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Councilmen

Daniel Klumpe	414-0830
Jackey Apache	491-4594
Doyle Allison	307-8505
Amy Brown	376-0366
Rick Hadley	418-5742

Calendar June 2022

6th	Limb Pickup Begins
2th	Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
16th	Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
20th	Town Hall Closed - Holiday

*****Trash Every Friday*****

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Reminder, since Memorial Day was Monday, May 30th, **trash day** will be a day behind on **Saturday. June 4th**. Still make sure you have it out the night before.

2021 CCR Report is located on the Town's website, www.otterbein.in.gov.; scroll to the links at the bottom of the homepage. To view the report, **click the link 2021 CCR Report.**

The Town of Otterbein offers a **Summer Sprinkling Program** to qualifying residents for the monthly bills of July, August, and September. During these months, a qualified resident will see their sewer cost calculated based on their average sewer usage during the previous months of February through April. Any usage shown to be above this average from July through September will be considered a result of summer activities that do not use the sewer system (such as filling a pool or watering a lawn), and thus will not be factored into the bill.

Only 100 TICKETS

Must Buy in Advance

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Treeva @ 765-299-9424, Town Hall or CJ's Nite Owl

Must be 18 Years Old & No Refunds

BINGO & TACO BAR

June 26, 2022 @ 1:00 pm

CJ's Nite Owl/Downtown Otterbein

Tickets-$25 includes meal/10 games

Every Game=Prize & Final Game=$100 Cash Prize

Proceeds benefit the Otterbein Steet Festival

Celebrating 150th Year of Otterbein

OTTERBEIN STREET FESTIVAL AUGUST 4th-7th, 2022

In Celebration of the 150 Years of Otterbein,

We have brought back a Carnival, as in years past. The Carnival Company will run the carnival

Thursday & Friday evenings 5:00 pm -11:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday 1:00 pm -11:00 pm.

We are still in the planning stage, but some highlights are:

Thursday Night – Dinner by the CJ's Nite Owl & Bingo – Pre-Sale tickets will be sold closer to the time

Friday Night – The Masonic Lodge Fish Fry, Beer Garden & the band The Flying Toasters

Saturday Night – Beer Garden, band Trey Hughes, & a Firework Display at 10:00 pm

Sunday – Community Church Service Downtown

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM with all members present.

The Council held the hearing on utility disconnection for non-payment. No one was present to discuss. Daniel Klumpe made the motion to approve those on the disconnection list be disconnected. Jackey Apache seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Resident Mr. Morehouse was voicing concern over parking issues in front of his house on Church Street during baseball season. Town Marshal Jason Pritchett also stated all along Church Street parking on both sides of the street also causes a safety issue for rescue vehicles to get down the street. The Council stated they are working on several streets in town in regard to parking and will get an ordinance to change it adopted. It will take a little bit but they will work on it.

Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the April 2022 Minutes as written. Richard (Rick) Hadley seconded the motion and all were in favor. Amy Brown read the summary of claims presented for a total of $154,931.36. Doyle Allison made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Council considered annual compliance of tax abatements for the following:

1. Kyburz - Rick Hadley made the motion that they are in compliance. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion and all were in favor.
2. Otterbein Commons – Rick Hadley made the motion that they are in compliance. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion and all were in favor.
3. KA Components, Personal Property - Amy Brown made the motion they are in compliance. Jackey Apache seconded the motion and all were in favor.
4. KA Components, Real Property – Rick Hadley made the motion they are in compliance. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Town Marshal Jason Pritchett gave the department report. He informed the Council he has hired the 2nd deputy and he will be starting soon. He spoke with Council about several properties that need cleaned up and discussed how he was going to proceed.

Town Administration Ron Shoup gave the department report.

Deputy Town Administrator Lukas Darling discussed the old Boswell School playground equipment. The new owner of the school has offered all the playground equipment to the town. He wants $5,000 for a donation to the J.O.B.S Renewable Fund, Inc; and we must remove the equipment. Amy Brown made the motion to purchase the equipment. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion and all were in favor. He presented Ordinance 2022-0505A An Ordinance Amending the Large Garbage Item Pickup Program. Rick Hadley made the motion to adopt ordinance 2022-0505A. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion and all were in favor. He gave the Deputy Administrator report.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles discussed what they called a Public Private Partnership as the mechanism for the Central Avenue Development. She will work with Dave Buck and attorney to get this moving forward.

