



Important Phone Numbers

Police	911 or 884-0080
Billing Questions	583-4944
Clerk's Office	583-0089
Waste Management	866-797-9018
Streets and Water	583-3430

Councilmen

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

2022 Golf Permits

2022 Golf Permits are available for the new year. All Golf Carts and ORVs must be registered at the Town Hall in order to operate within the Town Limits. (Ord.2021-0415 and 2021-0506B)

Golf Cart owners must show proof of insurance and pay a \$15.00 permit fee.

ORV owners must show proof of insurance and ORVs are required to register their ORV with the State of Indiana and show proof that it is.

Reminder: Always make sure insurance is updated when need to be.

Make sure you familiarize yourself with the Ordinances. They are located on the Town website www.otterbein.in.gov or you may request a copy at the Town Hall

**Calendar
February 2022**

- 3rd Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- 17th Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- 21st **Town Hall Closed - Holiday**
Trash Every Friday



Pay your bill online or by text

Go to: Otterbein.in.gov and click the link
or

Invoicecloud.com/OtterbeinIN



Recycle Information

The recycle trailer provided by Benton County Recycling is located at the Wastewater Plant at 502 E 2nd Street outside of the fence with 24 hour video surveillance.

It is marked for what is recyclable, all must be emptied and clean, and divided into the correct slots and not in bags. This site accepts **paper** (office, news, magazines, junk mail, and school paper), **tin** (food grade, fruit, vegetable, and meat cans), **aluminum** (pop and beer cans), **#1 plastic bottles** (pop, water, food containers-lids and labels can be left on and has a 1 inside triangle on bottom), **#2 plastic cloudy or frosted containers** (like milk or some cat litter jugs and has a 2 inside triangle on bottom), and **#2 plastic solid color** (like some detergent jugs and some food containers, has a 2 triangle and cannot see through the container).

The **items not accepted** are plastics that have 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 in the triangle on bottom, any #2 plastic that had automotive lubricants or fluids in them, car parts, styrofoam, toys of any kind, plastic packaging (bubble wrap or plastic wrap), vinyl (roofing, siding, fencing, or other), wood, furniture, appliances, electronics, glass, or chemicals. If any questions, call 765-884-2028.

Trash Information Reminder

The trash pickup for **Waste Management** is **every Friday**, as you're probably aware of by now. Continue to put trash out the night before. Note, there are several different colored trash bins, sizes, and even some residents got recycle bins, but all are Waste Management's, for **trash only**, and are all **96 gallon sized bins**.

Make sure you become familiarized with the **Disposal of Large Garbage Items for the Town of Otterbein**. (Ordinance 2022-0120B). This is found on page 2, and if you have questions call the Town Manager 765-583-3430.

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OTTERBEIN, INDIANA

ORDINANCE 2022-0120B

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE DISPOSAL OF LARGE GARBAGE ITEMS FOR THE TOWN OF OTTERBEIN

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Otterbein, Indiana is the legislative body established under the laws and statutes of the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Otterbein, its staff, have reviewed and recommended a new policy regarding the disposal of large garbage items at the request of the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Otterbein has entered into an agreement with Waste Management of Indiana for the disposal of residential garbage for the 2022-2024 year; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and property owners of the Town of Otterbein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Town of Otterbein, Indiana, as follows:

1. Chapter 52 of the Otterbein Code of Ordinances shall be amended to add the following additional section.

52.8 Large Garbage Item Pickup Program

(A) **Establishment.** Each resident shall be permitted to request a special garage pick-up from the Town for large items, in excess of what is regularly picked up by the Town’s garbage collection contractor.

- (1) Each resident shall be limited to four (4) pickups per year, each consisting of three (3) items or less.
- (2) The Town shall not remove bagged garbage or garbage in cans at residential properties.
- (3) Garbage from commercial or industrial properties will not be removed by the Town under this program.
- (4) Garbage placed at the curb in excess of the three (3) item limit shall be declared a nuisance in accordance with §91.03 Real Estate Nuisances.
- (5) Residents shall be permitted to schedule a drop-off at the Wastewater Plant. Scheduled drop-offs shall not be counted against the four (4) permitted pickups.

