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## IT'S OVER !

### North Annexation FAILS !

### Green Street OPENS !!



**June 5th, 2019** - In a 21 page unanimous precedent setting decision the Indiana State Supreme Court upheld two lower court rulings that the Town of Brownsburg “did not satisfy its burden of proving it had met the statutory requirements for annexing the disputed territory”. This ruling effectively ends the Town’s greater than five year legal battle to involuntarily annex 4500 acres. The court also concluded that it “must consider the evidence submitted by both the municipality and the remonstrators” those who oppose involuntary annexation.

**June 17th 2019** – With construction completed, at approximately 4:00pm a group of area residents gathered to watch a long anticipated event, the opening of Green Street in its entirety from 136 North to 56th street.

The Indiana Supreme Court found the Town of Brownsburg failed to prove it met the following statutory requirements:

- The territory had a residential population density of least 3 persons per acre.
- The territory was 60% residential (in laymen’s terms)

OR

- The territory was zoned for commercial, business or industrial uses.

The Supreme Court rejected the town’s assertions and accepted the remonstrator’s evidence showing that 75% of the territory was agricultural and their expert witness testimony stating the area was only 17% residential.

In addition, The Supreme Court also ruled the town failed to meet the statutory requirement the “need and can be used by the municipality for its development in the reasonably near future”. The court used four years as the definition for the “reasonable near future”.

The court found that the town did not have plans for a substantial majority of the annexation area and that it would be at least 5 to 15 years until any of the projects would start. - *Continued on page 3*

The first vehicles to cross the newly opened North Green Street include Brownsburg Street Department vehicles, and a Brownsburg Fire Territory Fire Engine.

Crowds assembled to be the “first” to cross the newly opened thoroughfare. The first cyclist to crossed, followed by the first pedestrians. After initial signaling timing and coordination miscues, traffic now flows smoothly.

The \$5.7 million project was 90 percent funded by the FHWA Safety Improvement Program. The redesign includes the addition of a 2-way left turn lane, new enclosed storm sewer improvements, raingardens for stormwater runoff, bike lanes and railroad crossing improvements.

-- *The Editor*

## Second Quarter School Board



**April 8, 2019** When there is an attendance of over 100, one wonders if there is a controversy in progress. Fortunately, the large attendance was mainly due to the recognition of the 2018-2019 Wrestling Team and the appointment of Julie Copeland having been appointed as the new principal of Delaware Trail Elementary School. Also recognized was Kyle Duncan who will be the Assistant Athletic Director. In fact, when these

items were concluded only eight people remained for the remainder of the meeting.

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### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The predatory actions the 2013 Brownsburg Town Council and all subsequent councils up to the present day irreparably disrupted and/or altered the lives of many. From the first public servants who voted to reduce freedoms and raise taxes on a group of people who neither requested nor needed the services provided by the town at a price which was not negotiable. This small group of "public servants" literally chose to force their will upon people who had no voice in their election. These "public servants" ignored the 500+ voices when they showed up in opposition at every appropriate town board, commission, public hearing and council meeting. Members of all town councils bear the stigma of not putting an end to this costly, but what was clearly a futile effort from the onset.

Out of that group of 500+ voices, one unassuming woman with no formal legal training literally placed her life on hold for the past five plus years to right this wrong of government over reach. She, while supported by many others, prevailed against the town's two legal firms (at one time 11 full time attorneys), who had unlimited resources (Brownsburg resident's tax dollars) and unlimited time. Many people think the town took "the wear them down, and drain them dry approach" as evidenced by the over 300+ motions that were filed in the case. The remonstrator's knew that missing any one of these deadline meant the remonstrators would lose their case. This view is further strengthened by the town's final trips to the Indiana Court of Appeals and Indiana State Supreme Courts. Both actions held little legal merit, and had a very, very remote chance for success. The two Courts decisions ruling against the town ultimately validated these actions were futile.

What was the estimated amount of precious tax dollars wasted? Those who follow the matter closely report monies approaching \$2,000,000.00 (two million dollars) were spent. How did they arrive at this number? Initially by tracking the legal invoices directly assigned to this matter. From the onset, the town was less than fully transparent in reporting legal costs. The town excluded from their legal accounting, costs of their legal counsel's review of ALL requests for public documents the vast majority of which resulted from the annexation effort. As the legal battle

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am sure by now everyone has heard that the Indiana Supreme Court issued a ruling on June 5, 2019 and the proposed north annexation has been officially stopped. We will be filing a motion to recover cost to which we are automatically entitled and we will attempt to also recover our attorney fees. I hope that this council and future councils learn from this ruling. I am saddened by the tremendous amount of taxpayer dollars that were wasted on legal fees and other fees by the Town to fight against what was a losing battle from the start. I would suggest to council members that before voting on controversial ordinances to consider the opposition, do what you feel is right and legal, instead of listening to your legal counsel—who appear to think that the Town can win all legal battles if enough money is used. When this proposed annexation ordinance was passed, we had hundreds of people in attendance in opposition, that opposition fell upon deaf ears.

It is obvious to me that the number in opposition does little to effect whether or not an ordinance will be passed, which is the ONLY reason why there are not hundreds of people in attendance when the council passes controversial ordinances. According to public estimates the Town spent approaching 2 million dollars on the failed annexation over 6 years. This number is an estimate and might actually be low based on the number of motions and briefs that were created and the number of court appearances tried.

To the Town Council, the town residents are watching. This has started again with the fight over the fire hydrant fees for 400 residents that live outside the town. I know the Town has already spent well over 93 thousand taxpayer dollars in litigation fees related to our fight against this fee (Which, by the way is more then we paid in legal fees to fight the 6 year long annexation battle) and if you add in the consulting fees that Town has spent regarding this fee, Town has spent close to 200 thousand tax payer dollars.

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### North Annexation Fails - *cont from pg 1*

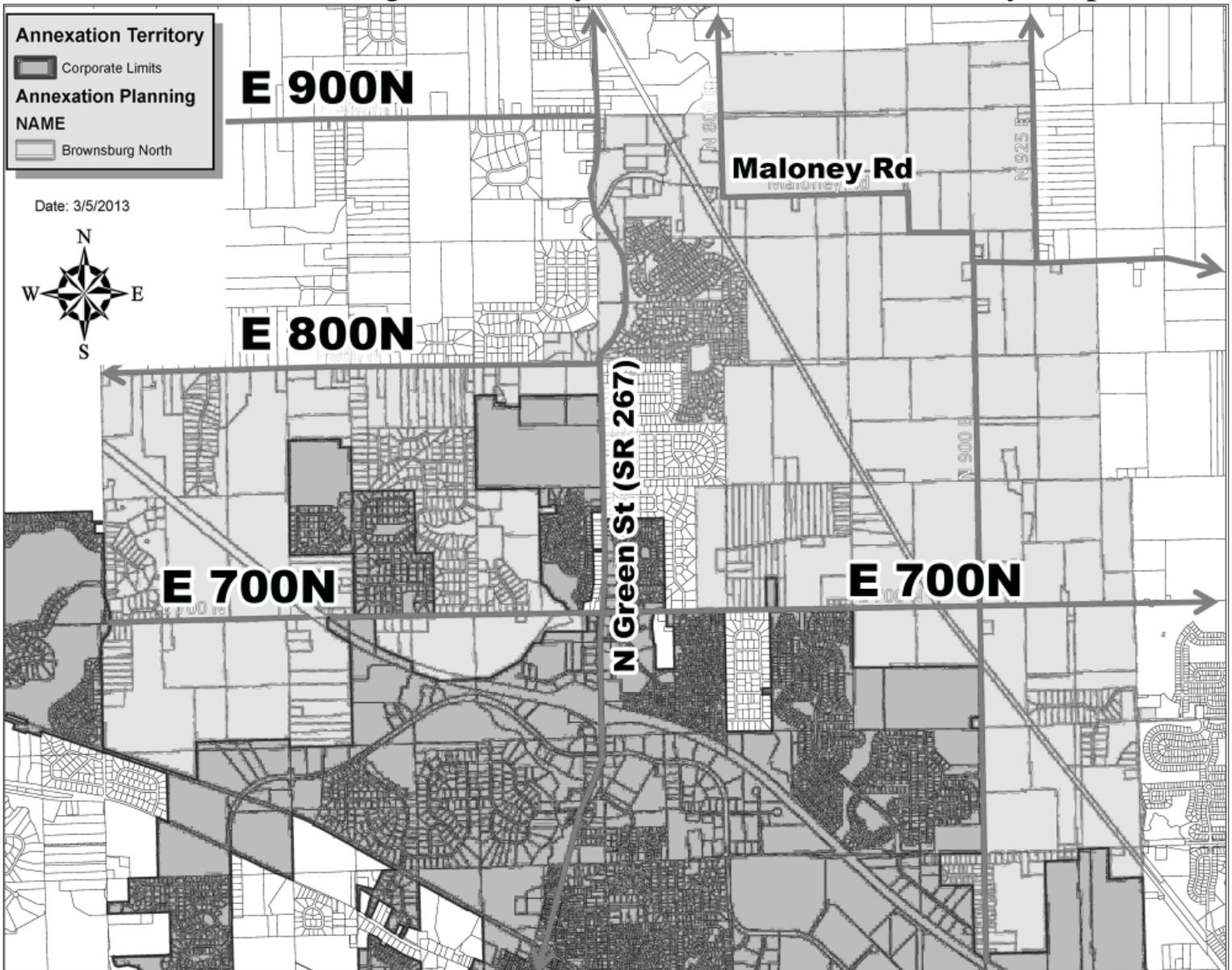
Because the lower court ruled that the town did not meet the above requirements (code IC 36-4-3-13(A)), they did not need to rule on any other sections of the code. This ruling by the Indiana Supreme Court which upholds the two lower court decisions that Brownsburg cannot annex the north annexation territory means that by 2013 statutes the town must wait 4 years before pursuing annexation of this territory again.

