

**Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting
August 11th, 2008**

President Talbotte Richardson called the regular monthly meeting to order. Councilpersons present were Bob Wright, Patti Hayes, Randal Johnes, Hanzel Barclay, and President Talbotte Richardson, along with Clerk Jack Travillian. Also attending the meeting was Water Utility Superintendent Gary Getrost, Town Attorney Rick Fox, and other concerned citizens.

Chaplain Avery opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes were discussed and approved. Motion made by T. Richardson and seconded by R. Johnes. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinances:

Ordinance 2008-T-85 Update ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE REGULATING OF STRUCTURES, MOBILE HOMES, GARBAGE RECEPTACLES, PARKING, BUILDING LINES, WEEDS AND GRASS IN THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, INDIANA. Second reading of the ordinance was read. Resident Simons voiced an opinion that she did not see the problem with having a portable storage facility on her property. The roll-off storage was new and not rusty. The area around it was kept clean and she needed the storage space. Carol Weaver who runs the Greenville Love Center stated that her trailer had been located on the property for eight years and she did not see how she could do without it. The area behind the trailer is used for temporary storage. The council explained that the new rules were needed to be fair to all citizens. The council was concerned with lower property values surrounding the affected area. Councilman Johnes made a motion to revise Ordinance to have an effective date of Aug. 11th, 2008. Councilman Johnes motion failed to receive a second. Motion was made by P. Hayes and seconded by T. Richardson to accept Ordinance as read. The council voted 4-1 to accept the ordinance as written. The third reading of the ordinance was completed. Motion made by T. Richardson and seconded by P. Hayes. Motion passed 4-1.

Ordinance 2008-T-86 Transfer of Funds – From Economical Development (E.D. I. T.) to Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) and from Riverboat Gaming to General Fund. After first reading motion was made by R. Johnes and seconded by B. Wright to accept the ordinance as written. The council unanimously voted to consider the ordinance (5-0). Motion was made by R. Johnes and seconded by B. Wright. Motion passed 5-0. Second reading, R. Johnes made motion to accept the ordinance and T. Richardson seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Third reading was completed motion was made by R. Johnes, seconded by T. Richardson. Motion passed 5-0.

Old Business- Part A - Widening of Streets in Parkland Heights; one resident of Parkland Heights upset about the project addressed the council. John Mcgehee stated that no notification had been sent to any resident and he believes that most residents do not want the streets widen. He feels that this will lead to increased speed and may raise safety issues with the children that ride their bikes on the streets. Mr. Cherry of Parkland Heights began to speak to the council on his concerns. President Richardson told Mr. Cherry he would not be allowed to speak because he was not on the agenda. The council

stated that the project had been on the drawing board for several years and most residents were aware of the ongoing project. John McGehee brought it to the council's attention that he would be losing several feet of his yard. The council reminded residents that the road right-of-way was town property and was being used to help alleviate stress from sanitation and delivery trucks and the concern for safety of school buses using these very narrow streets. President Richardson requested that the residents of Parkland Heights that were present to raise their hands. Several hands were raised. President Richardson asked for all of those present who opposed this project to raise their hands. Two hands were raised, Mr. McGehee and Mr. Cherry. The council re-affirmed their commitment to the project.

Old Business: Part B

Reading of an Interlocal Agreement for partnership with Floyd County Planning Commission was completed. Motion was made by R. Johnes and seconded by T. Richardson. Motion passed 5-0. The council members signed the agreement for professional services. Attorney Fox provided the council with a Conflict of Interest Statement due to his representing both Floyd County and the Greenville Town Council.

Annexation of Heritage Springs – Attorney Fox has been in contact with Greg Fifer the attorney for D. Thieneman and was told that all annexation in the State of Indiana are on hold until after 2010 census has been taken. Councilman Johnes requested Attorney Fox to research and confirm this statement for the Sept. 15th meeting.

