is just 1st and second

reading and the public hearing. The final adoption will be moved to the next meeting.

### September 27

Mr. Benham opened the meeting and indicated that all members were present. After the invocation, the pledge and consent items, the meeting moved to reports from Boards and Commissions. At this meeting, Police Chief Grimes indicated that the Brownsburg Police Department was able to solve and criminally charge the people responsible for a bank robbery in May of last year. Chief Grimes then thanked the community for being engaged with the police department. Next for the Fire Department report Division Chief Rosemeyer indicated that approximately 1300 people came through the Community Day that was held at WalMart.

Previously considered items started with the third and final reading of the annexation of the Tague property into the town for the new park. The ordinance was approved. The next ordinance was the second reading of the Budget for the town and the Fire Territory. This was a public hearing. The only resident to speak was Mr. Sibbing. He asked about three intersection improvements which an engineering firm had indicated needed improvements that were not listed in the budget. The three intersections are McNees and Northfield, Roland Manor and Kmart intersection on Northfield and 400N and Ronald Reagan. He also asked about the storm water fee increase when it was needed, when will it start, are bonds needed and what would be the commercial rate for storm water. With no other citizens coming forward the public hearing was closed. Mr. Hartsell indicated that the two Northfield intersections were in the design phase to generate an estimate. The 400N and Ronald Reagan intersection redesign has not been started and cannot be added until during the 2019 fiscal year. The storm water fee will go through an ordinance process which has not been started yet. The council members asked questions about how the projects are chosen and funded and the council being more involved in the decisions. After the discussion, the council approved the budget on second reading.

During Town Council items, Mr. Benham asked for permission to continue with the review of the Town Manager job description with the attorney and develop a timeline for the search process. The council gave its approval. Citizen comments brought up a concern from the community for help with the dredging of the Willow Springs Lake. The problem was started when there was a water main break in 2012 which allowed bio waste to flow into the lake. The Willow Springs Lake association has been working with Kathy Dillon to work on the problem. With no other comments, the meeting was adjourned. -- *The Editor*





## August Park Board *continued from page 1*

The start of the school year presented a difficult transition for the recreation staff as they shifted from the Venture Camp Series to the BASE and PEEK after school programs. Despite expected difficulties, the transition proved to be successful. Currently, BASE enrollment is up from prior years, while PEEK is off to a slow start. PEEK offers opportunities to help the youth of our community grow and develop on personal, physical and mental levels. Despite the slow start, the department has opened enrollment to middle school families and expects to see an increase in attendance. To increase enrollment, the department will highlight the program during Blues and BBQ celebration on September 9th.

July provided a successful partnership with a local business, Wag and Win, which facilitates in providing dog training lessons. Both time frames offered were sold out, and the recreation team intends on providing services throughout the Fall by offering the Unflappable Program.

Director Travis Tranbarger opened the Committee Reports with the 2019 Budget Update. The Food and Beverage (280) and Park Impact (212) funds were revised due to differences in operational staff and to factor in RTP grant reimbursement. The RTP grant will be moved back into the Food and Beverage budget after the Cardinal Project is complete. Approximately \$100k moved from the Food and Beverage Fund to the Park Impact fund for the Cardinal Project. \$45k was removed from the Food and Beverage fund, which was originally intended to repave the maintenance facility; which can be delayed for one more year. An additional \$50k was removed from The Food and Beverage Fund for the Tague Property demolition as projected completion is scheduled for 2018; therefore, no need to add to budget expenses for 2019. The 2018 ending cash on hand and projected revenues for 2018 will absorb requested expenses for 2019.

Finally, the updated numbers for CAGIT (County Adjusted Gross Income Tax) affected Town operational staff positively, as it provided the ability to reinstate the 1% merit pay increase. This merit increase will be based on performance of employees. While the budget has enough to pay an increase for all employees, Director Tranbarger explained that scenario was highly unlikely. A final decision for the 1% merit increases will need approval from the Town Council.

