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2018 Town Budget Monopoly

September Town Council Highlights

September 14, 2017

A special meeting was held with the Hendricks County Commissioners to discuss the Ronald Reagan Parkway expansion. The county has already created a TIF district along the Ronald Reagan Parkway from 56th street to the Boone County line. The funding will be handled by the TIF district and trying for an INFRA grant from the federal highway department from 56th to 1000N. The grant will pay about 60%. They are also working with INDOT but that funding would not kick in until 2019. The county is currently covering design and expenses by cash. As far as the timeline for Phase 1A and 1B, the county could be ready for bidding on Phase 1A by May 2018 and 1B for the fall of 2018. Slowest part of the project is getting the right-a-ways. The county is acquiring enough right-a- way to do over or under round-a-bouts, at some point in the future, at the intersections. There will be a overpass over the railroad tracks at 700N and 900E because the CSX railroad will not approve a regular train crossing with a four lane highway. The town raised a concern with the exit to 900 East from Hession Farms and Fields and the county said they would look at what could be done to keep the access to the north/south corridor. None of the current path of the road from 56th and to the Boone County line is part of the Town of Brownsburg. An interlocal agreement will be needed between the County and Brownsburg to take care of issues like drainage, utilities and trails. *(See Ronald Reagan Map Page 3 Left)*



Sept. 14 - Regular Town Council

Ms. Bascu opened the meeting and indicated that all members were present. Citizen's comments relating to agenda brought Jim Sering to the podium to give a history lesson about the Heritage Hills development. When it came up through the APC several years ago, they wanted to be annexed but did not because they did not want to build to the town's specification so the developer went to the County for approval. Now they are coming back asking to be town streets instead of private and it was passed by the APC without many questions. The town council needs to be wary of the proposal. Next up was the commander of the Young Marines asking for the Town to proclaim the last week of October as Red Ribbon week for a healthy life.

There was no Old Business this evening, most of the meeting was focused on the first reading of the 2018 Town of Brownsburg and Fire Territory Budget. The Town Manager presented a budget which was approximately 1.3% higher

2018 Budget
\$51.6 Million
\$2.7 Million Increase
or 5.53 % Over 2017

2018 Town Budget Highlights at a Glance

Funds that support town operations

- 1) General Fund is increasing 1.95%
- 2) Motor Vehicle Highway Fund is increasing 23.05%
- 3) Parks Non-reverting is decreasing by - 6.18%
- 4) Park Impact Fees are decreasing by -76.96%
- 5) RDC Fund Budget is decreasing by -21.91%
- 6) LOIT Special distribution 257 is decreasing by -5.45%
- 7) Food & Beverage is decreasing by -15.83%
- 8) Rainy Day Fund Budget is decreasing by -80.49%

Capital Project Funds

- 1) CCI Fund is decreasing by -75.94%
- 2) EDIT fund is increasing by 85.35 %
- 3) Local Road & Bridge that is funded with approx.\$2.1 M dollars

The Final Total is a 5.53% overall increase or 2.7 Million dollars

The Major impacts to the budget are:

- 1) The expansion of Thornburg Parkway through the Cardinal Park
- 2) The purchase of 8 police cars and replacing a dump truck
- 3) Water Fund incr. in Other Srvcs & Chgs related to rehab work at backwash water pond & at 3 wells
- 4) Decr. in the stormwater fund to a decrease in consulting fees
- 5) Incr. the wastewater fund partially due to the WWTP proj.
- 6) 22% decr. in RDC due to the outlays for the downtown proj.
- 7) 85% increase due to expenditures for the downtown proj.

The 2018 Capital Projects total 8.4M and are the following:

- 1) Cardinal Park & RTP Trail 1.35 M funded by Park Impact Fee, MVH fund, Stormwater & a spec. appropriation
- 2) Enderly Ave & Mill Street 1.1 M funded by GO Bond & Grant
- 3) Arbuckle Commons 1.675M funded by GO Bond and developer
- 4) Green Street Widening 3.18M funded by the LOIT fund
- 5) Northfield Drive from 300S to 400S cost TBD funded by a bond
- 6) Sidewalk connectivity ADA Ramps 150K funded by MVH fund
- 7) Northfield East from 56th to Green Street 1.0 M funded by Community Crossing Grant (Tentative)

Please see the.pdf edition of this edition for an explanation of the budget abbreviations at www.brownsburgsentinel.com.