New Business:

President Richardson spoke on the up coming meeting to be held between the Town of Greenville and the INDOT representatives to be held at the Greenville Elementary School on Sept. 8th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. President Richardson stated that flyers had been sent to all property owners and businesses within the corporate limits of Greenville. President Richardson stated that this meeting would be for Greenville property owners and businesses only as the council had agreed to this because of the INDOT request. President Richardson stated to attend this meeting you would be required to obtain a ticket from Amy at the water company. He stated this was because of the limited capacity of 400 required by fire codes.

President Richardson stated that the next monthly meeting would be held on Sept. 15th because of the meeting being held with INDOT on Sept. 8th.

Councilman Johnes stated that INDOT had agreed to allow the local news media to attend, but not speak. Councilman Johnes stated that reporters from the Tribune, Banner Gazette and Clarion would be attending. Councilman Johnes also stated that Mr. Don Lopp the Floyd County Planner would be attending for informational purposes only.

Councilman Johnes also stated that several of the mailed flyers had been returned because of the list of property owners supplied to the deputy town clerk was incorrect. Councilman Johnes requested that this list be researched and corrected immediately and additional flyers be mailed to those who did not receive one.

President Richardson stated that the storm water removal system plan presented by INDOT would be addressed in the Sept. 8th meeting by Chester Richardson. Chester Richardson stated he had reviewed the state plans. Mr. Richardson is going to contact INDOT to see if there are any changes to the set of plans the town has.

Water Business:

Pumping station in Galena: Superintendent Getrost noted that Floyd County had granted the requested easements using county right-of-way. Motion was made by R. Johnes and seconded by B. Wright to accept the easement. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Getrost submitted monthly adjustments to the council. The adjustments were accepted without comment.

Financial:

Review/Approval Checks and Expenditures: Clerk Travillian presented the forms for checks written from the utility and the town.

Clerk Travillian presented the council with copies of 2008 budget for comparison in setting up next year's budget and reminded members that next month the 2009 budget is to be passed.

Committee Reports**Special Projects:**

The current property owners list needs to be updated as soon as possible. Councilwoman Hayes suggested contacting the Floyd County Assessor for most current list.

Streets and Roads:

Parkland Heights Street Widening Project: Motion was made by R. Johnes and seconded by T. Richardson to approve a change order for the contracted services. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Johnes requested that the council look into the possibility of changing East Second Street to a one-way going from Highway 150 south to Harrison Street. He stated that he had concerns about the safety of pulling onto the highway from the limited space. Johnes also requested some signs to be replaced due to excessive weathering. Clerk Travillian will check with Floyd County Garage about the signs needed.

Councilman Johnes stated the Motsinger property at West Second Street and Highway 150 has drainage issues and needs to be reviewed for some type of curbing.

Councilman Johnes stated a ditch parallel to Cross Street between Clark St. and the alley needs to be cleaned out.

Councilman Wright requested signs be posted on highway 150 stating "No Jake Braking Allowed Within Town Limits". Clerk Travillian will research having the signs made.

Emergency Services:

Councilman Wright has contacted Floyd County Council about next year's budget for the police funding from county gaming revenue. The council will decide at the Sept. 9 meeting.

The police Jeep needs some upkeep maintenance. It is having problems with battery draining. The council agreed that it needs to go to an electrical shop.

Property Cleanup:

Councilman Johnes stated that the Perkins residence {9907 Highway 150} has been brought into compliance. Mr. Perkins presented President Richardson with his retail merchant certificate. Councilman Johnes stated that as long as the Perkins maintains their property in its current condition that the ordinance violation they were sited on is closed.

9850 Highway 150 property had to be mowed again. Councilman Johnes requested that Attorney Fox research how we can invoice and contact Countrywide Mortgage to pay the \$200.00 they owe for grass cutting. Councilman Johnes stated that Countrywide hasn't returned his numerous calls.

An inspection of the repaired culvert in Wind Dance Subdivision during recent rainstorm was completed and it appears to be working properly.

Marshal Burkhart talked to Pat and Greg Tush, sons of Jerry Tush, the owner of 9838 Highway 150. Progress for the cleanup has begun and they will be granted an additional month to get this completed.