(B) **Excess Charge.** Residents that exceed the four (4) pickup limit shall be charged a fee of \$100.00 per additional pickup occurring during the calendar year.

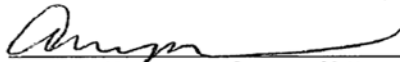
- (1) The Clerk-Treasurer, or her designee, shall be authorized to issue a “Bill for Services Rendered” to the utility enrollee at the property that the garbage was removed from.
- (2) If the large garbage item removal costs are not paid within the time permitted in the “Bill for Services Rendered”, a lien shall be filed against the property assessed in accordance with §50.03(D), as a fee for garbage collection.

(C) **Prohibited Items.** In accordance with the established agreement with Waste Management of Indiana, the following items are not permitted to be disposed of through the Large Garbage Item Pickup Program;

- (1) Auto parts, engines, tires, and batteries.
- (2) Electronics, televisions, computers, printers, and fax machines.
- (3) Chemicals, pesticides, paints, solvents, grease, motor oil, or other household hazardous waste.
- (4) Propane tanks or gas tanks.
- (5) Dead animals.
- (6) Fencing materials.
- (7) Concrete, dirt, rocks, sod, or stumps.
- (8) Medical waste.
- (9) Appliances that contain Freon (including but not limited to air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators, and dehumidifiers). If the Freon has been removed, the unit must bear a certification sticker indicating that the Freon had been removed by a certified technician, in accordance with Waste Management of Indiana policy.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Town of Otterbein, Indiana this
20th day of January, 2022 by a vote of 3 in favor and 0 against.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
OTTERBEIN, INDIANA**



Amy Brown, Council President



Jackey Apache, Vice President

Doyle Allison, Councilman

Rick Hadley, Councilman



Daniel Klumpe, Councilman

ATTEST:



Treeva Sarles, Clerk-Treasurer

“Otterbein—the Originating Years”

What became the community of Otterbein’s creation in 1872 actually got out of the gate with Benton County’s 1840 organizing. Named for Tomas H. Benton, a Missouri U.S. Senator—who was a leading statesman for western growth and believed in the future wealth and glory from the midwestern grassy plains (well-watered by the Mississippi River and its many tributaries) – Benton County was initiated by land speculation and development, from the efforts of regional visionaries like Henry L. Ellsworth, Moses Fowler, Adams Earl, and A.D. Raub. An actual extension of Illinois’ “grand prairie” of high, bluestem grasses, Benton County’s first major settlement/inaugural county seat was Milroy, renamed Oxford in 1843 (at this time, the famed Wabash and Erie Canal was expanding along Indiana’s primary Wabash River waterway: from Huntington down to Lafayette) and laid out by H.T. Howard. When the town of Fowler later arose (1871-1872), this resulted in a brief “courthouse war” with the original site of Oxford; Fowler took over the seat of Benton County, when the new courthouse was constructed and opened in 1874. Years after the American Civil War’s end (1865), Benton County already had in 1870 a population of 5,615.

To the southeast, past Templeton and towards nearby Tippecanoe County (only reachable, via a wooden-plank road), marshy but still productive land was typical for a general area known as “Pond Grove.” William Otterbein Brown, a local stock-raiser and farmer, was to donate land for both a possible community and a railroad right-of-way (one that was destined to connect this area with growing markets linked by the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis, and Chicago Railroad/the “Big Four”—within what was eventually know as the “Nickel Plate” rail-system). With the new train depot established and Brown making his contributions for the town’s emergence—he became the first postmaster (1872–1879) of this settlement that later carried his name—this same year (1872, around October 25) witnessed 60 lots plotted out by John Levering. What might have been “Pond Grove Township” surrounding this now-surfacing town of Otterbein, instead became “Bolivar Township,” taken from Bolivar Finch (and borrowed by his father George Finch, form the South American liberator -Simon Bolivar) of Templeton; George and eldest son Bolivar operated the Templeton post office and a general store.