The meeting closed with citizen's comments. Several citizens brought up concerns in regard to the Klipsch-Card Athletic Facilities and the proposed community center. Citizens seem to be most concerned with the conflicts the two centers may have as they will be offering similar services. Director Tranbarger addressed the questions by explaining both centers are intended to serve a different market. The community center will be multi-generational, while the Klipsch-Card Facility will market to youth athletics. Director Tranbarger did note, however, the Board does not have enough information on either projects to speak to the planning at this time. -- *DJ Huffman*

### Current School Board Members, McCain and Heffernan, will continue to support the exceptional accomplishments of Brownsburg Schools

- ★ Brownsburg Schools have the highest student achievement in Indiana for 3 consecutive years.
- ★ The district has managed student enrollment in one of the fastest growing school corporations in the state.
- ★ Wise fiscal stewardship has led to a reduction in the School Tax Rate for 6 consecutive years.
- ★ Parent and Staff surveys indicate 95% overall satisfaction.
- ★ All Brownsburg Schools have been honored as Four Star Schools for 3 consecutive years - the highest recognition awarded by the Indiana Department of Education.

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The Brownsburg Classroom Teachers Association proudly endorse the incumbents, MCCAIN and HEFFERNAN, to continue the proud tradition of excellence in Brownsburg Schools.

\*Paid for by McCain for Brownsburg Schools and Re-elect Jessica Heffernan for Brownsburg School Board.

## September Park Board Meeting

The September 20th Park Board meeting opened and a request for action was presented to name the new park on Hornaday Road. The Park staff is requesting the name for the park so signage may be requested. The current proposed name for the park is "Cardinal Park". Director Tranbarger shared the master plan explains how a park may be named for either a historical figure, landmark or event within the community. Through research, it was determined the best option for naming the new park was to use a landmark. The most recognizable landmark to the park is Cardinal Elementary which is why staff has requested authorization the park be named name "Cardinal Park". The motion was approved for the park's new name.

Cardinal Park is moving along well as final grade and seed and trail have been completed. The Board opted to add an additional stop sign and crosswalks at Thornburg Parkway and Grafton Court as there was no way to stop oncoming traffic to allow school pedestrian traffic to flow. Phase II has now started. This phase will include the dog park and restroom facilities. Both Phase II and Phase III will be bid out to vendors for completion.

The naming of Cardinal Park brought up concerns for how the department should handle naming rights in the future. As the department is faced with more projects, such as the Tague Property, they discussed items to consider when naming a property after an individual as well as the ability for public opinion to be heard for future properties. Director Tranbarger agreed this is something that should require further thought and discussion by researching the master plan.

The Hendricks County Community Foundation has recently provided the Parks Department with a \$9,000 grant for the William's Park entry circle enhancements. These enhancements are a hope to bring the community together through gatherings and celebrations. However, construction for these enhancements are not expected to begin until 2019.

The Board has also been spending time touring senior community centers within Hendricks County to understand how to best serve the senior community within the town through a multi-generational community center. These tours and meetings with The Hendricks County Community Foundation have assisted the Parks Department in understanding how to move forward in planning for the future.

The Board reviewed "Board and Commission" training during the meeting to gain knowledge on how to better serve the community. This program provides high-level instruction on how to provide information necessary to the staff and community. The training session helped the Board to understand how to set appropriate expectations and the best ways members should conduct themselves in all settings.

The Recreation Services Master plan process is coming to a close as the department reaches the final stages for programs offered within the community. As this process is being wrapped up, the department offered a Fall Tree Sale active through September 28th. The Blues and BBQ event had a great turn out despite the weather and plans are being made for the band to perform next year at the event.

A new program is being offered after a successful launch. The Pound Rockout Workout will be offered as activity to the community with a max capacity of 30 people for registration. This program allows people to work out with drum sticks along to the beat of the music.

Avery Cooley has shown a great amount of success in the PEEK program. When the school year started, there were only 10 students enrolled and he has created interest for the program with other students and increased enrollment to approximately 40 students. The program has almost reached max capacity since Mr. Cooley moved to his position. - *DJ Huffman*

## 2018 Brownsburg School Board Candidates *via Hendricks County Voter Information*

### David Ayers - Lincoln Township



On November 6th, I am asking for your support to again serve as a member of the Board of School Trustees for the Brownsburg Community Schools.

It is my belief education is a key factor in defining the quality of life within a community. And, as much as possible, we need to provide every available resource to every student.

At the same time, we are required to be good stewards of the budgets entrusted to our schools; mindful of the priorities required to provide a return on our community's investment in education.