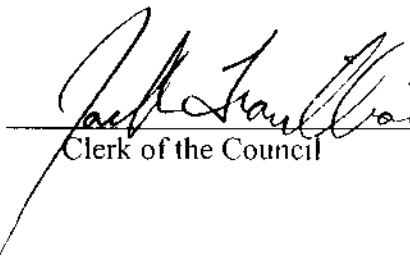
Cross Street: Pat Sappenfield began to report on her property. President Richardson told Ms. Sappenfield that she would not be allowed to speak because she was not on the agenda. President Richardson informed the town clerk to add her to the agenda for the Sept. 15th meeting. A written response from Councilman Johnes was given to her in response to her previous letter. Councilman Johnes response was entered into the minutes and a copy can be obtained from the town clerk upon request. She will give an update on progress at next monthly meeting.

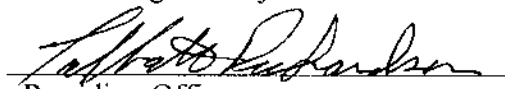
Marshal's Report:

Marshal Burkhart gave his monthly report about arrests, stops, tickets and warnings.

No further business coming before the Council the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council


Presiding Officer

History Transactions by Type
 All Adjustments
 Date From 07/15/2008 through 08/11/2008

Acct #	Audit #	Type	Date	Desc	Amount	Trash Adjusted	Misc Adjusted	Misc Penalty Adjusted	Operator AMY	Total	Balance
BOOK # 1											
				11509 MULLINS, BRANDY							
				Desc RETURN CHECK # 3055							
	171545	Water Adjusted			\$49.48						
		Water Tax Adjusted			\$3.57						
		Water Penalty Adjusted			\$1.95						
					0.00000						
										\$60.00	\$61.52

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Acct #	Audit #	Type	Date	Desc	Amount	Trash Adjusted	Misc Adjusted	Misc Penalty Adjusted	Operator AMY	Total	Balance
BOOK # 2											
				23750 NELSON, CALVIN							
				Desc LEAK							
	173900	Water Adjusted			\$-18.37						
		Water Tax Adjusted			\$-1.28						
		Water Penalty Adjusted			\$0.00						
					0.00000						
										\$-19.65	\$53.15

					\$-18.37						
					\$-1.28						
					\$0.00						
					0.00000						
										\$-19.65	

Acct #	Audit #	Type	Date	Desc	Amount	Trash Adjusted	Misc Adjusted	Misc Penalty Adjusted	Operator AMY	Total	Balance
BOOK # 3											
				30630 SMITHSON, ANTHONY							
				Desc CLEAR OF FINALED ACC							
	171403	Water Adjusted			\$1.59						
		Water Tax Adjusted			\$0.11						
		Water Penalty Adjusted			\$0.00						
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BOOK # 3											
				3155004 MCGILL, BEATRICE							
				Desc METER READ WRONG							
	171342	Water Adjusted			\$-5.31						
		Water Tax Adjusted			\$-0.39						
		Water Penalty Adjusted			\$0.00						
					0.00000						
										\$-5.70	\$-5.70

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Acct #	Audit #	Type	Date	Desc	Amount	Trash Adjusted	Misc Adjusted	Misc Penalty Adjusted	Operator AMY	Total	Balance
BOOK # 3											
				31820400 KESSINGER, KELLY							
				Desc RETURN CHECK # 558							
	171544	Water Adjusted			\$14.83						
		Water Tax Adjusted			\$1.04						
		Water Penalty Adjusted			\$0.65						
					0.00000						
										\$19.02	\$19.67

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					\$1.04						
					\$0.65						
					0.00000						
										\$19.02	\$19.67

Acct #	Audit #	Type	Date	Desc	Amount	Trash Adjusted	Misc Adjusted	Misc Penalty Adjusted	Operator AMY	Total	Balance
BOOK # 4											
					\$11.11						
					\$0.76						
					\$0.65						
					0.00000						
										\$15.02	\$2.50

History Transactions by Type
 All Adjustments

Date From 07/15/2008 through 08/11/2008

Acct #	Desc	Leak	Trash Adjusted	Misc Adjusted	Misc Penalty Adjusted	Operator AMY
41100 COLLARD, MABURN				\$0.00		
173899	Water Adjusted	\$-68.71				\$0.00
	Water Tax Adjusted	\$-4.80				\$0.00
08/09/2008	Water Penalty Adjusted	\$0.00				
Total						\$-73.51
Balance						\$155.08