(Source Town of Brownsburg 2018 Budget)

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

LETTER TO / FROM THE EDITOR



Grant Kleinhenz - Town Manager

Town manager Grant Kleinhenz requested from the town council what amounted to government over reach and abuse of power to gain an unfair advantage in negotiations with property owners and residents living along side of Green Street (formerly Hwy 267). During the Sept. 14th town council meeting Grant requested blanket pre-approval to use eminent domain should negotiations fail to gain easement rights with any one of 10 +/- parcels and/or property owners living or owning businesses along

Green Street. However, as of the time of his request, many of the negotiations had not begun, a few were underway, and one Grant reported as completed. This request seemed odd to 3 of the 5 of the town council members, as normal procedure is to request eminent domain as a last resort, once ALL negotiation efforts fail between the town and a sole property owner.

I took an opportunity to express my thoughts at the general citizens comments Sept 14th, I noted I was disappointed but not surprised by Grant's answer of "NO" to Sean Benham's question Did Grant notify property owners listed in the resolution, that the resolution was on the evening's agenda. I also provided details why there were property owners in the room when Dennis Dawes ask if any were in the audience that evening. I told Dennis the only reason people were in attendance I took it upon myself to notify the property owners, I stated their's no state statute requiring their notification, and I also questioned why they were not notified by the town manager or worse their Town Council representative.

I also questioned why, for someone who has a mailing address of Brownsburg yet resides outside it's incorporated boundaries, I clearly understood the impact of the resolution and had greater concern for Brownsburg residents than either the town manager or the town councilman elected to represent those impacted by the action.

This publication is disappointed the vote to table this ill-conceived resolution was not 5-0. However, thank you Sean Benham, Ashley Bascu and Brian Jessen for voting to table the resolution. Dennis Dawes and Chris Worley, you provided no explanation when casting your votes, likely no amount of discussion would have garnered any public support.

In what appeared as an odd but iniquitous budgetary change Grant said "We are transferring attorney fees down to a new line item 314 which is public records request processing those are typically paid out of attorney's fees so we are tracking it in that way in the amount of \$35,000." Then there was an amendment motioned by Sean Benham and rescinded. Then they voted on Grant's amendment 4-0 and then they voted on Amendment B (Sean Benham's motion) to drop the amount down to \$10,000 4-0 and then they voted on the second reading as amended 4-0.

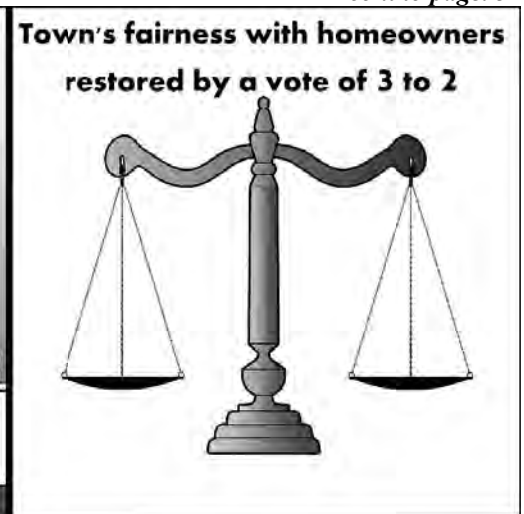
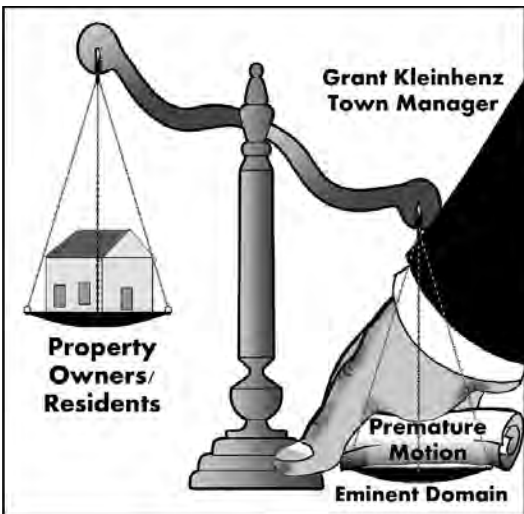
Using history as our guide, there may be more to this than a simple "cost monitoring measure". For the past two years municipalities and their lobbying groups have been pushing the state legislature to allow additional fees and charges levied to fulfill public document requests.