Together with my wife, Sharon, and our two sons, we have lived in Brownsburg for 18 years. From 2006 until 2013, I served as a member of the BCSC Board of Trustees. A graduate of Ball State University, I have worked as a public relations counselor for nearly 30 years.

Our schools are facing all sorts of challenges. No student should have to worry that he or she may not make it home from school. There are other pressing issues and we need to be supportive of our teachers, staff and administrators.

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### Glenn McCain - Lincoln Township



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I have lived in Brownsburg since 2003 and have two children in Brownsburg schools.

I was appointed to the BCSC Board in June, and in that short time, I have had the opportunity to work with the board, the administration, teachers, staff, and community members to better understand the challenges affecting our wonderful schools.

The true measure of a school district's success is the success of the students. Brownsburg has consistently been among the top performers in the state. To continue this success, we need the dedication of our teachers, staff, and administration. Individual students have individual needs and different definitions of success; they must be given the opportunities to succeed in a safe, encouraging, and enriching environment.

Brownsburg continues to grow, and we must intelligently plan for this future. We must not only understand the population growth trends, but work closely with the administration and state and local government to understand how best to maximize our funding. As testament to this, our board has reduced the school tax rate to the community every year for the past 6 years, while renovating our high school and constructing Lincoln Elementary.

We are dedicated to continue our fiscal vigilance and academic excellence.

### Tiffany Dearman - Lincoln Township



Hi, I'm Tiffany Dearman and I am asking for your vote for to represent Lincoln Township on the Brownsburg School Board. As a wife, mother of six, and an independent business owner, I've had a personal and professional investment in the Brownsburg community for over 20 years. We have successfully graduated two students from Brownsburg High School and are looking forward to graduating four more.

As a parent, I believe that administrative Transparency, personal Integrity and a broad approach to the Future readiness of our students, both academically and socially, are fundamental to sustaining a strong educational environment. I believe, open dialogue that allows parents, teachers and students to be included in the policy-making process, prior to implementation, often results in decisions being made with the highest levels of integrity and policies that better represent the entire school community.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of participating in various leadership roles in the Brownsburg community and serving alongside many amazingly dedicated parents and teachers, who share a passion for our students. I currently serve as the Director of the Hendricks County Division of MIBOR. I am also very active in our church young adult class and enjoy mentoring young couples prior to marriage.

It is my sincere hope that my professional background, community involvement and current board experience will bring additional value to our school board. Email - [tiffanydearman4brownsburg@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanydearman4brownsburg@gmail.com)

### Jessica Heffernan - At Large



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I'm often asked "why" the school board...

For those of you that don't know me, I have 10 year old triplet boys. Two of the three have IEPs (individualized education programs). When the boys were in first grade their teachers asked me if they couldn't keep them after class to work on their reading. Almost every day, these two teachers would spend one on one time with my boys before sending them off to BASE. They were giving their OWN time to help

my children. They didn't have to...and they had families of their own but my boys success was that important to them.

This happens EVERYDAY at BCSC. Our educators, parent volunteers, staff and community truly LOVE our children and pour their hearts into them. I continue to be in awe of the way that so many people have gathered around my boys (and your children/grandchildren) to ensure their success. Whether during a PLC, to discuss a new strategy to help them overcome a particular hurdle or the confidence they work so hard to instill in our children.

I'm personally invested in making BCSC the best. I want our children, teachers and administrators to feel safe and supported. I want our kids to thrive, both socially and academically. I want them to be given every opportunity to succeed, regardless of their definition of success. I want to give back to the community that has enabled us to provide this to our children, without you none of this would be possible.



## 2019 Budget Meeting *continued from page 1*

allotted across 4 funds. There will be 16 vehicle purchases over 5 funds for a total of 842K. The last major allocation across all funds is health insurance which is budgeted for a 3% increase.

Next was the summary of capital projects for 2019. The projects included are B&O Trail tunnel at CR300N at 1.6Million, pedestrian crossing improvements around BCSC for 684K, roundabout at 300N and Hornaday for 2.68Million, Green street widening project main to 56th street for 5.7million, Northfield drive from 300N to 400N for 8.3 million, sidewalk connectivity 50K, Northfield drive East from Green street to 56th street 452K, Green street and Airport road roundabout design and engineering 221K, 700N reconstruction design and engineering 426K, South Green street reconstruction design and engineering 300K, 100N sewer interceptor design and engineering 590K, Tague, West Wynne Farms and Magee Park planning 100K, Phase II Cardinal Park property 163K and community center pre-design for 95K.