BOOK # 4

Water Adjusted	\$-68.71
Water Tax Adjusted	\$-4.80
Water Penalty Adjusted	\$0.00
0.00000	0.00000
Total	\$-73.51

SUMMARY

Water Adjusted	\$-26.49
Water Tax Adjusted	\$-1.75
Water Penalty Adjusted	\$2.60
0.00000	0.00000

Trash Adjusted

\$0.00

Misc Adjusted

\$7.50

Misc Penalty Adjusted

\$0.00

Total

\$-18.14

Handwritten signature

Attested: Jack Laurila

July 19, 2008

From: Councilman Randal Johnes
Ward One
Town of Greenville

To: Citizens of the Town of Greenville
and Council Members

I was not going to respond to the accusations made by Ms. Sappenfield against me and the other council members on the current board at the board meeting July 14th. A conversation I had last night has caused me to rethink that statement.

Ms. Sappenfield requested a response from the Town Board President Talbotte Richardson concerning her written statements made before the board July 14th, 2008. I have spoken with Mr. Richardson and have stated that I would respond to her statements because I am the one who was mostly involved with Ms. Sappenfield.

First, since Ms. Sappenfield believes that her parents and their history with Greenville should in some way have a bearing on the structural compliance of her barn, I wish to state my history with Greenville.

I bought the home my wife and I currently reside in June of 1984. The house was built by the Jacobi Family in 1886. I fell in love with the house immediately and saw what it could become. My wife just wanted to leave and not come back.

After a lot of begging, my wife agreed to allow me to buy the house. I bought the house on contract because it was in very poor shape and not livable. I spent a year gutting and repairing the structural problems the house had. The house did not have a heating system; had water problems and electrical problems; and only a water closet in the bathroom. A considerable part of the roof leaked; the porches leaked; a barn that needed to be removed; a septic system that needed repair; and the only living things in the house and barn were spiders and rats.

Over the first year we owned the house, I made the major repairs with my sons that allowed us to move into the house in June of 1985 after school had been dismissed for the summer.

I worked on my home for 20 years. In that period of time I changed this house from {4} rooms to {4} bedrooms, bath and a half, kitchen, formal dining room, entry foyer, living room, family room, whirlpool room, game room, mud room, office, carport, new porches, 2 ½ car garage, paved and concrete driveways, and large patio area.

I have invested over \$100,000 dollars in this home. Why did we do this? Because we liked the Town of Greenville; and my wife and I decided this is where we wanted to raise our family and live for the remainder of our lives.

This wasn't an easy task to accomplish. During the first few years of reconstructions several complaints were brought against me to the town board. However, I was able to endure and accomplish my dream because I adhered to the ordinances, local and state, that were in place at that time.

When I was approached by the Town Board President in 2006 about filling the vacancy on the board created by a board member who was moving out of Ward One, I was thrilled to be asked and accepted. I was thankful to serve my community and still am to this date. My first board meeting was held December 2006.

I want to mention, at this time, I believe we have an exceptionally talented board that has accomplished a considerable number of items since I have been on this board. I believe the position held by each member of this board compliments each other.

Talbotte Richardson---- Board President has done an exceptional job in directing the board to accomplish projects and bring Greenville into the 21st Century.

Hanzel Barclay---- Councilman in charge of Streets and Roads has done an exceptional job and the current project he is working on in Parkland Heights is proof of this statement.

Bob Wright---- Councilman in charge of Emergency Services has done an exceptional job with improvements in the Marshal Department's equipment and personnel. As Police Commissioner he continues to request additional items to help improve the protection for the citizens of the town.

Patti Hayes----- Councilwoman in charge of Special Projects has done an exceptional job in the research for sewers, garbage pick up and annexation projects for the town.