Begun in 2013 the Brownsburg North Annexation area encompasses nearly 4,500 acres including the Highland Green, Highland Springs, Windridge and Eaker subdivisions. As of 2013, there were 1193 parcels within the boundaries and approximately 3,000+ people. -- *The Editor*

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My question is-- how many more thousands of taxpayer dollars is the Town willing to throw away, instead of just repealing this portion of the ordinance. My guess is a lot!! As I am sure this council will also pay to have their attorneys respond to our petition for rehearing, which is not required or necessary. If we can manage to get this remanded back to the Trial court there is a possibility that this fee will be found to be unconstitutional—which would affect Towns ability to charge this fee to water customers inside Town limits.- I know your legal counsel will tell you differently, but let's reflect on how well your legal counsel's advice has been in the past. The Frost, Brown, Todd law firm has found their golden goose. It is the Town of Brownsburg. Thank you. Sincerely, *Sabrina - Brownsburg North Group Against Annexation*

## 2013 Brownsburg Involuntary North Annexation Territory Map



2013 Brownsburg Involuntary North Annexation Territory Map - Dark Gray Corporate (Town) Limits - Light Gray Involuntary Annexation Territory - White Excluded from Annexation or County Areas outside the annexation action. See the .pdf edition at [www.brownsburgsentinel.com](http://www.brownsburgsentinel.com) for a color depiction of this map.

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drew on, the town requested "summarized legal billings" from their legal firms; individual matter's line items were no longer available for public review. Requests for public documents regarding legal costs were declined, or dollar amounts were provided without supporting evidence. The town's attempt to cloak the costs of this legal matter backfired; left with no recourse ALL monies the town spent on legal actions were assumed to be associated with this case. I and many others have suggested to prior council members as well as numerous instances to Brian Jessen himself, viable and effortless approaches to obtain creditable information to clarify this matter. For reasons unknown all have failed to take action.

Again, many members of the community would like to see anyone associated with this legal effort terminated immediately. It is also the hope that our current "public servants" learn lessons from the past. In particular, listening to their constituents and serving their constituents needs accordingly. The council faces significant challenges based on their most recent conduct. Despite having a six year lead time, very little effort was put into setting aside monies to establish a private/public partnership to build a "multi-generational" center for Brownsburg. Furthermore, recent proposed developments which fit tightly into the recently updated strategic plan fell through because the town said, in so many words, they have no monies available to participate in the modernization of the downtown area.

By evidence, the blind enthusiasm which resulted in the town "putting all their eggs in one basket" will detrimentally impact this community's growth for decades to come. -- The Editor

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Have our public servants learned anything from this failed government overreach?

Because Dr. Snapp had been a Brownsburg High School wrestler, he takes much joy in introducing the team and championing the accomplishments. The 2018-20019 team won the State Championship again this year and finished 3rd in the IHSAA State Wrestling Tournament. BHS Junior, Dorian Keys received a State Championship in the 285-weight group and received a Board Commendation for his achievement.

Director of Brownsburg Park and Recreation Department, Travis Tranbarger, gave a review of the B.A.S.E. program which provides before and after school program which was introduced in 2013 and has grown 185%. In 2017, the program transitioned to full-time site managers. Presently, there are 56 team members helping the 6 site managers. In 2018 the PEAK Program was added for middle school students and is held at West Middle School. Prior to working with the children, the team members complete 6 hours of training and then receive 3-5 hours per month in-service events. Topics include Department of Child Services child safety programs, behavior management, risk management, game playing training. Mr. Tranbarger stated the program has a 95% satisfaction record and offers scholarships which helps strengthen community ties. In response to a question from Dr. Freije, Tranbarger replied that the majority of the 900 students enrolled most enroll for the month or semester for the cost savings over weekly or daily enrollment. Mr. Utterback inquired about the hours of operation. The service is available from 6:30 am until opening bell and from 3:20 to 6 pm. Mr. Tranbarger invited the Board Members to tour the sites and become acquainted with the staff. Mr. Utterback thanked Mr. Tranbarger for the service the Park Department provides and for adding a service for middle school students.

Later in the meeting, Chief Financial Officer Barry Gardner recommended the Board approve the Second Amendment and contract between the Brownsburg Community School Corporation (BCSC) and the Brownsburg Parks and Recreation Department (BPRD) BASE Program. The motion passed. The original contract was executed in 2013. The new contract will increase the fee from \$2500 to \$30,000 for the 2019-2020 school year. The fee will then increase to \$35,000 for the 2020-2021 school year and hold at that rate for at least the next two years. (Town Council take note: The Park and Recreation Department is not just 'give us a community center'. The services provided are a benefit to many families and strengthen our community. In my opinion, It keeps more kids safe than does the police department.)

Dr. Jessup reported on the number of available elementary classrooms. District -wide there are 56 classrooms available with the most available at Lincoln (8). It should be noted that the availability does not mean the rooms are not being used. They are used for instructional labs and small group instruction. Already six additional elementary classrooms are planned for the 2019-2020 school term and an additional 3 more may have to be added based on new housing. In one year a fourth of those available will be used up. Dr. Snapp reported that this is being monitored closely as it takes at least two years from planning to completion of an elementary school. The Board asked many questions.

Mr. Voigt has been working with public officials hoping to curtail if not prevent housing developments designed around cul-de-sacs. The size of the cul-de-sac prevents the turning of a school bus which results in difficulties in transportation with students possibly having to walk farther than desired to get on a bus. (If you go south on Green Street you cannot help but notice the houses sprouting up at Emerald Green at County Road 300 at the circle. Traversing that circle is going to be a challenge when all those proposed homes are built. As the son of a homebuilder (South-Town addition), my spouse has taken me frequently on tours of Emerald Green. In some of the cul-de-sacs it is difficult to navigate a car.)



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Dr. Freije gave the Brownsburg Education Foundation Report in the absence of Ms. Heffernan. The Rally For Our Kids Gala presented by Falcone Automotive raised over \$80,000 for grants and scholarships for staff and students. Summers Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling is sponsoring the 'Chip In for the Kids' golf outing on June 14 at West Chase Golf Course. The Scholarship Committee will be meeting to determine the recipients of the forty-one % 1000 scholarships the Foundation will be awarding of which 16 were provided by BCSC staff through payroll deductions. District Excellence Awards will be made in May. InCredible Award grant applications will be available in mid-May and due in the Foundation office mid-August.