With nothing else to come before the meeting, Rick Hadley made the motion to adjourn at 7:27 PM. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with members Jackey Apache, Daniel Klumpe and Doyle Allison present. Member Rick Hadley was absent.

Amy Brown read the summary of claims presented for a total of $115,395.29. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Council considered annual compliance of tax abatements for the following:

1. Rowe Truck Equipment – Daniel Klumpe made the motion that they are in compliance. Jackey Apache seconded the motion and all were in favor.
2. FURPO – Amy Brown made the motion that they are in compliance. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

BF&S Engineer Dave Buck discussed moving forward with the contract with his firm, before the contract with the DNR is signed so that they can get surveying done prior to the crops getting tall in the fields along where the Dirk Studebaker Trail is going. Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles voiced concern that, even though it could be part of the local funds; she is not sure that expenses ahead of the signed contract would count towards the local funds. The Council advised her and Dave to look into this before they would enter into a contract with BF&S to do this work. He presented a contract with BF&S to help with assistance with the Central Avenue Development. Treeva asked if this would be money recouped from the developer. He stated not at this time, we could add that, however, it may be then scaring developers off as the cost will become to cost inhibitive. Treeva stated, she is not sure where we will get the funds and would need to look into that. The contract was tabled. Lastly, he informed Council that Pavement Solutions have finished the crack sealing and it looks good. He recommends the Council pay the final invoice of $42,964.50. Amy Brown made the motion to approve the invoice for payment. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Town Marshal Jason Pritchett gave the department report. He announced the new deputy Christopher Griese will start on May 31, 2022. Jason discussed properties violating the junk ordinance. He is proceeding with just a few at a time, so if the town has to clean up the property it is manageable. They agreed that was a good way to proceed. He has sent out many tall grass notices.

Town Administrator Ron Shoup presented a quote from Blue Fox to do the preventative maintenance on the furnaces at the Town Hall/Community Center building. Daniel Klumpe made the motion to approve the quote. Amy Brown seconded the motion and all were in favor. He presented a quote from EMI to upgrade the electric in the panel box on Main Street to improve the electric capacity on Main Street for events on the Main Street. Daniel Klumpe made the motion to approve the quote. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Deputy Town Administrator Lukas Darling gave his report. He presented Ordinance 2022-0519A An Ordinance Amending Speed Limits within the town limits. Amy Brown made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-0519A. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion and all were in favor. He discussed Ordinance 2022-0519B An Ordinance Changing Alley Names. More research needs done. This Ordinance was tabled. He presented Ordinance 2022-0519C An Ordinance Prohibiting Weapons at the Town Hall/Community Center. Daniel Klumpe spoke against this. Amy Brown made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-0519C. Jackey Apache seconded the motion. Amy Brown, Jackey Apache, and Doyle Allison were in favor. Daniel Klumpe voted against. Motion Carries.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles discussed the local share financing of the Water Project. She explained when proposed back in October, the rate change estimate would have the water charge for the state average of 4000 gallons be $65.08. Now that the market has done what it is doing and everything is higher it is estimated that the project will come in over estimate. In addition, interest rates have increased. The rate consultants and the grant administrator are recommending we wait until the bids come in and adjust the rates accordingly. However, that would make the rate even higher. Treeva's opinion is that we proceed with getting our financing before rates go up even further, as estimated. We don't use the ARPA funds as we had planned until the bids are opened; so that if the project goes over budget, we utilize the ARPA funds to cover the overage. Or modify the project but every part of the project has to be touched, to not jeopardize the grant. Meaning the plant has to be touched, the water tower has to be touched and the 1st Street watermain has to be touched; however, what is done can be scaled back some. The Council unanimously agreed they do not want to raise rates any higher than what they intended back in the fall. Treeva will work with the rates consultants to move forward. She presented Ordinance 2022-0519D Designation of Areas Within the Otterbein Town Hall as Private or Access-Restricted. Daniel Klumpe made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-0519D. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Daniel Klumpe made the motion to adjourn at 7:47 PM. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Otterbein 150 Project: Scan-a-Thons are coming! Drop in at the Otterbein Public Library with your Otterbein photos, exhibit items, and stories!