Accomplishments of this Board are as follows:

- 1) Progress continues to be made on the new pumping station.
- 2) Annexation of Heritage Springs is continuing and will be accomplished this year.
- 3) Several streets were paved within the older part of Greenville in 2007, plus four alleyways were graded and three of those four were graveled.
- 4) The Parkland Heights road rework is to begin. The contract is to be awarded July 21st.
- 5) An agreement between Floyd County and the Town of Greenville has been reached to bring Planning and Zoning to Greenville.
- 6) A full time Marshal has been hired. We have a part-time Deputy Marshal, and an additional police vehicle. The Marshal monthly report presented at the town meetings indicates the increased law enforcement in Greenville.
- 7) Research has begun for sewer systems to relieve the septic system problems in Greenville.
- 8) The Indiana Residential Building Codes have been adopted by Greenville.
- 9) The drainage problem that has existed off Harrison Street, that has been an on going problem for 10 years, has been corrected.
- 10) Ordinances have been enforced and several problem properties within the town have been brought into compliance.

- 11) Several ordinances have been reviewed and amended to better reflect the intent of the original ordinances.
- 12) Mrs. Long had requested the Town correct a watershed problem on her property caused from a hill behind her property. This problem has been corrected to her satisfaction.
- 13) The culvert on Whirlaway Court has been repaired and a catch basin installed.

In response to Ms. Sappenfield's Progress Report & Comments.

(Sappenfield's statement) BARN: She has made the statement that the barn has been repaired and made structurally safe. This is the only item that was in question with my conversations with her. I believe she needs to have the barn inspected by a third party and submit that report to the town board by that party or allow the town board to have it inspected.

(Sappenfield's statement) TREES, BUSHES, HEDGES, GRASS AND OTHER PLANTINGS: The grass was cut and trimmed, and limbs and trash have been hauled off because I cut her grass and trimmed her yard at NO COST to her. Part of the limbs and trash were hauled off because on the day prior and the day of clean up Greenville the town hauled off three trailer loads for her at NO COST.

(Sappenfield's statement) SECURITY LIGHTING: The town did not request this; however I believe it to be a good idea. The Marshal can not be at her property 24/7. I have a security light myself, I pay for, to deter vandalism.

(Sappenfield's statement) REQUEST THAT ANY TOWN BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF RECEIVE MY PERMISSION TO COME ON MY PROPERTY AND SPEAK TO ME IN A COURTEOUS MANNER:

Response to #1) On June 14th Town Board President Talbotte Richardson and I were on Ms. Sappenfield's property. We were there because we picked up two loads of trash from her property. I did not see Talbotte speak with the Amish carpenters or enter her barn. Saying he did, it had to be brief because we were loading a trailer with trash. Ms. Sappenfield allowed us on her property to pick up her trash but neither one of us were aware that we were not allowed to go into her barn or speak to anyone. We were there to haul off trash to help Ms. Sappenfield at NO COST. The times that I saw Ms. Sappenfield that day she never thanked the town for hauling off the trash and discarded barn material. All Ms. Sappenfield wanted to do was complain we were not doing enough for her.

Response to #2) On Tuesday June the 17th, it is true I used my weed eater on the ditch along Cross Street. The only flowers I cut were in the ditch itself. I also cut down saplings from the ditch that were impairing the view of the stop sign at Clark and Cross Street. When Ms. Sappenfield came to my office she informed me she was unhappy about how the current person cutting her grass was not trimming her yard; and she felt she had been over paying him. She also stated she did not have the funds to do any of the items she was going to be required to do. I told her I would cut and trim her yard at NO COST to her to help her out because of her problems. When I cut her grass which I have done twice and trimmed it once she never said thank you. All she wanted to do was complain that I had cut her flowers down. I told her they were in the bottom of the ditch and they were in violation of ordinances. I told her I also cut saplings out of the ditch. Sappenfield has stated that there is a drainage problem in this ditch. Part of the problem is created by this clump of day lilies in the base of this ditch. This problem was revealed once I used my weed eater in the ditch. This ditch needs to be dug out either by the town or Sappenfield to correct the problem. I did tell Sappenfield that day if she did not want me to cut her grass and trim it just say so and I

wouldn't. I believe anyone else in that position would have said the same thing when you discover how ungrateful of a person she seems to be. Of the pictures she presented to the council, none of them are relative to the problem in her ditch because of the water flow obstruction. Some of the pictures she showed were on US 150 which the town has no jurisdiction over. I have enforced the Ordinance 2007-T-71 on several citizens within the town of Greenville.