Board Policies were again a part of the Board Meeting. Dr Jessup presented the first reading of '5000 – students'. Mr. Gardner presented the first reading of '6000 – Finances, 7000 – Property'. Mrs. Gordon presented the second reading of '3000 – Certified Staff; 4000 – Support Staff'. Under old business, the Board approved the policies for '2000- Program'. Dr. Snapp recommended the Board approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar stating that families were planning early for vacations. It passed.

Two major projects were approved after the holding of the required public hearing on the '2020 Bond' issue. One was for the \$15 million for a Transportation Center and the other for \$10 million for Capital Improvement Projects. No one stepped forward to speak during the public hearing. (*\$25 million would stun anyone!*) Note that the estimated \$15,510,000 will be funded by one or more of the following: Operations Fund, Common School Fund Loan, general obligation bond issue and/or a building corporation bond issue with an anticipated impact on the Debt Service Fund tax rate of \$0.0593 per \$100 assessed valuation based on an estimated \$2,342,801,346 assessed valuation beginning in 2021. However, as existing obligations mature, the anticipated net impact to the Debt Service Fund tax rate is expected to be \$0.00. (*In other words, the rate of the taxes we pay on our property for the schools should not increase. Considering the state generated increase in my assessed property, I expect to pay more in dollars.*) The Capital Improvement Project estimated \$10,000,000 will be funded by one or more of the following: Operations Fund, Common School Fund Loan, general obligation bond issue and/or a building corporation bond issue with an anticipated impact on the Debt Service Fund tax rate of \$0.0383 per \$100 assessed valuation based on an estimated \$2,342,801,346 assessed valuation beginning in 2021. However, as existing obligations mature, the anticipated net impact to the Debt Service Fund tax rate is expected to be \$0.00. (*Most of this wording was provided by BCSC. More required verbiage was given but I selected what I thought was of most interest. The new transportation center will be on the existing property and is sorely needed. I am positive the BCSC will provide more detailed information if requested.*)

Mr. Voigt recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the use of contracted car services for the provision of student transportation services to McKinney-Vento, foster, and other students, to the extent permitted by the Indiana Department of Education. McKinney-Vento (M-V) is a federal requirement for public school districts to provide transportation to homeless students. The expenses for transporting M-V students are typically shared between the school of origin and the school where the student is currently residing. He noted that foster students have similar transportation requirements. Currently there are eight buses transporting 20 students from 14 distinct addresses with the farthest away being McCordsville (36 miles each way). This school year there were a total of 134 students eligible

for service. BCSC is expecting that providing an auto rather than bus will be more cost effective. (*I think it also may be better for the students who are already in situations not to their choosing.*)

There was one citizen who had a request of the Board. Samuel Lowe requested that his daughter be permitted to attend Reagan Elementary while he was on active duty with the National Guard rather than Brown Elementary. The request was so his daughter could ride the school bus from the sitter's home in the Reagan district. Because his wife is teaching in another corporation, has to drop their toddler son at the sitter's, and does not have a flexible schedule, he was asking an exception be made for the year he is deployed. (*This is an example of the sacrifices made by the many invisible military in our midst. The wife is left alone with the children and must manage alone. A kindergartener is old enough to miss and have emotional difficulties because of a missing father. As the mother of a reservist soon to be activated and the grandmother of one who recently returned from active duty in Afghanistan only to be sent away for schooling for another 3 months leaving my two great granddaughters under the age of 4, I can attest to the difficulties. Believe me, those babies miss their father. I don't know if or how the Lowe's will manage. I just know what I think should be done.*) This meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

### 2020 Bond issue. One was for the \$15 million for a Transportation Center and the other for \$10 million for Capital Improvement Projects

Mr. Lowe explained that he was addressing the Board to request that his daughter be allowed to attend Reagan Elementary next year instead of Brown Elementary in which district his family resides. Mr. Lowe shared that he is active military reserve and is scheduled to be deployed during the year next year. He explained that his wife's work schedule is not conducive to any options available to allow their daughter to attend Brown Elementary, however, their current daycare provider resides in the Reagan school district and he requested that his daughter be allowed to ride the bus from the daycare provider to Reagan Elementary. Mr. Lowe explained this request would only be for the year he is deployed and would expect to have his daughter attend Brown Elementary thereafter.

#### **BCSC Board: 5/13/19**

*Disclaimer: The author of this article on the May 13, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting was not physically present but virtually attended by watching the video and using the media packet generously supplied by the Administrative Assistant Tracy Damone.*

The first item of the meeting was the introduction of the seven elementary assistant principals. Four are newly hired by BCSC: Candice Hons will be Asst. Principal at Cardinal Elementary; Tamika Kinartail will be Asst. Principal at Eagle Elementary; Matthew Mybeck will be Asst. Principal at Delaware Trail; and Tim Cooper will be Asst. Principal at White Lick Elementary. Transferred from BCSC teaching positions: Jessica Heckman who is leaving her position as Kindergarten Teacher at Eagle Elementary to be Asst. Principal at Reagan Elementary; Katie Bollinger who is leaving her position as 3rd grade teacher at Eagle Elementary to be Asst. Principal at Brown Elementary; and Brandon Hubbell who is leaving his position as 3rd Grade Teacher to be Asst. Principal at Lincoln Elementary.

Shawn Hacker will be leaving his position as East Middle School Principal replacing Barry Gardner as Chief Financial Officer. Adam Poliskie is leaving his position as an Assistant Principal at Brownsburg High School to become the Principal at East Middle School. The new Assistant Principal for the High School has yet to be announced.

Commendations were given to the BHS Choir, BHS Broadcast Students, and Area 31 Students.

## Second Quarter School Board Reports *continued from page 5*

The 'Bel Canto'/'Starlight Voices' were the State Champions in Unisex Choir at the ISSMA State Concert Choir. The Starlight Voices were National Champions at the Heart of America NYC Show Choir Competition. The BHS-TV & Extended Play were State Champions in Live Broadcast. Unfortunately, the names of the seven students present for each of the commendations were not available. The Area 31 Students who attend Ben Davis for vocational training and received Outstanding Student Awards for either the second or third quarter are: Kieran Simmer (TV Broadcasting); Zachary Gilmur (Networking/Computer Technology Support); Kasandra Austin (Graphic Imaging); Wyland Sayre (Automotive Service); Imani Dotson (Graphic Imaging); Theopilia Denardi (Health Science). Four Students received Outstanding Senior Awards: Alyssa Howard (Dental Assisting); Payne Hughes (Welding Technology); Precious Mogaji (Health Science); and Audrey Scott (Graphic Imaging). JoDee Woodruff was named HOSA State EMT Champion. (HOSA- Health Occupations Student Organization > EMT – Emergency Medical Technician)

Mr. Voigt reported on the 2018-2019 Operations Leadership Academy. The academy training goals are to improve staff retention, make jobs more productive, and make jobs more enjoyable. Sixteen employees participated. He also reported on a problem that occurred at a PSG Carnival. Unfortunately, the Health Department was present and uncovered the fact that although the food truck was licensed, the license was not valid in Hendricks County. As a result, the PSG lost the revenue it would have gained in proceeds from food sales. PSG = Parent Support Group.

Ms. Heffernan Brownsburg Education Foundation report was essentially the same as the April report given by Dr. Freije. See the April Board article.

Dr. Jessup explained that BCS were ending early entry for kindergarten students. Students must be five by August 1. No longer will there be exceptions made allowing four-year-old children to enter. This caused some discussion among the Board Members. One concern was that a student might enter kindergarten early in another district or private school and then enter first grade as a five-year-old. BCS prefers not to have children repeat grades. If a student is socially immature or educationally behind, the school would prefer to put the child in the lower grade within the first month of the school year rather than have the child struggle through the entire school year. The child's best interest is always the main consideration.