Otterbein 150 Project Committee members will be on site in the OPL meeting room with a scanner to take digital scans and record information on your photo contributions to the Otterbein 150 Project's forthcoming Exhibit (August 4-December 31, 2022). Physical items representing Otterbein's story will also be accepted by volunteers at this time.

The sessions will happen on: Saturday, June 18th, 11:00 am-2:00 pm, and Wednesday, June 22nd, 1:00-3:00 pm

Should these dates or times not work for you, message us on Facebook at facebook.com/otterbein150 or email Brooke at Otterbein150@gmail.com to set up a personal scanning session.

All contributions to this project are appreciated. No story, photo, or item is too small or insignificant when telling Otterbein's 150-year story!

Otterbein –from the Originating Years-John Edgerly…"The Post WWII-Baby Boomer Years and Enormous Transformations for Otterbein"

Where to begin here? Economically, the electrically assisting REMCs augmented regional dairy farms production and put hand-milking procedures a feature of the past by the early 1950s; aside from milking machines, added devices such as automatic feed-separators for poultry and more-advanced, sequenced seed-planting machinery in the fields already were making impacts by the early 1950s.

Thanks to Marion Riffle's influence, the State Bank of Oxford had established (by the 1940s) a branch here in downtown Otterbein -to replace the Depression-forced closings of both the Otterbein State Bank and the Farmers and Merchants Bank (the latter location

became a series of taverns-i.e., Myers and Ralph's -from the mid-1940s era into at least the 1970s). Oscar Mann's Home Foods IGA grocery still operated at the NE comer of Oxford and Main Streets' intersection-adjoined by the #561 Masonic Lodge, a food locker, the Fitting hatchery, Bryan repair shop, and Wade's plumbing and supplies at this comer and the food-serving under Mr. Mann would continue until William Beutler assumed ownership of this retail site within the 1950s. Passing the Bryant Auto establishment and the Otterbein Public Library down South Main Street, the F.W. Riffle and later Cecil Johnson's Regal Store (at East 2nd and South. Main Street) persisted in an alternate source of groceries. But already, the roving tendency was now to shop outside town, as well as patronize local businesses-for the change, if nothing else. Otterbeiners would easily drive their Studebakers, Nash Ramblers and Hornets, Chevrolet Bel-Airs, and either Ford farm trucks or those new Thunderbirds to neighboring Oxford, Fowler, Pine Village, and especially into the "big cities" of West Lafayette and Lafayette. If they chose to go downtown around the Tippecanoe County courthouse, they could also take in "Cinerama-type," technicolor, movies at either the Lafayette, the Mars, the New Main, or the Luna Theaters (now overlooking their own Princess Theatre, along with Remington's Rem, the Fowler Theatre, plus ones in Oxford or Boswell and even distant Morocco's Moroka); the predictable result wasn't long in surfacing. Otterbein's own Princess at 108 South Main Street (later, the post office and the #125 American Legion Post) closed by 1950.

However, more transportation opportunities were further changing Otterbein's perspective and gradually, its very landscape. The divided, 4-lane U.S. 52 project (from 1948, at least through the mid-'50s) had already dealt a primary blow to adjacent Montmorenci as this eastern-oriented, smaller community (of Tippecanoe County's Shelby Township) saw its functioning triad of gas stations sacrificed to progress. At the corner of North Main Street and this evolving, new U.S. 52 "bypass," Wally and Grace Davis had started the Corner Inn, more popularly labeled the "Mudhole." This location became ideal for short-order places-most recently, Otterbein's current "Dugout."

Yet, the significant re-routing of U.S. 52 (which had paralleled East and West Oxford Street, all the way through Otterbein) metamorphosed the downtown as well. Ida Shoup's Town Cafe (formerly Sewell's) at the Southwest corner of Main and Oxford was jammed-in between Pete DeBruicker's service station (looking west towards the Otterbein K-12 school complex) and what had been the Steely Funeral Home, later Shoemaker's. Jumping across West Oxford from the gas-stop, a one-story, nondescript, wooden building had been a long-time supply and barber shop/local men's hangout; the rise of late 1940s commercial television made this location a TV-sales and repair outlet. Bums' Drugs, which had shifted from the former 1st and South Main Street, Northwest corner, were the Thompson's Drugs and a variety store (the same place was eventually Denny's Pharmacy and then, the Thompson Memorial Park following the 2007 fire). Rival crowds from Otterbein High School, those who didn't immediately have farms chores, packed into both Bums' and Thompson's Drugs to after school socialize, enjoy on jukeboxes that "new-fangled" (to many oldsters, who forgot musical 'classics' like "Three Little Fishies" and the "Hut-Sut Song") rock 'n' roll, and flash their OHS white or yellow senior cords, boldly decorated in red to proclaim Otterbein's "Red Devils." The very nature of entertainment had drastically transformed: band concerts were gone, and occasional movies shown on projectors (series comedy features such as "Abbott and Costello" and "Ma and Pa Kettle" were still widely favored) in the streets became more of a rarity, as mobility took more families "to town" for "supper and a show.