April of this year, Governor Holcomb used his first veto that could have allowed government entities to charge the public up to \$20.00 an hour to produce public records if the records search required more than 2 hours work. The Governor said in a statement "... I view this proposed legislation as contrary to my commitment to providing great government services at a great value for Hoosier taxpayers," Holcomb said in a statement. "Providing access to public records is a key part of the work public servants perform and is important from a government transparency standpoint." Holcomb followed then Governor Pence lead, Gov. Pence to vetoed similar legislation approximately 2 years ago stating "The cost of public records should never be a barrier to the publics right to know." It's plausible this "cost monitoring measure" could be used as future justification at the state legislature for charging additional fees.

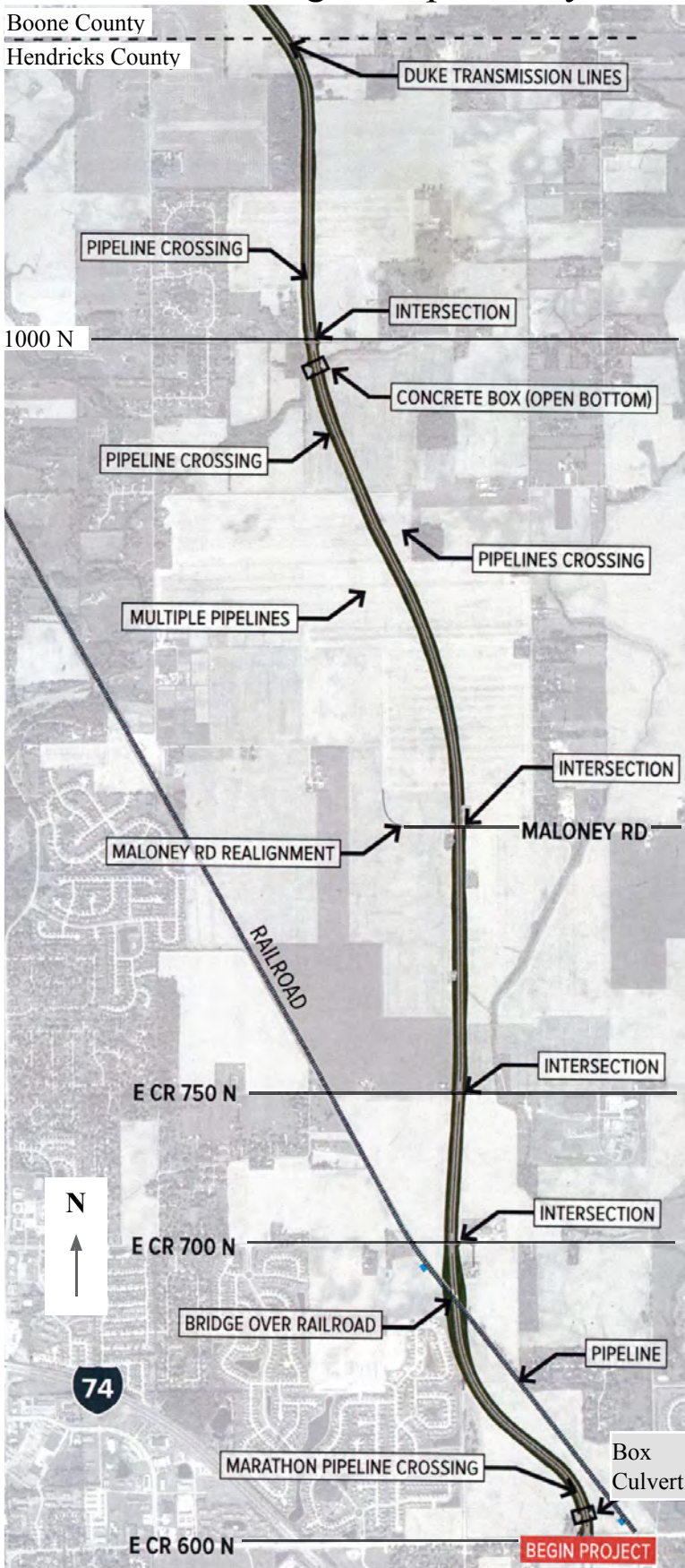
Having significant amount of experience in this area, I once again took to the lectern at general citizens comments and asked, why did the town take the approach to require the town attorney's approval to what must be a large number of public document requests. Later, Grant indirectly responds to my question by stating in part ... "The billings are documented by time...some fees are redactedbecause of pending litigation that is what the law calls for".