Board Policies considered: Mr. Voigt presented the first reading for Operations (8000); Mrs. Murphy the second reading for Relations (9000); Dr. Jessup presented the second reading for Students (5000); and Mr. Gardner second reading for Finances (6000) and Property (7000). Mrs. Gordon was present to recommend the approval of the Board Policies for Certified Staff (3000) and Support Staff (4000).

Dr. Jessup recommended that students in the Heritage Hill Subdivision would be assigned to Cardinal Elementary and West Middle School. However, in some future redistricting Hampton and Annsdale could be considered as two separate subdivisions. The homes are being constructed west of the Legacy Park Apartments which are also included in the Heritage Hills Subdivision. Until houses are built in a subdivision no decision is made as to where the students might be assigned. Parents who have a contract to purchase a home in a subdivision but are presently living elsewhere have the choice of sending the student to the school assigned to the subdivision rather than the school where the family is temporarily residing. However, transportation is only provided to the school in the area where the family is temporarily residing. Some parents opt to have the child change schools when the new home is occupied.

Recommendation to approve Use of Facilities and to Award Construction Contracts were presented by Mr. Voigt. The Use of

Facilities document contained some wording changes along with updated fees. The Construction Contracts were for bleachers for Cardinal Elementary, Building Management System Replacement, and Network Infrastructure Upgrades. Mr. Voigt and Mrs. Ryan recommended approval of the Nutrition Services Budget. There was some discussion of the satellite serving services which will be implemented for BHS this fall. (Brown Elementary will provide hot entrees; West Middle will provide hot sandwiches; Reagan Elementary will provide side dishes; and East Middle will provide cold entrees. Meals will be increased by \$0.05. In price comparison with Hendricks County Schools and like-sized state school corporations BCS are easily within a 10% differential.

The comments from Dr. Snapp and Board Members did not cover anything not pertaining to the meeting. There were the usual credits to various staff and organizations before the meeting adjourned.

### **BCSC Board Meeting: June 10, 2019**

Because this article does not usually report on the cost of having an outstanding school corporation, this writer decided to look this month. Take a deep breath! The total approved by the Board to be paid for May 9, 2019 through June 5, 2019 is slightly over \$6.5 million. I do hope this fact does not stir up the money counters who look only at a bottom line and attempt to pare it down. 'If it aint broken don't fix it!'

The filling of job slots continues. Dale Shape will be replacing the position vacated by Adam Poliske. As Asst. Principal at Brownsburg High School, Mr. Sharpe will be overseeing the freshman class, referred to as Team 2023' the year the students will graduate. His first task will probably be to learn the names of everyone in the freshman class. Yes, I believe this is a requirement of assistant principals at BHS. Emily Cochran left her position as a West Middle School Language Arts Teacher to become WMS Asst. Principal. (*When looking at the information provided by BCSC, I noticed the comment 'salary to be determined once 2019-20 salaries are established'. The President of the Brownsburg Classroom Association was seated behind me. I asked Christianne Beebe why this was. She said BCSC*

*had to wait until the State of Indiana released the figures the schools will receive. This will not occur until September 15, 2019. Mind you, the certified staff {teachers, administrators} will be working 2 weeks or more with no idea of the exact amount of their salary. Would you, as an employee, accept this?})*



Pierce Thomas

There was one commendation given at this meeting. Sophomore Pierce Thomas was the IHSAA Boys State Long Jump Champion. At the same meet he was part of the 4X100 Relay Team that placed 3rd. He also placed 8th in the 200. (Pictured left)

Following the commendation' Mr. Voigt gave the Operations Report. First, BCSC detected and reacted to three cyber-attacks. The first occurred in June 2018 which was the most evasive because more people opened it. The email was entitled 'BCSC Award Nominations'. With the education of employees, the others in December 2018 and May 21, 2019 had much fewer users click on the link. The most current was entitled; Handbook Updates'. (*I wonder where that title came from?}) Second, Mr. Voigt reported on the road closures and future planned road closures. Northfield Drive at CR400 and Hornaday Rd. at CR300 will be closed until July 31, 2019. Green at Locus in the center of town is scheduled to be opened in July 2019. The Town did ask Mr. Voigt which was preferable: closing a road before the end of the school term or at the beginning of the school term. Mr. Voigt said the preference was before the end of a school term because all were familiar with routes.*

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Mr. Voigt also briefly mentioned adjustments to the organization of BCSC Facility Services and the Operations Handbook.

Dr. Freije gave the Brownsburg Education Foundation Report in the absence of Ms. Heffernan. Upcoming events: Golf Outing, Summer Reading Challenge for students, and Grant Application submission by staff. BEF is also supporting, in conjunction with Duke Energy, the Bulldog Book Bus which will weekly visit seven locations during summer vacation. The schedule and locations can be found on the BEF web site available from BCSC web site under 'About Us' tab.

Dr. Jessup listed the available elementary classrooms. Most schools lost one classroom for the coming school year because of increases in enrollment. This number is watched carefully because it takes 2 years from conception to build and equip an elementary school. Board member, Mr. Hylton, questioned kindergarten enrollment, on-line enrollment and class sizes.

While on the topic of elementary schools, the last piece of business for this meeting was the announcement of the name of the future 8th elementary school. This information was the final item of New Business. The fourth-grade students were tasked with coming up with a name for the net elementary school and writing an essay supporting the name. After reading all the essays, the Board chose Crossroads Elementary.

The approval of BCSC Board Policies and Handbooks continue. Board Polices pertaining to Students (5000) and Finances (6000) were approved. The second reading for Board Policies on Operations (8000) and Relations (9000) took place. The first readings for Teacher Handbook (consolidated elementary, middle school, and high school into one handbook); Support Staff Handbook; BCSC PD Handbook (*Having written commercial insurance software my immediate thought was Property Damage. But comments from Mr. Voigt set me straight. PD when used by BCSC means Police Department!*); and the Transportation Handbook.

New Business consisted of eight recommendations for approval from the Board. (*I only give the outcome of a vote if there is dissension which is rather infrequent.*) Dr. Jessup recommended approval of the Elementary, Middle School, and High School Textbook Rental for the 2019-2020 schoolyear. (Dr. Jessup stated the cost of the rental fees were always a consideration. Language Art Book were more expensive than the previous books. One overall figure is impossible to give.) Mrs. Ryan recommended approvals of the Nutrition Services Produce Contract and Nutrition Services Food and Supply Contracts. The contracts are issued annually but the venders understand the contract is understood to be valid for five years. Mr. Hylton had questions for Mrs. Ryan. (*I was unable to understand the questions or responses but both parties understood each other.*) Dr. Snapp recommended the Board appoint Shan Hacker as Corporation Treasurer and Purchasing Agent and as Representative to the Brownsburg Redevelopment Commission.

After the approval of the name Crossroads Elementary, Dr. Snapp and the Board made final comments. Chief Financial Officer Barry Gardner was given 'good job done and good luck'. (*I am saddened by the in-on-year and out-the-next this position has. It may be two years, but whatever. Marvin Ward held the job for years. Is the stress of the job so great that the past two officers left so soon?*)

The meeting lasted less than an hour. I wish I could write this article in that amount of time.--Anne Sering



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## Second Quarter Town Council

### Town Council Meeting - April 11, 2019

The meeting was opened by President, Brian Jessen. Members present were Brian Jessen, Dennis Dawes, Travis Tschaenn, and Chris Worley. Ashley Bacsu was not present during the meeting. The meeting was immediately opened to citizen comments regarding the meeting agenda, there were none. Consent of items from the March 28, 2019 meeting were presented with a motion to approve Civil Town and Fire Territory Claim Dockets through April 11, 2019 in the amount of \$3,179,787.21. The motion was passed.

The meeting moved to reports from Commissions and Boards. Todd Barker, the Director of Development Services presented a new development for a restaurant, Dickie's BBQ Pit, which will be located just in front of the Brownsburg movie theater on the North side of town. Per Director Barker, construction is scheduled to start later this summer. Director Barker, stated the Plan Commission received a drafted version of the comprehensive plan update should have a final draft available this month (April) and at that time, it will be forwarded to the Council for review.