Response to #3} Sappenfield stated that on June 14th that Bob Wright talked negatively about her and Richardson and Johnes gave her a hassle. This is true; Sappenfield came down to where the dumpster site was located around 12:30 pm DEMANDING to know why we had not been to her place to haul more trash off. We were taking a break for lunch at that time. Talbotte tried to explain nicely to Ms. Sappenfield that we had several runs {which included one to her site} and that we had to make one after lunch. He told her we would be there as soon as we could. That wasn't good enough she wanted us to come at that moment. The flyer sent out stated that the site would not be open from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. This was to give us a break because Talbotte and I were the only ones picking up refuse. Sappenfield continued to tell Talbotte that the town promised to pick up her trash. Talbotte tried to tell her that it was only he and I that were doing this and that there were other senior citizens in Greenville that needed items picked up. This still did not satisfy Sappenfield. I asked her if she would allow the people working on her barn to take a few minutes to help load the trailer when we came down to speed things up. She refused saying she hired them to work on the barn and they were leaving at 1:00 pm {it was around that time}. Talbotte and I did make another trip to her property as promised. Sappenfield made the statement if we had left the trailer there that morning she could have had it filled up and we could just come and get the loads. Talbotte told her again she was not the only person in Greenville that requested refuse pick up. Sappenfield was very ungrateful to Talbotte and I; and Talbotte told her because of her attitude this was the last pick up we were going to make. I want to mention that the trailer and diesel fuel that day was supplied by Bob and the gasoline and truck were supplied by me at NO COST to the town.

Response to #4} The only response I have to this is that the day Sappenfield came to my office she complained about the way Jack Travillian treated her saying that she went there to get a telephone number for the Marshal and all he wanted to do was complain about her barn. She stated Jack would not give her the telephone number. I spoke to Talbotte and told him if this was true he needed to speak to Jack. After being involved with Sappenfield I do not believe Jack or anybody at town hall treated her in the manner she has claimed.

(Sappenfield's comment) PLEASE KNOW THAT I AM OUTTING FORTH MUCH EFFORT, TIME, AND MONEY

The only item that the town has requested from Ms. Sappenfield has to do with the structural soundness of her barn. The town believes it to be unsafe. If it is repaired and structurally sound she needs to provide a copy of the inspection report from a licensed inspection firm. The council members in Greenville have bent over backwards to be kind and understanding to Ms. Sappenfield despite the way she has treated members of this board.

In response to Sappenfield's Question and Comments for the Greenville Town Board.

1} The Town of Greenville has made great progress in solving crime within the Town Corporate Limits. We have a full time Marshal and a part time Deputy Marshal. The Marshal files a written report at every town board meeting. Ms. Sappenfield has only been back in Greenville since the end of May of this year. To paint the town of Greenville as being a haven for thieves, drug users and sex offenders is unfair to this town, the Marshal and the Police Commissioner. Hanzel Barclay is in charge of streets and roads, he is not

on the police force in Greenville. To suggest that he is somehow responsible for the crime problem in Greenville is ludicrous. I can sympathize with the feeling of being violated because of having her trailer broken into and items stolen. I was a victim myself last year in Clarksville and lost approximately \$15,000.00 in equipment. This theft was reported to Clarksville Police and nothing has been done to resolve my issue. Why? The investigators need evidence to make an arrest. Most theft crimes go unsolved no matter where you live. The police department of Greenville will do the best it can to resolve this crime committed upon Ms. Sappenfield, but we have the same situation here as with the cleanup Greenville. Ms. Sappenfield is not the only citizen in Greenville. Accusations are not facts. Until we have these facts, it is difficult to arrest anyone and charge them. The case would be thrown out of court and the town could be sued for false arrest.

The safety and concern is foremost in the mind of the Greenville Town Board. Not just for one citizen, but for all citizens.