Lawyers and laymen alike I spoke to were unaware and unable to find the Indiana statute Grant referenced above. I specifically mentioned a decision(s) was made by unknown town public servant(s) to make tracking expenses of individual legal matters nearly impossible. Initially invoices from the town's legal firm provided breakdowns in great detail on the firms most rudimentary actions. Later billings were changed to reflect high level summarized task level work. This trend has continued to summarization of a single line for an individual matter, then monthly billings for "general legal services", to quarterly or less frequent billings with no description at all.

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Ronald Reagan Expressway



Drawing provided by John Ayers, Hendricks County Engineer
September 14, 2017

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As a result viewing billing records & invoices for an individual legal in hopes of tallying total legal expenses as recorded by the clerk treasurer's office is a futile endeavor. In addition, I suggested the town manager was employing the wrong metric. A more effective approach would be to review the last 4 years of public document requests, seek a method to place like items on the town's website, eliminating the need for many of the future public document requests, thereby reducing to a few which they believed required legal review.

I also found it odd, during the joint Hendricks County Commissioners Town Council meeting, Grant nor did the council question the status of the condition of county drains which reside within the incorporated town limits nor the report, requested earlier by the council in an action which fell under the heading to "never let a crisis go to waste". Originally requested with a 30 day deadline, and there was public mention the county requested a short extension, the matter has not been spoken of publicly again. Given the rare frequency of the combined meetings between these two groups, Dave Gaston (Hendricks county surveyor charged with such matters) could have accompanied the commissioners to provide an update, and field questions from the town manager and his staff. The timing was nearly perfect, as the budget was open for discussion. At best this was an opportunity lost, or the devil is in the details, what monies have been set aside in 2018's budget for similar projects owned by the town ?

Finally, while the town's budget increased by 5.53%, revenue streams supporting Brownsburg Parks were cut by: Parks Non-Reverting 6.18%, Park Impact Fees 76.96%, Food and Beverage 15.83%. This is a strong indication of the town's current focus away from the parks. Despite the recent public outcry for a recreation center, (supported by the last three of the town's own surveys taken every two years), for budget year 2018 the rec center and any funding to assist the Brownsburg Little League's move has been placed on the back burner.
-- The Editor

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September Park Board Report - *Anne Sering*



The Brownsburg Park Board met at their usual time (6:30 p.m.) on Sept. 21, 2017. At 10 to 7 p.m. A group of people entered together and took seats. All business had concluded

except for Citizen's and Board Member's comments. At that time Jim Sering was (again) questioning the Board as to what would happen to the brick pillars the Jaycees built back in the late 60's. The pillars represent historical and sentimental value and were the first attempt at beautifying the entry to Arbuckle Acres. It was during Sering's comments that the group of between 6 and 8 arrived. President Palma explained where the Board was agenda-wise and asked if anyone wished to speak. She actually asked twice with long pauses in between. Nosy me turned around in time to see people look at each other and around at others. Troy Austin left his seat to join them. Nothing was said and the President asked if Board Members had comments. Who were these people and why did they come?

The true highlight of the meeting was when President Palma announced that Travis Tranbarger was appointed Park Director. This was met by clapping approval from those present who had arrived on time.