Travis Tranbarger, Director of Parks, presented exciting news that Arbuckle Acres will receive a new piece of equipment for the Little Tikes playground. This piece will be themed around a farmer's market, firehouse and a residential home. Staff also made the board aware a grant of \$20k was received from DNR and will be applied towards the Park's urban forestry management plan. This will further the efforts of making Brownsburg a Tree City, USA. Brian Jessen asked if there were plans to place a net around Diamond Two to prevent baseballs from striking The Arbuckle. Director Tranbarger advised they are currently installing the poles and nets have been ordered.

Moving forward to Town Administrative items, Claudine Sutton, Town HR Manager; the Town is currently in month four of transitioning to using UMR for healthcare needs. She spoke of some growing pains the Fire Territory has had with this transition. Brian Jessen did ask if there was any outreach to the Brownsburg Fire Territory done to talk about the proposed changes. It was explained when the changes were proposed, the Fire Territory was not included in those meetings. Claudine also announced that HR is in the process of drafting updates to the Employee Handbook. Currently, Town University has been very successful, and they have classes scheduled through the month of July.

The meeting moved to previously considered items. Director Barker presented two ordinances. Ordinance #2019-05 is to annex real estate into the Town of Brownsburg. This is a Petition for Voluntary Annexation for 1422 E. Main St. This property is currently zoned as a house but is being proposed as the Administrative Offices for K1ds Count. Motion for approval on the 3rd reading and final adoption was passed. Ordinance #2019-06 is Petition for Voluntary Annexation for approximately 19.12 acres into the Town of Brownsburg at 5475

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N CR 600 E. Drees Premier Homes has proposed this parcel for Autumn Glen, a 38 lot sub-division. A public hearing was opened, no comments, and closed. Motion to approve on the 2nd reading was passed. In relation to this ordinance, Resolution #2019-08 passed a motion to approve the adoption of the fiscal plan for the annexation.

For items new for consideration, Director Tranbarger presented Resolution # 2019-07, a Request approval of the Master Plan for Brownsburg Parks Department. Director Tranbarger introduced Leon Younger with Pros Consulting who presented the Parks Board Five-Year Strategic Master Plan. The plan includes a connected trail system, a new park north of I-74, a multi-generational community center with aquatic center, Tague property development, a way to solidify the infra-structure and maintain current assets, and a dedicated funding source. A motion to approve was passed. Questions were asked by Dennis Dawes in regard to an update on the recreation center. Director Tranbarger explained there was a public hearing on March 6th and the next step are design workshops at the end of April at the Fire Territory Headquarters. Mr. Dawes also advised during Town Council items that the approval of the Park's Strategic Master Plan does not mean a multi-generational rec center has been approved. He explained they are only approving the plan that the Town will continue to review the viability of a rec center. *\*\*\*Author's Note: This has been an ongoing discussion between the Town and the Park's Board for quite some time. Unfortunately, it appears the Town is still dragging their feet on the approval of such a center. This concern has been brought up in both Park Board meetings, as well as Town meetings.*

Director Tranbarger announced that the Parks Board has approved the Brownsburg Little League Lease for the 2019 year for the four diamonds in Arbuckle Acres. The Board has been working to help the league reconstruct their batting caging. The annual 5% registration fee has been waived for the third year in a row. The motion to approve the Brownsburg Little League Lease was passed.

Town Council items started with recognizing Senior Building Inspector, Frank Wise, as employee of the year. Brian Jessen then discussed the hiring process for a Town Manager. Mr. Jessen explained they are making this a top priority for the council. Mr. Jessen brought up they are currently looking at the inter-local agreement between both Lincoln and Brown Townships. Per discussions, this appears to be well overdue for review. According to comments, the last review was completed in 2002. Mr. Jessen did admit that he and the two trustees have failed to appropriately review the inter-local agreement and they need to focus on doing a better job of this to overcome challenges in the relationship with the Brownsburg Fire Territory. *\*\*\*Author's Note: I, personally, find it extremely disconcerting that a major representative of our town believes there are challenges in equally representing the townships. This is especially felt in the fact that there has been an obvious disconnect and/or negligence in regularly reviewing the inter-local agreement. Most concerning is Mr. Jessen's comments*

which seem to condescend the ability for each township's financial contribution.

Before the meeting was adjourned, it was open for public comment. David Weyant provided his thoughts on the discussion of the inter-local agreement. Mr. Weyant holds many of the same thoughts and concerns as my own notated above. He states that he is disheartened to learn that Brian Jessen, as a representing entity of The Town of Brownsburg, has challenges as a separate but equal partner in the inter-local agreement. Mr. Weyant states that in the past the Trustees have not appropriately reviewed the inter-local agreement to represent the Town (as a whole) to determine if changes need to be made or if the Townships were aligned with the agreement. One example Mr. Weyant brought up is the 2011 Ordinance for the titling of the fire engine was only good for one year. All of the equipment under that ordinance has since been retired and no one has reviewed it in eight years. Mr. Weyant explains that once this information is finally brought to their attention, there is a concern for bias when Mr. Jessen states that there is a challenge ahead. Mr. Weyant is requesting that Mr. Jessen put that challenge aside and look at everything in the perspective of what the inter-local agreement stands for and represents. Mr. Jessen had nothing to add, aside from remarking he stands by his comments in that there are challenges ahead. - *DJ Huffman*

### Town Council Meeting - April 25, 2019

The Town Council meeting for April 25, 2019 was opened by President, Brian Jessen. Members present were Brian Jessen, Dennis Dawes, and Ashley Bacsu. Travis Tschann was not present during the meeting. Mr. Jessen advised the Council had received three nominations for appointment to the Brownsburg Improvement Committee. Recommendations were Jennifer Mulligan, Barry Francis and Joe Dunbar. A motion to approve the nominations was passed. The meeting was immediately opened to citizen comments regarding the meeting agenda, there were none. Consent of items from the April 11, 2019 meeting were presented with a motion to approve Civil Town and Fire Territory Claim Dockets through April 25, 2019 in the amount of \$1,022,133.17. The motion was passed.

The meeting moved to reports from Commissions and Boards. Chief Joseph Grimes of the BPD presented the Operation and Support Division report. The Department has recently sworn in three new officers which brings the Department to a total of 49 sworn officers. Interim Town Manager, Brian Hartsell, requested a motion to approve the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County Indiana and Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District lease for the recycling center on Mardale. Mr. Hartsell advised the lease is similar to the expiring lease, with an addition of a "Termination Without Cause" of 120-day notice. Motion to approve was passed.

Before the meeting was adjourned, it was open for public comment. There were none. - *DJ Huffman*

### Town Council Meeting - May 9, 2019

The Town Council meeting for May 9, 2019 was opened by President, Brian Jessen. Members present were Brian Jessen, Dennis Dawes, Travis Tschann, Ashley Bacsu and Chris Worley. The meeting was immediately opened to citizen comments regarding the meeting agenda. Bill Sibbing approached the council with comments in regard to item 10.04 with the document in regards to the park packet for the Green Street reconstruction. Mr. Sibbing requested on if there were bids placed for this project. He also inquired as to why the Town is not continuing the three travel lanes from Main Street to Hyde Park. Finally, he requested to know which fund this project would be coming from. Consent of items from the April 25, 2019 meeting were presented with a motion to approve Civil Town and Fire Territory Claim Dockets through May 9, 2019 in the amount of \$2,547,492.03. The motion was passed.

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The meeting moved to previously considered items. Ordinance #2019-06 is Petition for Voluntary Annexation for approximately 19.12 acres into the Town of Brownsburg at 5475 N CR 600 E. Drees Premier Homes has proposed this parcel for Autumn Glen, a 38 lot sub-division. There was an amendment added to this was that the primary plat could not be submitted until the agreement with Citizen's Water is not finalized by December 31, 2019. The final adoption and amendment passed.

Next the council reviewed with interim Manager, Brian Hartsell, item 10.01, a Motion to Approve Real and Personal Annual Tax Deduction/ Abatement Review and Compliance Report. The report was presented to the Economic Development Commission and approved. They are still waiting for Maplehurst to file for their appeal and an additional development and construction. The motion to pass from the council was approved.

