

BRISTOL INDIANA TOWN MEETING REPORT– JANUARY 15, 2009

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19 AT 7:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL

JANUARY MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - ON JAN. 15, 2009.

ALL FOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE. ALSO ATTENDING WERE TOWN MANAGER BILL WUTHRICH, AND TOWN ATTORNEY GLENN DUNCAN. AND MARY RYMAN, TOWN CLERK MINUTES WERE APPROVED FOR DECEMBER, AND PRINTED MEETING NOTES WERE AVAILABLE.

POLICE REPORT BY MARSHAL MIKE SWALLOW:

STATISTICS REPORT - CALLS FOR SERVICE: 617; TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: CITATIONS: 25; TRAFFIC WARNINGS: 78; PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENTS: 14; AND PERSONAL INJURY: 0; FATAL: 0. ABANDONED/JUNK VEHICLES: TAGGED: 0; FIXED OR REMOVED: 0; IMPOUNDED: 0. CASES CLOSED BY ARREST: 11 ; CASES TAKEN IN DECEMBER: 33.

OFFICERS WORKED SPECIAL PATROLS (OPO) OPERATION PULL OVER AND DANGEROUS DRIVING. THE PATROL PAID BY GRANTS AND EFFORTS ARE INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE, EDUCATE AND ENFORCE THE USE OF SAFETY RESTRAINTS. WE ALSO REMIND EVERYONE TO CLEAN ALL WINDOWS OF SNOW AND ICE PRIOR TO DRIVING. REMEMBER TO SLOW AND DRIVE CAUTIOUSLY ON THE SNOW AND ICE COVERED ROADS. REMEMBER BRIDGES AND OVERPASSES FREEZE FIRST.

DURING DECEMBER, A TOTAL 36 CASES WERE WORKED. THERE WERE 22 CRIMINAL ARRESTS, 8 WARRANT SERVICES AND 3 BODY ATTACHMENTS ARRESTS AS WELL. THERE HAVE BEEN FRAUDULENT LETTERS RECEIVED FROM PEOPLE CLAIMING TOWN RESIDENCES ARE WINNERS IN DIFFERENT FALSE LOTTERIES. BE CAUTIOUS. IF IT LOOKS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS. THERE ARE MANY SCAMS AND DIFFERENT TYPES OF IDENTIFY THEFT. DON'T GIVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION OUT, ESPECIALLY OVER THE PHONE OR COMPUTER IF YOU'RE NOT ON A SAFE OR KNOW WEBSITE.

BE WATCHFUL FOR VIRUSES THROUGH THE INTERNET AND EMAILS; JUST LIKE OTHER SECURITY ISSUES, BE SURE YOU KNOW WHOM YOU ARE DEALING WITH PRIOR TO GIVING OUT ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION.

EVENTS:

DEC. 6 – MEMBERS VOLUNTEERED TO ASSIST WITH COLLECTION OF TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAMS, SPONSORED BY THE UNITED STATES MARINES.

DEC. 10 – PRESENTATION AT NOON LUNCHEON ON IDENTITY THEFT AND WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

DEC. 13-14 – MEMBERS OF POSSE, RESERVES AND FULL TIME VOLUNTEERS HELPED WITH TOYS FOR TOTS DISTRIBUTION.

DEC. 15 – ANNUAL SHOP WITH A COP. THIS WAS A RECORD YEAR WITH 55 FAMILIES TAKING PART THROUGH GOSHEN F.O.P, SHERIFF'S DEPT., GOSHEN POLICE, WAKARUSA POLICE, NAPPANEE POLICE, MILLERSBURG POLICE AND 19 OFFICERS FROM BRISTOL.

WE CONTINUE TO MEET WITH ALL AGENCIES AND THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN INFORMATION SHARING.

WE ARE STILL ACTIVE IN MONTHLY TRIAD MEETINGS, A COLLECTIVE EFFORT BETWEEN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, SENIOR CITIZENS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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UPDATE ON GERALD, THE LOCAL HOMELESS PERSON, HE IS BEING RELEASED FROM A NURSING HOME LATER IN THE WEEK, AND VARIOUS PERSONS HAVE DONATED CLOTHING AND OTHER ITEMS THAT WERE DESTROYED. THEY ARE HELPING TO HAVE HIM FIND A PLACE TO STAY AT LEAST DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. HE HAS BEEN A FIXTURE AROUND BRISTOL, AND MANY PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN TRYING TO HELP HIM OUT.