The new business of the meeting was a discussion of the Magee Property Mitigation. Since a majority of the property is wet lands and must be preserved, William Creek Management in Plainfield will be preparing the property for use by planting wet land plants in sections and providing an area for a small parking lot at one end and a walkway to the B & O Trail. This trail-head park will be located off of CR 300 N south-east of Brownsburg.

Director Tranbarger reported on the paving of the lower level of Arbuckle Acres, and the outdoor classroom built by Park department personnel using natural products. I believe Travis designed the classroom which is located at the end of Alpha Avenue in Williams Park. Travis also discussed the redesign of the Gazebo area in Williams Park. The gazebo had deteriorated to the point where it was unsafe. Phil Cornelius announced the six weeks Wildlife Explores program, and the weekend hay rides during October. A month-long Iron Man contest is taking place.

The meeting ended with Phil Utterback congratulating Travis on being appointed Park Director. -- *Anne Sering*

Ten Minutes with Travis Tranbarger



On September 26th, the Brownsburg Town Council announced Travis Tranbarger as the new director of the Brownsburg parks. He takes over for Phil Parnin, who was director of the parks for over ten years before stepping down for Travis to take over. Travis and Phil worked together for seven years before the change in directors, and Travis is optimistic and excited to continue the work that they already started. "I definitely want to carry forward the vision that Phil had." As of now, there

are no plans to change the goals and projects that the parks department is currently faced with, and one top priority in Travis's mind is "the engagement of the community in the development of the parks." As he aims to continue working with the town council and the community to make sure the parks become what the community wants them to become.

The development of property next to Cardinal Elementary and the neighborhood of Thornburg has hit a snag, as the bid from late summer came back to be well over the park's budget plan for the property. Currently, the park board, town staff, and town engineer are working on a new bid that will allow them to stay within their budget and begin development on a new road, parking lot, and trail that will run north along Hornaday Road. The new trail was awarded to the Brownsburg Parks through a grant from the Recreation Trail Program from the Indiana DNR. This grant will reimburse the parks for money put forward for the project. As for construction, Travis said that: "The updated plan is bidding again in late fall, and then hopefully awarding the bid, and start construction this spring."

Addressing social media rumors that park structures around the town were being demolished, and Travis stated that the gazebos in Williams Park has been torn down due to its condition being beyond repair, and are in talks with a committee of park board members and residents to redesign the entrance to Williams Park. The shelters in Williams Park and the Bundy Lodge in Arbuckle Acres have been undergoing renovations to not only repair the damages, but to upgrade them from what they were and make the park experience more enjoyable for the community. Travis also hinted at more structures being built in the parks. The lower level paving of Arbuckle (mentioned in the Park Board article by Anne Sering) was also completed in the first week of October.

Right now for Travis, his top priority is to maintain what the parks department has in place, and to complete pending projects, with the Cardinal property being highest on the list. "We want to make sure that since that is already started, that that is completed." The McGee property next to County Road 300 and County Road 900 is also under construction as a trailhead property for the B&O trail. When asked about possible park expansions, Travis said that the current parks (Arbuckle and Williams) are already close to or at capacity for expansion, but the park board is always looking for new properties that could possibly be developed into park land. The main concern for new properties for Travis, is "the property meets the needs that are established in our land acquisition criteria", being that the property provides more connectivity for the community or meets the needs required in the community needs assessment survey. Currently, there are no negotiations for new properties ongoing. This reporter, after talking with Travis, feels optimistic about the future of Brownsburg parks and wishes him the best of luck. -- *John Fuson*

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than 2017. The proposed budget is \$51,626,575 and the certified net assessed value of property in Brownsburg is \$1,322,537,387. The table on the right shows the major changes from the 2017 budget. After several questions from the council, the budget was approved 5-0 on the first reading.

Next was the request from Heritage Hill development to have their streets made into city streets. This was brought to the Advisory Planning Commission because in this case it is a zoning change and needs a re-platting of the development to indicate city streets. This came to the council with a favorable recommendation. The Homeowners association has offered to give the city approximately 18,000 dollars to help with road maintenance. The only real concern is the width so recommending no parking signs. This ordinance was approved 5-0 on first reading.