Moving onto item 10.02 for a Request to Approve temporary beer and wine permits. Travis Tranbarger, Director of Parks, presented this new policy. There has been an increase of requests for events to have permits to serve beer and wine. There have been several surveys sent out for this request, with the most recent survey showing that 80% of responders are in favor of the policy and permits. There were some questions on if the applicant of the permit would require signatures from both Town Police and Excise Police. Travis explained the signatures are required before they are able to submit the application for the temporary permit from the State of Indiana. Once they receive a permit from the State, it can then be submitted to the Town. There was concern on if multiple events were to be held across the town while this would stretch police coverage too much. Travis explained that the application must be brought to the police department, so they can weigh in and manage time and resources. The motion was moved for approval and was passed. This also led into item 10.03, Ordinance # 2019-09 relating the consumption of alcohol on Town Property. This item was also passed.

The next item 10.04 was a Motion to authorize the Town to continue with the design contract for South Green St. This would go from 136 to Hyde Park Row. Jonathan Blake, Assistant Parks Director, explained the MPO has committed \$5.7 million for the 2023 fiscal year. This project does not require bidding, which answers Mr. Sibbing's question earlier when comments were opened. The project will require consultants and Shrewsbury & Associates have currently been selected. This project will have a travel lane in each direction as well as a center turn lane. The company selected for this design is not the same company who designed the project from 56th St to Main St. Jonathan explained that this process goes through INDOT and is not a fee-based process. This means they must choose based on qualification standards. The motion was moved to approve and passed.

The big announcement of the night was item 13.01, for the consideration and appointment of a new Town Manager. Brian Jessen requested consideration for a new Town Manager, Jeff Eder. Mr. Jessen explains that Jeff brings a wealth of knowledge to this role. His most recent post was with the City of East Peoria. He also served as the City Administrator from 2016 to 2018. Mr. Eder has over 20 years of experience in the field of municipal government and administration. Prior to his position with East Peoria, he served as the Assistant City Manager, Community and Economic Developer for the City of Rock Island, IL. He also served as the Director of Community Development, Planning and Development of Economic Development for the Village of Franklin Park, IL. Jeff obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning and Development from Ball State University in 1993 and his Master's in Business Administration in 1997 from IU. Mr. Eder was chosen due to his work ethic and past experience and education. Mr. Jessen then requested that Jeff Eder be appointed as Town Manager for the Town of Brownsburg. The motion was approved.

Moving the meeting to Citizen Comments. John Rabold brought forward concerns of the widening of Green Street and its. Currently, the project is set to be paid for through TIF funds. His concerns are the TIF funds are already running thin as it has been saturated by other projects. Next David Weyant spoke, to which Mr. Jessen immediately responded to his presence in that "it wouldn't be a council meeting (if David did not speak)". **\*\*\*REPORTER NOTES: This type of response is completely uncalled for and a further representation of how the council, specifically Mr. Jessen seems to be annoyed with citizen involvement and concern. While the council proclaims frustration with lack of involvement from it's citizens, they also publicly show annoyance when others become involved. Mr. Jessen has proven, once again, his lack of ability to show professionalism in his role. \*\*\*** David did tie into what Mr. Rabold had brought up in concerns about the audio system in the Town room so that all citizens could hear better during meetings. These items did have funds set aside for upgrades to the system and he would like to see those items completed.

No further comments or items were addressed and the meeting was adjourned. - DJ Huffman

### Town Council Meeting - May 23, 2019

The Town Council meeting for May 23, 2019 was opened by President, Brian Jessen. Members present were Brian Jessen, Dennis Dawes, Travis Tschaenn, and Chris Worley. Ashley Bascu was not present. The meeting was immediately opened to citizen comments regarding the meeting agenda. John Rabold addressed the Council in regards to item 10.02 on the agenda. Mr. Rabold states the Town spent a large amount of money for this item to go through, however, now they have empty seats for a plan to be approved with no one to represent it. Mr. Rabold wants to know if there will be an active EDC Director for RFPs or if the Town will continue to ignore the problem. Consent of items from the May 9, 2019 meeting were presented with a motion to approve Civil Town and Fire Territory Claim Dockets through May 23, 2019 in the amount of \$1,121,217.90. The motion was passed.

The meeting then moved to reports from commissions and boards. Chief Joe Grimes presented the Police Department Report. Recently, Mogan Culley was hired as the Civilian Investigations Division Assistant and all efforts in recruitments for the Reserve Division have been successful. There are now three new full time officers conducting mandated training and will begin training with the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy at the end of May. The Department is also working together with the BCSC Police for the Night Out Against Crime which is anticipated to be held on October 1st. Chief Ryan Miller of the Brownsburg Fire Territory announced they are completing a 10-week recruitment academy and three new members will be sworn in at the end of the month.

Travis Tranbarger, the Director of Parks provided an update on the Community Center pre-design. *cont. to pg. 10*



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There was an interactive workshop for the design held in April. During the workshop, community members had the opportunity to review the design and programs the community had developed in the past. They provided insight for what programs and amenities are most desirable. The work they did allowed them to unveil a 3D rendering of what the center could possibly look like. A final presentation will be presented to Council in October.

Moving onto new items for consideration. Item 10.01 was discussed as the U.S. Census Bureau is requesting formation of the 2020 Complete Court Committee. All four present council members consented to participation. Item 10.02 was presented by Interim Manager, Brian Hartsell. He stated that the Economic Development Strategic Plan focuses on Main Street and Ronald Reagan Parkway. Carly Petersen represented Houseal Lavigne Associates providing an overview of the plan. It was noted that this would take approximately five to ten years to complete. The objectives of this plan are to support businesses, invest in workforce, strengthen the tax base and focus on key business sectors to market the Town. The motion from resolution #2019-09 was passed.

Moving the meeting to Citizen Comments. David Weyant came forward to address the council. Just as in the last meeting, Mr. Jessen made an exasperated comment in reference to Mr. Weyant coming forward during public comments, which as stated in my prior editor's comments, is uncalled for and shows a strong inability to show professionalism. Mr. Weyant asked if Mr. Jessen would repeat and/or clarify the discussion to include the operational reports into the consent items. Mr. Jessen explained his suggestion was that the Town Administrative items would just enter into the consent items rather than the departments present oral reports to the council.

\*\*\*REPORTER'S NOTES: This is extremely disconcerting as it brings the Town closer to the formation of a City. This also provides departments no ability to be transparent to the public.\*\*\* Mr. Weyant responded to Mr. Jessen's clarification by requesting the council disparage Mr. Jessen's request. He brought up many of the same concerns I, too, have. He states that this reduces transparency to the council as well as the public. He explains this also eliminates the ability for the public to hear questions and answers in regards to the reports. He explains this also eliminates the potential for efficiencies gained through questions and answers between Department Heads. Finally, he states that these reports and discussions are vital to the public record. By eliminating these agenda items, it removes a significant portion of history from the public record. He explains this will further erode public trust. Mr. Jessen responded stating that he just wants the items to be put into the consent items and in the packets. However, he believes this will limit Department's time spent in the meetings. Mr. Weyant, again, repeated his concerns. (REPORTER'S OPINION: HIS CONCERNS ARE VALID!). Next, he moved onto concerns about the intense level of caution the council has taken in regard to the future possibility of a town recreation center. He states it is odd that those in charge of Town monies have not set aside a portion

of funding mechanisms to allow the Town to contribute their fair share to this project. \*\*\*REPORTER'S NOTE: The Town has been giving a six year period on this from surveys in years past. However, in that six year time period, the Town has yet to set aside the funds for an item highly requested for by the public.\*\*\* Mr. Weyant explains that the Town has overlooked the issues on funding for the recreation center. Mr. Weyant also brought up concerns about how long it is taking for changes in the employee handbook; including social media use by Town employees. Mr. Jessen responded in that they are still making the changes. Mr. Weyant expressed this has been the response for an unreasonable amount of time and wanted a time frame as to when these items would be completed. Again, Mr. Jessen just stated they were still making changes. No further comments or items were addressed and the meeting was adjourned. - DJ Huffman

### Town Council Meeting – June 13, 2019

The Town Council meeting for June 13, 2019 was opened by President, Brian Jessen. Members present were Brian Jessen, Dennis Dawes, Travis Tschaenn, Ashley Bascu and Chris Worley. The meeting was immediately opened to citizen comments regarding the meeting agenda. There were none. Consent of items from the May 23, 2019 meeting were presented with a motion to approve Civil Town and Fire Territory Claim Dockets through June 13, 2019 in the amount of \$2,948,942.17. The motion was passed.