One form that reached its pinnacle during the later 1940s, into the 1950s and even the 1960s, stayed at the heart of many Benton County sports fans: high-school basketball. Otterbein itself didn't know any real roundball until the Doc Waddell-aided squad of 1916, eliminated by 1915 state-runner-up/local rival Montmorenci. Indeed, the Red Devils were to be shuttled between the Lafayette Sectional (usually dominated by perennial tourney roadblock Lafayette Jefferson's "Bronchos") and other are sites- Veedersburg, Attica, and Brook.

The latter location up in Newton County saw Otterbein take its first Sectional trophy in 1924 over Boswell, Fowler, Raub, and the hosting Brook "Aces"--sweep through the Purdue University- hosted Regional, and lose in the old Indianapolis Coliseum (March 14, '24) to Connersville (Martinsville won its initial crown this year). The first Benton County-held Sectional was at Oxford in 1925, won by the host "Blue Devils"; Raub and Fowler then were designated Sectionals. By 1930, Otterbein captured its first Benton County Sectional trophy--at Fowler-winning over Freeland Park (the defending '29 titlist), Wadena, Pine Township, and Earl Park. The first Sectional played at Otterbein, in 1937, was taken by the Red Devils over Ambia (who began as part of the "Sectional circuit" in 1938), Wadena, and Boswell; Otterbein lost to Jeff at Lafayette's old "North 9th Street" gym. After Freeland Park took a pair of titles in 1940-41, the undefeated (in the regular season) Red Devils-after taking out Boswell, Oxford, and Ambia--ousted the later-named "Rockets" at OHS in 1942 Gust after the USA had entered World War II) --but again were ousted by a larger school at Lafayette, this time Frankfort.

The only Benton County team to reach the semi-finals played "Sweet Sixteen" emerged in 1945, as the Wally Durflinger and Bob Ladd-fronted Oxford "Blue Devils" won at Fowler; they raced through the Lafayette Regional: over Zionsville and Frankfort, before Logansport took them out at Purdue's semi-finals. After the war, the "round-robin" resumed around Benton County, as Otterbein won at Boswell in 1947 (over Wadena and Oxford) before rousting the host Boswell "Blackhawks," 35-31). An Otterbein resident played on the '47 Red Devils (who fell at Lafayette's Regional to Rossville); yet he was overjoyed to see the state finals at Indy's Butler Fieldhouse and watch the Bill Garrett-led Shelbyville "Golden Bears" upset, 68-58, Clyde Lovelette's Terre Haute Garfield "Purple Eagles." Sectional victory came again for a local: Mr. Gick recalls when he and his brother (both 1951 graduates and Korean War veterans) competed at Ambia and won in '51, over Earl Park, Freeland Park, Fowler, and Ambia (59-32); Otterbein again fell in the Regional, but not before pushing Lebanon into an overtime: 56-54 to the Tigers.

By the mid-'50s, the "county circuit" habit had expired, as all Benton County Sectionals up through 1962 were played at Fowler. The only other undefeated (in the regular docket) Otterbein Red Devils were coached by Mr. Sandifur in 1957, as they blazed through Boswell, Ambia, Gilboa Township., and Oxford (56-51); the Satans did give Jeff a battle, before succumbing, 59-52, at the Bronchos' Regional. The Red Devils repeated in '58 back at Fowler, versus the home-court "Bulldogs," Ambia's "Wildcats," and Boswell (46-32). But it was the same at Lafayette's Regional -Jeff won, 46-33, over the Red and White. The last Sectional in the county (pre-Benton Central) at Fowler was won in 1961 by Ambia (72- 70), over the Bulldogs. But Otterbein was destined to take at least one more trophy and net under its name and Red Devils mascot in the turbulent 1960s.