Last up was a resolution to exercise eminent domain to facilitate the North Green Street Improvement project. This is a precautionary resolution but will not be used unless necessary of the last three parcels. The parcels are Walgreens, Roark and Coleman properties and consists of temporary and permanent right a ways. Mr. Benham asked if the town had notified the parcel owners of this resolution and the answer was "no". Mr. Jessen proposed a motion to postpone the resolution until October 12th. Mr. Dawes asked if postponing was possible and the answer was "no" the NPO wanted the right a ways by October 4th. Mr. Benham seconded Mr. Jessen's motion. The motion passed 3-2 to table until October 12th.

Is threatening Eminent Domain a first offer negotiation tactic with property owners now?

Under Town Council items, Mr. Benham discussed the Amazon headquarters bid by Central Indiana. The Hendricks County Economic Association is working with the state. He is trying to attract Amazon to the Ronald Reagan Parkway area. Mr. Jessen is working with Indianapolis, Fishers, and Whitestown to include Brownsburg in the agreement.

Last for the evening was Citizen's comment which brought Mr. Sering back to the podium to state that several members of the police and fire went down to Houston to give help for hurricane victims ended up to be a five truck convoy of items needed for the rebuilding. Last up was Ms. Reed with two questions. First is anyone working with CSX on the 900E and US136 train crossing because if we want Amazon this would be a mess. Secondly, she asked about the camera and asked if it had been added to the budget. Brian said he will have a quote which can be added to the budget.

September 28, 2017

Regular Town Council meeting with four members present, Mr. Dawes was the presiding officer. First was Citizen's comments to the agenda. To the podium was Hendricks County Emergency Operations, represented by Gordon Cotton came to thank Brownsburg for allowing an antennae on the water tower which is part of a network of antennas to give Hendricks County 95% coverage of the county. The current coverage will allow for continuing communications even if all the power within the county is out. Next was an urgent utility connection request for 8015 E CR 700 North, the property's well is going dry so they are annexing to receive water utility. The council approved the connection request 4-0.

Reports from commissions and boards this evening was the Police and Fire territory reports. Chief Grimes added that two new officers

will be starting in October both are experienced officers from other districts. Chief Alcorn came to the podium with his report. He reminded the council that October 7th was Brownsburg Fire Territory Safety Day.

Under Old Business was the second reading of the 2018 budget ordinance which was a public hearing. There were a couple of changes based on councilmen feedback. The proposed tax rate will drop from .9409 to .9209 in 2018. Mr. Jessen wanted to increase the budget by 350,000 dollars for streets but it cannot increase once it was advertised. So Mr. Jessen will ask for 225,000 dollars to address streets after the first of the year. The budget is \$51,626,575 and the certified net assessed value of property in Brownsburg is \$1,322,537,387. Adding a new line item of public record fees to cover the ongoing cost of public record requests over the last 4 years the town has spent \$144,000 for public record requests. The third reading of the budget will be on October 12th.

The other ordinance was the Camargo Club at Heritage Hills asking for a zoning change to give their streets to the town for maintenance. The ordinance was approved 4-0.

Town Council items started with the appointment of the new BZA member is Maggie Clifton and the new member of the Wynne Farm Advisory Board is Ryan Peske. Vance and Hines decision to leave Brownsburg does affect a couple of abatements but these abatements do not have a way for the town to get back the money that was given to them. They announced that Travis Tranbarger (*see article on page 04*) will be the new Director of the Parks Department. With that the meeting was adjourned. -- *The Editor*

Brownsburg Fire Territory Announces Promotions



Recently the Brownsburg Fire Territory announced the following promotions. Please congratulate Lieutenant Ford (top left), Lieutenant Harder (top right), and Captain Miller (left) on their new ranks and positions within the organization the next time you meet them! (*Pictures courtesy Brownsburg Fire Territory*)

BCSC Board of Trustees Report- *Anne Sering*



The September meeting of the Brownsburg Community School Corporation (BCSC) Board of School Trustees met on the 11th at 6:30p.m. with all members of the Board present. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Reflection, and the Consent Items accepted Communication Items were presented. For first time readers, the Consent Items consist of Minutes, Claims and the Superintendent's Report. The Superintendent's Report consists of Personnel changes, and Construction Change Orders and other contractual matters. With the beginning of the school year and the construction occurring these items were numerous.