Mr. Hartsell ended his presentation with two areas for council input. First, a proposed storm water fee increase. This fee was started in 2008 and has never been increased. It is used to fund the stormwater department and major capital drainage improvement projects. The fund balance is projected to be down nearly 200K dollars while the town needs are increasing. The second issue for the town council is the CCD fund rate. Unless re-appropriated the rate decrease every year. It is currently projected to be 0.0417 in 2019 when the allowable rate is 0.05. Staff proposes to relook at utilizing this important levy. This fund is used to buy capital equipment and the re-establishment of the rate to 0.05 would add another 100K of annual revenue to this fund. This idea was brought up in the 2018 budget process and the council deemed it more important to lower the tax rate then to re-establish the CCD levy. -- *The Editor*

## 2018 BCSC Candidates, *cont from pg 6*

### Brian Overmars - At Large



Hello, my name is Brian Overmars and I'm running for membership on the Brownsburg Community Schools Board. Originally from Michigan, my family and I moved to Brownsburg schools in 2008, settling in this area primarily for the excellent school system. I believe in accountable government, and I believe recent events such as the

firing of John Kluge for adherence to his religious beliefs have shown a fundamental lack of transparency at the school board. I want to fix that by utilizing public comment periods on policy changes and engaging in public discussion.

I'm a father of 3 and have been married to my beautiful wife Stephanie for 14 years. I have both a BS in Psychology and an MBA from Michigan State University. I worked in the corporate world for 12 years before recently becoming a full-time stay-at-home dad. I hope that my management and process improvement background could bring a different perspective to the school board. I'm also an active member of my church, teaching 5th grade boys Sunday school each week.

Please contact me at [BrianOvermars4Brownsburg@gmail.com](mailto:BrianOvermars4Brownsburg@gmail.com) with any insights on our schools, or attend one of my many public engagement

## Hendricks Polling Locations

Hours 6:00 am to 6:00 pm

### BROWN TOWNSHIP (3)

Cornerstone Christian Church	8930 N State Rd 267 Brownsburg
Parkside (Bethesda) Church	7950 N County Rd 650 E B'burg
Connection Pointe Church	1800 N Green St Brownsburg

### CENTER TOWNSHIP (2)

Government Center	355 S Washington St Danville
4-H Fairgrounds	1900 E Main St Danville

### CLAY TOWNSHIP (1)

Amo Community Center	5033 Sycamore St 46103
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### EEL RIVER TOWNSHIP (1)

North Salem Community Center	6 S Main St North Salem
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### FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP (1)

Stilesville Town Hall	8353 N Hendricks St Stilesville
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### GUILFORD TOWNSHIP (4)

Fraternal Order of Eagles	5556 E US Highway 40 Plainfield
Guilford Twp Community Center	1500 S Center St Plainfield
Guilford Twp Library	1120 Stafford Rd Plainfield
Souls Harbor Assembly of God	8434 E State Rd 267 Plainfield

### LIBERTY TOWNSHIP (1)

Clayton Christian Church	5110 S State Rd 39 Clayton
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### LINCOLN TOWNSHIP (4)

Brownsburg Fire Training Facility	470 E Northfield Dr Brownsburg
Bible Church of Brownsburg	6045 E County Rd 500 N B'burg
School Administration Bldg	310 Stadium Dr Brownsburg
Messiah Lutheran Eagle Creek	6100 N Raceway Rd Indianapolis

### MARION TOWNSHIP (1)

New Winchester Baptist Church	6746 W US Highway 36 Danville
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### MIDDLE TOWNSHIP (1)

Pittsboro Christian Church	209 N Meridian St Pittsboro
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### UNION TOWNSHIP (1)

Tri West Middle School	555 W US Highway 136 Lizton
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### WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP (6)

American Legion Post	#145 4812 E Main St Avon
Avon United Methodist	6850 E US Highway 36 Avon
Harvest Bible Church	420 Gable Crossing Avon
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church	9201 E County Rd 100 N Avon
Crossroads Church	7209 E County Rd 100 S Avon
Plainfield Christian Church	800 Dan Jones Rd Plainfield

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