For Otterbein itself, its namesake of William Otterbein Brown left this world in 1879; by this time, however, not only did the new town have a rail depot and connections, but its first business (the Henry H. Moore general store) and home (built by Doctor John K. Thompson- what was later termed the “Coach House”) went up. (One of the first photographs, taken in 1878 and one that may show the town’s earliest layout, could have come from the top of an early grain elevator: revealing the dawning rail-lines and depot, plus what became Main Street.) More land would be attached to the community in 1883 (April 24) by Mary A. Clancy’s addition, in a period that now had more attention placed upon drying out marshes and converting them- with innovations like the George McAlister plow – into productive fields and grasslands. The era of the drain tile had arrived here in northwest Indiana.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022, 6:00 PM**

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM with members Jackey Apache and Daniel Klumpe present. Member Doyle Allison and Richard Hadley were absent.

Jackey Apache made the motion for Amy Brown to remain Council President for the year 2022. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Amy Brown made the motion for Jackey Apache to remain Council Vice-President for the year 2022. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Amy Brown made the motion that legal notices for 2022 be published in the Benton Review and the Journal & Courier. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

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

Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the December 2021 Minutes as written. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Amy Brown read the summary of claims for a total of \$75,740.30 that should have been presented at the January 6, 2022, meeting, but the meeting was cancelled. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the January 6, 2022, claims. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Jackey Apache read the summary of claims for January 20, 2022, for a total of \$103,450.94. Amy Brown made the motion to approve the January 20, 2022, claims as presented. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Dave Buck with BF&S Engineering discussed the Community Crossing grant round 2022-1 through INDOT. They are currently accepting application and asked if the Council wanted to apply for a grant this round. The Council discussed Central Avenue. BF&S will assist with application for a not to exceed \$5,000 billed at an hourly rate. Daniel Klumpe made the motion to proceed with a grant application for Central Avenue with BF&S assisting. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor. He then discussed that he has been contacted by Indiana American Water (IAW) to provide information to them so they can make an offer to purchase the town's utilities. It would take some time and money to produce what they are requesting. Daniel Klumpe made the motion to not proceed with obtaining an offer from IAW at this time. Amy Brown seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Town Marshal Jason Pritchett gave a department update. He also discussed a request to move the handicap spot downtown. Ron will contact Tim Clark to ask his opinion of handicap parking requirement, since he is trained in this area, and report back.

Lukas Darling, Deputy Town Administrator presented Ordinance 2022-0120B to set the policy for Large Item Pickup in town. With the addition of the town will not pick up grease and oils; Daniel Klumpe made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-0120B. Amy Brown seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Lukas update the Council that he is working on the steps to follow regarding the Nuisance Ordinance, and he has emailed them a draft to review for the next meeting. He updated them on his work to spell out the Planning and Zoning steps to take. The next step is to review with Tim Clark and then set a meeting for the Area Plan Commission to review any changes to the code.

Ron Shoup, Town Administrator update the Council on the planning of the Sesquicentennial (150 years of Otterbein) celebration this year during the Otterbein Street Festival. The committee has been working with a carnival company to bring a carnival back to town, like Otterbein use to have. Before proceeding negotiation with the company, he wanted to make sure they are fine with this, and with the downtown area being shut off for multiple days to bring such a celebration. The council is unanimous with proceeding.

Clerk-Treasurer gave the 2021 Year-End financial report to the Council. The 2021 Year ended well financially; only concern; we were not able to transfer to the depreciation accounts in 2021. She presented Ordinance 2022-0120A an Amendment to the 2022 Salary Ordinance to correct an incorrect Overtime Rate for the Water/Park & Street Operator position. Amy Brown made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-0120A. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion, and all were in favor. She then brought the Council Approval required limit for purchasing, as everything has gone up; it is becoming that it is requiring Council approval for almost everything. Currently all purchases over \$100 need to get Clerk-Treasurer approval and any purchase over \$500 needs Council approval. She is proposing that the Clerk-Treasurer approval remain at \$100 but the Council approval be increased to \$1,000. Amy Brown made the motion to raise Council approval for purchases to be anything \$1,000 or more. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Lastly, she brought up the flowers for the Downtown hanging baskets. The order will need to be placed. The Council unanimously approved Treeva to purchase items for the baskets for a not to exceed \$2,000.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn at 7:23 PM. Amy Brown seconded the motion, and all were in favor.