Three adults received commendations from the Board. Cassie Brooks, Health and Physical Education Teacher at West Middle School, was named Indiana Health Teacher of the Year by the Indiana Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. When asked what she did to receive the award she modestly spoke a sentence or two. Her not being before a microphone made hearing difficult and I was not expecting Dr. Snapp to interject with the many things she had accomplished. So, the award was well deserved. Reverend Doctor Gray Lesesne of the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church was recognized for being an outstanding volunteer to Harris Academy and BCSC Food Pantry. Because of the nature of services provided by Harris Academy one would not expect a strong PSG (Parent Support Group). Rev. Lesesne and his congregation have stepped in to fill this gap and provide support to the students. John Kruggel was named State Secondary Winner of the Olin W. Davis award for excelling in teaching and promoting economics. Mr. Kruggel who teaches at Brownsburg High School was not present. *It is unusual for the commendations to have only adult recipients. In future months groups of students will be recognized for achievements. (The italicized words are my comments. I don't believe there was an explanation needed in this case but later in the article I thought it best I distinguish my comments.)*

Board member Mrs. Heffernan reported on the monetary successes of the Brownsburg Education Foundation. In his Operations Report, John Voigt reported that the number of products used by the schools was being constricted. As an example, all schools will use the same floor products. He also said that a few Bus employees are stepping forward to help in the High School Cafeteria during the lunch hour. Dr. Snapp outlined BCSC goals for the coming year. These included a 98% graduation rate, 90% ISTEP score and a closing of the achievement gap between subgroups, such as those students receiving free or reduced lunches or those whose primary language is not English.

This last goal is particularly worthwhile as those students can surely use a little extra attention and support. Oasis provides training for older adults who would be willing to donate an hour or two of time to work with elementary students. It is truly rewarding. The kids like the special attention and just the presence of their own 'visitor' can have a positive effect.

Mr. Gardener held four Public Hearings during which the public is invited to speak. These went rather quickly because the topics were discussed in greater detail and previous Board meetings and no citizens present made any comments. To be approved at the next Board meeting will be: Plan for the Capital Projects Fund, the Bus Replacement Plan, the 2018 Budget and Additional Appropriations. Mr. Garden also recommended the Board approve and ratify a gas line easement at the High School. The approval of the 2018 Meeting Schedule for the Board was also approved.

The Board was also asked to approve the use of emergency rescue medication in BCSC school clinics. New medications had been added to the state's list. Nurse Supervisor Jennifer Wright was present to answer any questions posed by the Board.

In his final comments, Dr. Snapp said all 8 schools achieved ISTEP goals and BSCS had added 250 new students. *An elementary class room has from 20 to 30 students. Depending on the class middle-school and high school classes could be much larger or somewhat less. Using an average of 25 students, the corporation would need 10 additional classrooms and teachers to meet this need.* - Anne Sering



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Brownsburg Taxidermist Arrested

Sept 26, 2017 - Indiana Conservation Officers have been investigating Brownsburg Taxidermy located in Brownsburg, IN [business located at 9630 North State Road 267--The Editor] for the past year and a half. The owner of the business, Kevin McGrotty allegedly collected thousands of dollars from his clients and has guaranteed his clients completed work, but has failed to do the work he has promised. In all, Kevin has collected over four thousand dollars from sixteen victims that have called in and complained. Mr. McGrotty is being charged with sixteen counts of Theft and one count of Corrupt Business Practices (Level 5 Felony). Mr. McGrotty's taxidermist license has been revoked as a result of this investigation.



On Sept 26 Indiana Conservation Officers and Hendricks County Sheriff's detectives served arrest and search warrants on Mr. McGrotty and his Taxidermy business. Officers seized hides, mounts and antlers of customers that had paid Mr. McGrotty to complete taxidermy work on, but had never received their completed work.