The meeting then moved to reports from commissions and boards. Travis Tranbarger, the Director of Parks thanked the Brownsburg Fire Territory as well as the Brownsburg Police Department for their participation in the Biking in the Burbs event which promoted trail safety. Travis stated they are actively working on installing security cameras throughout Arbuckle Park and thanked the community for their help in the recent vandalism which occurred at Williams Park. The splash pad was able to be cleaned up in a time frame which allowed it to open in time for the season.

The meeting then moved to Town administrative items. The biggest item to note in this were capital projects updates. Green Street construction is scheduled to complete on Friday, June 14th, and a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for June 17th at 4PM. Hornaday Rd and CR 300N round-a-bout construction began on June 1st and is expected to complete on July 31st. The plan is to also open the round-a-bout at Northfield Dr. and Airport Rd. as well. Traffic lights for the intersection at Wild Ridge Blvd. and 56th St. are scheduled for installation on July 15th. The Town is currently working on designs for the round-a-bout at Airport Rd. and Hornaday, Green St. and Airport Rd, the CR 700 re-construction project, the South Green St. project and the Airport Rd. and Ronald Reagan intersection. Questions were brought up about the frustrations residents have felt in regard to so many construction projects occurring at one time. It was stated that the fiscal year determined these projects due to federal funding as well as needing to take advantage of construction season.

Moving onto new items for consideration. Ordinance #2019-13 to rezone approximately 4.92 acres located off of Patrick Place and Northfield Dr. This will change zoning for General Commercial to High Density Multi Family. This project is expected to have approximately 60 multi-family units as well as a community clubhouse. The project is expected to provide housing for those with an income range of \$20k-\$63k annually. It was presented that this plan is consistent with surrounding areas and the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The current budget for the community is \$12.5 million. Concerns on if the schools would receive any benefit from this community were brought up as well as concerns with how these homes may affect property values. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote, with Brian Jessen opposing the project.

Finally, the meeting closed with Citizen Comments. Sabrina Graham spoke in regard to the North Annexation the Indiana Supreme Court  
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issued a ruling against the Town's attempt for annexation on June 5th, 2019. Sabrina announced they do intend on filing a motion against the Town to recover costs, including attorney costs. Sabrina expressed her disappointment in the Town with the amount of time and tax payer money wasted in what was clearly a losing battle. She suggested that in the future, the Town consider their opposition rather than listen to legal counsel who appear to have the idea that all legal battles will win if enough money is used. Sabrina explained the hearing for the annexation had hundreds of people in opposition, however that opposition fell upon deaf ears. It has become obvious that the number of people opposing has no effect on whether the Town will pass an ordinance. This outcome was the main reason hundreds of people were not present for the 2018-14 Ordinance regarding buyer protection fees to outside water users. This fee does not go to the water territory and those living outside of corporate limits are already paying higher fees for water use. There will be a petition filed for a re-hearing to fight against this fee. The Town has paid \$200k in taxpayer dollars to have this ordinance passed.

Kurt Disser also spoke in regard to the North Annexation. He asked the Council if they have any attentions of conversing with them about what has happened in the last six years. He also expressed concerns in that the attorney who represented the Town is still getting paid and sought after for current and future legal needs. He asked the Town to please listen more to what the People are demanding. He also brought up the amount of money spent on attorneys to do interviews for the new Town Manager, which was over \$100k. He believes this seems excessive as the Council should have been the ones conducting the interviews. He closed stating that the Council should be making statements to the public in regard to this issue. It was clarified to Kurt that the consent items were mis-labeled, and the monies spent for attorneys was not for Town Manager interviews.

Finally, David Weyant spoke about the meeting for the apartments off of CR 900 and 56th St which he and Brian Jessen both attended the County Planning Commission meeting. He explained the item was tabled and not discussed. He expressed his gratitude to the County Planning Commission for the attention to the residents of the county and their concerns. He explained how this fosters a relationship of trust and understanding with these residents. The County Planning Commission then presented resident concerns to the petitioner in even greater detail than the residents had presented which further proves the commission is actively listening and involved in resident concerns. He then spoke about the recent tragic accident involving a motorcycle rider and vehicle. He explained how members of the community immediately jumped in to direct traffic and perform CPR. Shortly thereafter the BPD and BFT arrived on scene. He not only commended first responders for their efforts, but especially the residents of the Town. He explained how they rendered aid and did not stop even after first responders arrived and left with no recognition given. He explained that people like this is what makes Brownsburg unique and maintains a small town feel. Brian added that the apartment project is for a 60 unit community. The area is on the outskirts of town limits and he spoke to the fire chief and school superintendent about their concerns. He does plan to attend the next meeting in regards to this project. No further comments or items were addressed, and the meeting was adjourned. - *DJ Huffman*

**The Town Council meeting for June 27, 2019** was opened by President, Brian Jessen. Members present were Brian Jessen, Dennis Dawes, Travis Tschaenn, Ashley Basco and Chris Worley. The meeting was immediately opened to citizen comments regarding the meeting agenda. There were none. Consent of items from the June 13, 2019 meeting were presented with a motion to approve Civil Town and Fire Territory Claim Dockets through June 27, 2019 in the amount of \$3,543,744.78. The motion was passed. The Council reviewed the request to appoint Shane Hagger to the Brownsburg School Board of

Trustees for the Redevelopment Commission. Motion was approved.

The meeting then moved to reports from commissions and boards. Major Watts of the Brownsburg Police Department presented the operations report. Major Watts explained the victim advocate position. This position provides a resource for victims to have the gap bridged between the time a report is filed and investigations begin.

Moving onto old items for consideration. Ordinance #2019-12 was presented for final adoption for voluntary annexation of real estate located at 4080 N. State Rd 267. The petitioner is requesting this area be zoned as a general agriculture district. The motion for final adoption was passed.

Moving forward to new items for consideration. Resolution #2019-14, a resolution of the Town Council and Town of Brownsburg Hendricks County, approving additional appropriations. Brian Hartsell explained this appropriation relates to the 2018 Bonds for the Northfield Drive project from 300N to Airport Rd. The Town had approved a reimbursement for certain expenses associated with this project. This resolution is to appropriate a portion of the \$826,568 reimbursement to the Town to assist with the Town's matching of federal funded projects as well as to pay for change orders, including the accelerated schedule, associated with the North Green Street project. The appropriation would approve the following: \$110k for the design of the Green St and Airport Rd round-a-bout, \$225,079 for the design of the CR 700N reconstruction, and \$100k for North Green St change orders. This appropriation will also include a special one-time 2019 LIT distribution of \$372,821 and \$219,163 to the water intertie project. The resolution also states the 2011-2012 SRF loan that financed the Arbuckle Water Plant project had been over-funded by the required annual payments previously set forth. As a result, over \$435k is available in the bond and interest account that has been requested from the State Revolving Fund to be released back to the Town. The amount would be \$460k to water for the intertie project and chlorine rectifier. Brian Hartsell submitted the request and the resolution was approved.

A presentation on the updated water master plan. Currently they have records of 9500 customers with approximately 9100 active bills each month. They presented the future service areas for long-term grown in the next 10-20 years and near-term in the next 10 years. The presentation provided information on the total water system safe capacity at 20 hours a day and the peak design capacity with a maximum pump of 24 hours a day. The plan projects that the average water storage for the years 2029-2033 will be greater than 3.0 MGD a day compared to the current need of 2.24 MGD a day. The plan currently projects an additional 300 customers a year for the years 2019 and 2020 due to multi-family projects in progress as well as an additional 1,394 lots planned for the next one to eight years. The plan projects an additional 200 customers will be added per year from the years 2021-2039 with a total projected customer growth to 13,500 in the year 2039. The short-term project is estimated to cost between \$700k to \$900k. The total Capital Improvement Project budget totals \$3.029 million through the year 2024.