NOTE ON YEAR STATISTICS: MANY CRIME AREAS ARE DOWN AT THE END OF THE YEAR, OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

AUDIENCE ITEMS:

LYLE RYMAN OF THE BRISTOL BUSINESS GROUP SHOWED THE COUNCIL THE LATEST PLANNED BRISTOL AD FOR THE AMISH ACRES PUBLICATION. HE ASKED THE TOWN COUNCIL TO DONATE \$1,000 TOWARD THE AD. HE SHARED WITH THE COUNCIL THE PLANS FOR BRINGING AWARENESS OF BRISTOL TO THE GREATER COMMUNITY.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME WEATHER RELATED ISSUES, BUT THINGS SEEM TO BE GOING WELL, ASIDE FROM SOME EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS. HAVE USED HALF THE SALT SO FAR AND HAVE ORDERED MORE. THEY ARE MIXING MORE SAND INTO THE SALT. THEIR SUPPLIER IS NOT TAKING ANY ADDITIONAL ORDERS, BUT HE FEELS THEY WILL BE OK IF THEY ARE CAUTIOUS IN THE USE OF THE SALT.

THE OLD FORD TRUCK WAS REPAIRED. HE GOT SOME QUOTES ON A DIFFERENT TRUCK. THEY HAD TO HAVE SOME REPAIRS MADE TO THE LEAF MACHINE TO THE TUNE OF ABOUT \$2,000, BUT IT WAS WORTH IT.

THERE WAS ANOTHER FLOOD AT THE HERMANCE PAVILION OF A COUPLE INCHES, BUT NOTHING WAS DAMAGED.

THE NORTH AREA TIF HAS BEEN FILED AND RECORDED.

TAX PHASE-IN MEETING FOR THE ELKHART ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WILL BE PRESENTED TOMORROW. ELKHART COUNTY IS SPONSORING IT. THEY ARE A LOT OF EFFORTS TO "SELL" BUSINESSES ON COMING TO ELKHART COUNTY.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF WHAT BUSINESSES ARE LOOKING FOR IN A LOCATION. WUTHRICH SAID THAT IT IS LOCATION, RAIL ACCESS, TOLL ROAD ACCESS, WATER, SEWER, ETC.

THEY MADE A FEW MORE PICKUPS OF LEAVES AND LIMBS WHEN THE WEATHER ALLOWED.

METERS: A NEW COMPLETE METER IS \$170.00. THERE ARE ABOUT 100 OF THE OLD METERS STILL RUNNING. THEY PROBABLY NEED ABOUT 60 OF THEM. THE LARGER METERS ARE ABOUT \$200. BUT AS LONG AS THEY ARE RUNNING, THEY FEEL THEY DON'T NEED TO REPLACE THEM ALL, SINCE IT WOULD BE ABOUT \$20,000.

THEY GOT RECOMMENDATIONS ON A NEW PLOW/SALT/SAND TRUCK OR A USED ONE, ABOUT \$40 TO 45,000. IT WOULD HAVE THE COMMERCIAL PACKAGE ALREADY. OR A NEW ONE \$100,000. LEASED USED ONE: 5-YEAR PAYMENT LEASE \$45,000 OR \$10,391 A YEAR. OR \$7,800 A YEAR FOR A SEVEN YEAR ONE. FINANCING A NEW ONE \$17,000 A YEAR FOR SEVEN YEARS.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE REPLACEMENT OF THE TRUCK AND WHETHER THE 25-YEAR-OLD TRUCK HAS PROBLEMS, ALTHOUGH THE EXHAUST SYSTEM WAS REPLACED, THE REPAIR MAY NOT HAVE SOLVED ALL THE PROBLEMS. THE COUNCIL REQUESTED THAT THE TRUCK BE RETIRED FOR THE SEASON AND TOWN MANAGER WILL ADVISE THE EMPLOYEES OF THAT DECISION.

WUTHRICH WILL ASK VENDOR TO CHECK FOR AVAILABILITY OF A USED TRUCK WITH THE SPECS REQUIRED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL.

TOWN CLERK ISSUES:

SUBMITTED BILLS FOR SIGNATURE APPROVALS BY COUNCIL, AND THEY APPROVED. CLERK FURNISHED A BREAKDOWN OF THE BILLS BY EACH DEPARTMENT SO THEY CAN TELL WHAT PART OF BUDGET IT IS COMING FROM.