Mr. McGrotty still has several hundred other hides, specimens and antlers he has yet to complete the taxidermy work on. The involved agencies are asking for the patience of those individuals who still have property at Brownsburg Taxidermy. All of the articles in the shop will need to be inventoried and recorded. Customers will be notified when they will be able to recover their property.

"The charges filed against Mr. McGrotty are merely allegations. Under the Constitution of Indiana and the United States Mr. McGrotty is innocent of these allegations and will remain so unless or until they are proven beyond a reasonable doubt in court of law."

Kevin McGrotty (Photo- Hendricks County Jail) Media release DNR

Three BPD Officers Receive Distinguished Service Award

The Brownsburg Police Commission came together on September 12, 2017 to honor three officers for going beyond the call of duty. Officers Jeremiah Jones, April Hyde, and Corey Sears were all presented with the Distinguished Service Award, for taking life saving measures on an unresponsive person. Officer Jones, who was off duty at the time, came upon a car that was stopped on the road. After checking for pulse and not receiving a response, Officer Jones radioed for medical aid. Officers Hyde and Sears were nearby, and responded immediately to help Officer Jones (Pictured below the award recipients -- in the front row from left to right Sgt. April Hyde, Officer Jeremiah Jones, Officer Cory Sears).



“On the morning of August 10, 2017, Off-Duty Officer Jeremiah Jones encountered a male subject slumped over the wheel in the area of 56th St. and E. Northfield Drive. Upon his marking out with the vehicle, although not on duty at the time but operating his assigned take-home police vehicle, Officer Jones observed other motorists going around the vehicle and honking their horns. Officer Jones quickly realized the male driver was experiencing a medical emergency as he called in the incident to the Hendricks County Communication Center via his department radio, to which on-duty units quickly responded to the scene to aid Officer Jones. Officer Jones removed the male from the vehicle and began administering first responder aid to the male, at which time Sgt. April Hyde arrived on the scene with an AED, as well as Officer Corey Sears arrived on scene to assist in providing aid. Officer Jones, Officer Sears, and Sgt. Hyde applied lifesaving first responder techniques in deploying the AED and performing CPR until Brownsburg Fire Territory EMS personnel arrived on the scene and took over providing medical aid and ultimately transporting the victim to the hospital. Based upon their quick actions and implementations of these measures, the male survived what may have been a fatal incident without the decisive actions of our personnel”. Incident synopsis read into the record by Ray Kotarski, President Board of Police Commissioners.

The police department also welcomed two new officers on conditional terms: Elizabeth Nescer and Daniel Lawson. Both Elizabeth and Daniel are experienced police officers, who hope to continue to grow and make the Brownsburg Police Department and their community their home. -- Article by John Fuson, Picture - Editor.

Bulldogs Silence Eagles for Homecoming Victory



The Bulldogs gave their fans something to cheer for tonight as they dominated the Zionsville Eagles on both sides of the ball. The Brownsburg defense held a very talented Zionsville team to just 10 points as the offense rolled with the momentum. Kyle Strakis finished the game with two touchdown passes, allowing his running backs to take care of the rest of the game, with Donovan Marcus rushing in for two touchdowns and Shai Sumpter-Bey adding another in the fourth quarter for a final score of 35-10.

The first quarter featured excellent defense from both teams, with neither team gaining much ground. Late in the quarter, after a three and out set the Dogs up in Zionsville territory, Donovan Marcus would run it in from five yards out to give the team the lead, and was quickly followed by Kyle Strakis's first touchdown pass, a bomb to Leigh Nutall for 74 yards. Antrez Baker showed out for the Dogs, collecting two solo sacks and one assisted sack, and channeling his inner J.J. Watt by scoring a touchdown for the offense. Dane Middlebrook, Sevonte Sumpter-Bey, and RJ Decker also contributed a sack each, and Isaiah Higgins provided an interception that halted the Eagles momentum, and eventually led to another touchdown for Brownsburg.

Coach John Hart had a lot of praise for the defense for their physical play and how well they played against Zionsville. Stopping the run and limiting the big plays on defense was the main takeaway that the coach had for tonight. As with every week, Coach Hart emphasized the little things that the team needed to improve upon such as key blocks and remaining disciplined on the defensive side of the ball. --John Fuson

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