Next, Jonathan Blake of the Parks Board presented the Acuity Monitoring Well and Access Agreement for the Council to approve. Acuity Environmental Solutions is performing an environmental assessment for the location at 136 N. Grant St. This is pursuant to the requirements of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). In order for the Town to be in compliance with the IDEM, AcuityES is required to install a ground water monitoring well within Arbuckle Acres. This will allow AcuityES to conduct ground water sampling and lab testing to determine if any contamination of hazardous materials have leached onto Arbuckle property from C.F. Roark Welding and Engineering. Motion to approve the agreement was passed. Meeting was adjourned. - *DJ Huffman*

### In Loving Memory



James Earl Brummett, Entered into Heaven on Saturday, June 22, 2019, after a short battle with Cancer in Auburndale Florida. He married Paula Kay (Fultz) Brummett on January 10, 1976 at Speedway Baptist Church. He had been a member of Bethesda Baptist Church in Brownsburg, where he helped with the bus ministry for many years and served as a deacon. He attended Connection Pointe Church where he volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. James had a love for people and also bicycling.

He would ride his bike miles a day sharing the word of God with those he would meet along the road. He had a love for cars, he enjoyed repairing them for himself and for others. He had an eye for doing fine detailed painting. He enjoyed working around the house and in his garage. He used his love for working on cars to teach his children how to fix cars. He would show them how to fix the car and then take it back apart and have them do it. He did the same with painting cars. He was a perfectionist and if he saw anything wrong with their painting he would have them sand it down and re-do the paint job. He wanted his children to have skills that would give them a job even if the apocalypse happened. He was a loving husband and father and grandfather and great-grandfather and friend to many. He was a hard worker. He had a great love for Jesus. He lead his family to faith in Christ. Funeral services were held on June 29, 2019. He was laid to rest at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis-*The Brummett Family*

### In Loving Memory



Douglas Craig Butler, 57, of Brownsburg, IN passed away on May 27, 2019. He was born on March 26, 1962 in Bloomington, IL. He is preceded in death by his father, Richard Wykoff. He is survived by his mother, Marlene Wykoff; son, Chris (Stephanie) Butler, brothers, David (Becki) Butler and Denny (Tina) Butler; grandchildren, Garrett Butler and Delilah Butler; and several step-siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Doug was a residential contractor for 30 years and could build anything. He was an enthusiast fisherman and loved sanctuary's for wolves. Doug loved hanging out with his brothers, riding motorcycles and 4 wheeling in his Jeep. He loved listening to music, especially Bob Segar and Eric Clapton. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing the drums and playing pool.

Doug was diagnosed with stage 4 lung, lymph node and bone cancer in March 2019. Special thanks to IU West Hospital, Life's Journey and Kindred Hospice of Avon, IN for all of their assistance in caring for Doug in his final days. -- *The Butler Family*

### In Loving Memory



Robert A Schreier, age 65, passed away Saturday, June 29, 2019 with his wife by his side. Born in Juneau, Alaska on September 25, 1953, he was the son of the late Robert and Irene (Watson) Schreier. His son, George Schreier also preceded him in death in 2016 which took a toll on Bob. He grew up and went to school at St. Malachy and Brownsburg High School where he loved playing football and baseball. He held a BS Degree from IU in Finance, worked as a Stockbroker for many years and was a proud Navy veteran of the

Vietnam War. He enjoyed many beach vacations with his family, which was Bob's favorite place to be. He married Maryn in 1980 and have been happily married for 39 years. She survives. Other survivors include his step children that he helped raise, Joel Hand and Tara Deppert. He loved watching his kids play sports and seldom missed any games. Bob was a very proud father and Grandfather of 5: Maizie, Mckinzie, Quinton, Chandler and Logan and spoke often of their accomplishments'. Also surviving are Bob's siblings: Jerome Schreier, Susan Rist, Nancy Barker, Jimmy Schreier, and Michael Schreier. Bob loved his family and friends dearly and will be missed. - *The Schreier Family*

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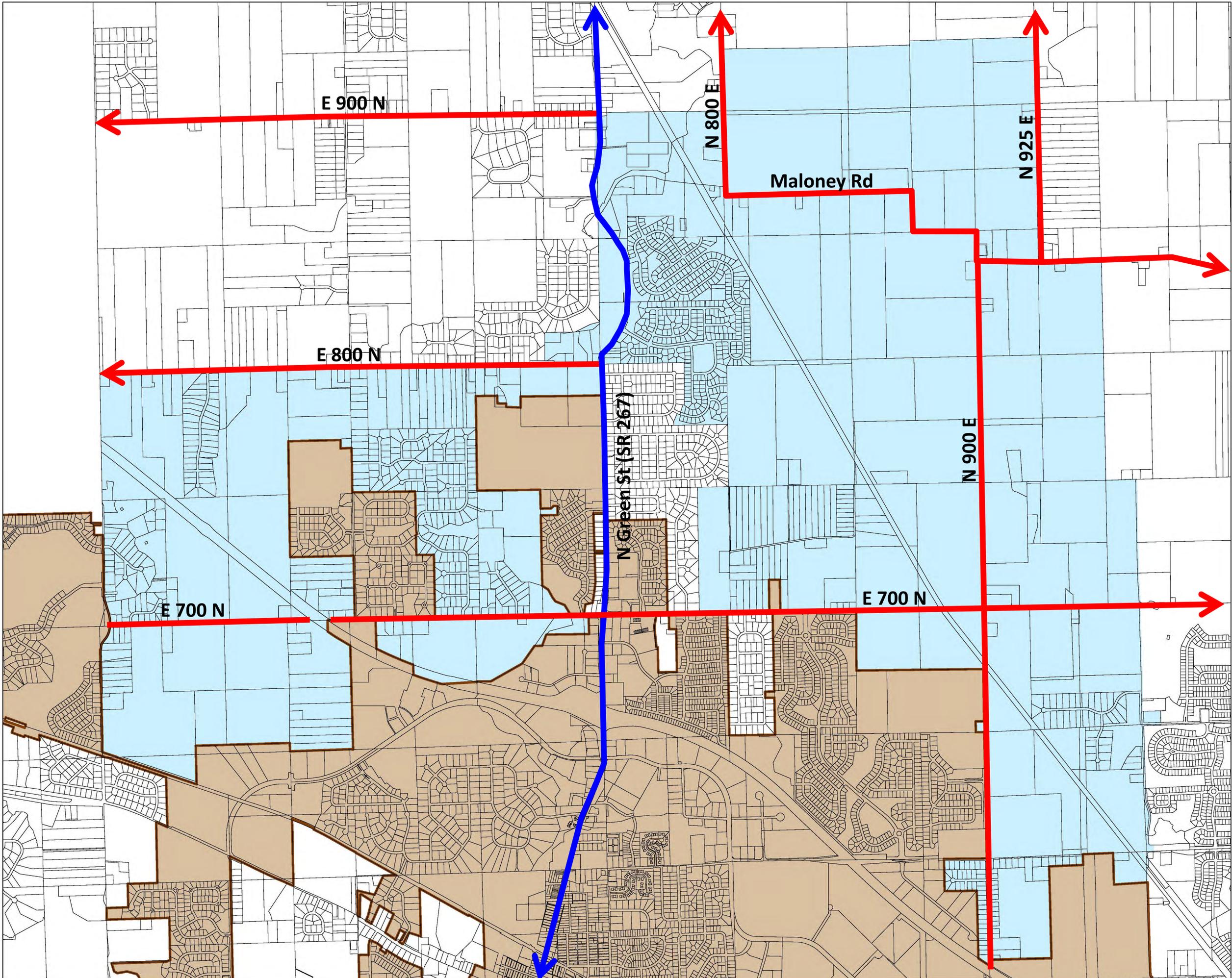
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