SHE PROVIDED A LIST OF APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS THAT WERE DONE TO COVER FUNDS AS NECESSARY. SHE ASKED COUNCIL TO INITIAL THE REPORT. SHE PRESENTED THE \$34,750 SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT. COUNCIL VOTED TO APPROVE.

CLERK SENT LETTERS TO WES CULVER, ETC. AND GOT A PHONE CALL FROM CULVER THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET WITH THE COUNCIL ABOUT THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE SITUATION AND THE GOLF CARTS ISSUE. SHE SAID THAT IF THE COUNCIL AGREES ON A MEETING DATE, SHE WILL SET IT UP.

CLERK COMPLAINED TO THE ELKHART TRUTH THAT BRISTOL WAS LEFT OFF THE REAL ESTATE MAPS ON A WEEKLY REAL ESTATE PUBLICATION.

A COUPLE LOOKED AT THE OLD FIRE STATION AND ARE VERY INTERESTED IN RENTING IT FOR THEIR AWNING BUSINESS. THEY ARE INTERESTED IN PART OF THE BUILDING. SHE ASKED IF THE COUNCIL WOULD CONSIDER RENTING IT.

THEY ALSO DISCUSSED DISCONTINUING THE SET-UP AND STORAGE OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AT AN OUTSIDE VENDOR AND INSTEAD STORE IT IN THE OLD FIRE STATION. THEY COULD STORE IT IN THE ONE BAY USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CLERK WILL DISCUSS CURRENT UTILITY BILL COSTS WITH POTENTIAL TENANT TO SEE IF THEY STILL WANT TO CONSIDER RENTING IT.

THE CURRENT WRITE OFFS FOR FIVE WATER BILLS ARE \$462.84. TWO OF THE PROPERTIES HAVE GONE TO FORECLOSURE. COUNCIL APPROVED THE WRITE-OFFS.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON THE TRANSFER OF DATA FOR RUNNING WATER/SEWER BILLS IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE INSTEAD OF HAVING TO TRANSFER THE DATA FROM THE SEWER PLANT COMPUTER AND THEN BACK TO THE COMPUTER AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE WHERE THE BILLS ARE RUN.

BORDEN WASTE-A-WAY WILL BE ISSUING A NEW TRASH CONTRACT FOR 2009, SINCE THE EXISTING CONTRACT IS VERY OLD AND RATES AND NUMBERS OF PICKUPS HAVE CHANGED OVER THE YEARS.

TOWN ATTORNEY: GLEN DUNCAN ASKED THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERS BE RE-APPOINTED FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, IF THAT IT WAS THE COUNCIL WANTS TO DO. BILL WUTHRICH, BARB LONG AND TOM STUTSMAN WERE REAPPOINTED BY TOM STUTSMAN AND ANN ANDRE AND KYLE SWARTZ WERE REAPPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL.

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THERE IS AN INDIANA STATUE THAT ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION MAKE A REPORT. DUNCAN PRESENTED A DRAFT OF A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND THEY APPROVED IT.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

DAN WATSON: NO ISSUES

FLOYD LYNCH: NO ISSUES

BARB LONG: NO ISSUES

TOM STUTSMAN: THEY DISCUSSED THE COST OF DECORATION SET-UP, STORAGE AND MAINTAINING WHICH WAS \$800.00 PER YEAR, PLUS \$150.00 FOR TREE DECORATING. THE COUNCIL ADVISED THAT THE VENDOR BE TOLD OF THEIR INTENT TO STORE THEM IN OLD FIRE STATION.

HE INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF CENTRAL PURCHASING. TOWN CLERK REPORTED THAT ALTHOUGH THEY HAD MADE CALLS ABOUT OTHER VENDORS, THE COUNCIL DID NOT REMEMBER RECEIVING A REPORT ON CENTRALIZING PURCHASE OF PAPER OR COMPUTER SUPPLIES FOR THE TOWN. CLERK WILL PROVIDE A REPORT TO COUNCIL.

STUTSMAN WANTED TO HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION ON RAINY DAY FUND TRANSFERS FOR THE NEXT WORK SESSION.

PERFORMANCE REVIEWS FOR 2008 AND GOALS FOR 2009 SHOULD BE DONE IN AN EXECUTIVE SESSION. THEY SCHEDULED IT FOR TUESDAY, JAN. 27 AT 6PM AT TOWN HALL.

NEXT COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON - TUESDAY, FEB. 17 AT 7:30AM AT THE TOWN HALL
- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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