2) My understanding is that the Marshal met with Ms. Sappenfield but did not get any further than the front door. I also understand that the trailer had been broken into months prior to the report. Ms. Sappenfield was in this trailer prior to reporting the break-in which to me means she contaminated a crime scene. With activity happening within the trailer it isn't practical to do finger printing. What should have happened? She should have contacted the Marshal, not entered the trailer and allowed the Marshal to tape the area off with yellow crime scene tape. Had she done this she would have received a better investigation. I believe that the Marshal will collect evidence in the manner he has been trained. If evidence is found I believe he will act. He can not act on hearsay. It is not against the law for people to set in a parked truck in an alleyway. I have done this myself. Does this make me guilty of a crime? She mentioned that David Miller entered her property with a group of young men and also a Terrance. I know the Marshal will speak with these people if he hasn't already. This evidence is hearsay and he can not arrest without proof. When I was told that Ms. Sappenfield had filed suit against the Town of Greenville, I contacted the town attorney Mr. Fox. He told me he wasn't aware of this happening. This information was hearsay; because someone told me did not make it a fact.

3) Ms. Sappenfield wasn't notified by me about her trailer because I did not know. It probably was mentioned in the Marshal's monthly report but I did not connect the dots. I am in charge of property cleanup and normally that is where my focus is during the meetings. I have been having ongoing discussions with certain property owners in the last year trying to resolve ordinance issues. If I am guilty of this, I apologize because it wasn't intentional. I never stated that I wasn't concerned about Ms. Sappenfield's identity theft. When she came into my office she told me about how she was treated by Jack at the water company. After listening to what she had to say, I told her I would give her the Marshal's telephone number. At that time she told me that she had a registered handgun that had been stolen. She also told me about the possible identity theft. I told her I was concerned and that I really took the theft of the handgun as an urgent matter. I tried to contact the Marshal on his cell phone and at his house. I wasn't able to reach him. I called Bob Wright and explained the situation to him. I wanted Ms. Sappenfield to speak with him on the phone, she refused. Bob Wright offered to meet her at her trailer to take a report, she refused. At that time she told me she wasn't sure that a handgun had been stolen because she had not been through everything in the trailer. She told me that the only person she would talk with was the Marshal. I explained to her that Bob Wright was the Police Commissioner and he could take her information. She still refused and said she would wait until the Marshal returned from vacation. Both Bob Wright and I tried very hard to help Ms. Sappenfield and she refused.

I wish to make a footnote here:

As the board knows I was reporting on the situation with Ms. Sappenfield when asked at the board meetings.

The last time I was asked I informed the board that Ms. Sappenfield was to be in Greenville the end of May. When I had not heard from her I tried calling her number in Florida. This was approximately June 2nd. No one answered the phone. I then tried to contact her by calling her brother in New Albany. Her brother was very nice to me and informed me she was in Indiana and he had just recently seen her. I asked him to have her contact me and gave him my phone number. Ms. Sappenfield did call me and was extremely verbally confrontational on the phone. She informed me that I was never to contact her brother again { I assume she felt like she had the power to dictate to me as to whom I was allowed to talk to}. I told her I was just trying to contact her because I needed to report to the board at the next board meeting. She said she told me that if she wasn't coming she would let me know. I told her I didn't remember that. She told me that the Marshal knew she was in town. I told her that she should have contacted me to let me know she was here and I was looking forward to meeting with her. I asked her for a way to contact her. She said she had a cell phone but no number. I asked her where she was staying. She didn't know. At some point Ms. Sappenfield stated we had gotten off on the wrong foot. I told her okay lets forget what has been said to this point and go on from here. She made a statement to me which led me to believe she was moving back to Indiana. I asked her, as a bridge of conversation, if she was moving back to Indiana. She told me her personal life was none of my business.

4) I did nail the 2x4 across the barn doors as stated. I mentioned in the town meeting I had done this to keep children out of the barn. It had been reported by the Marshal this was happening. The day Ms. Sappenfield was in my office she asked me to remove the 2x4. I told her I would over the weekend. She asked if it would be removed by Saturday morning. I told her I said I couldn't promise that, but I would remove it before the weekend was over. I removed the 2x4 late Saturday afternoon.

5) What is stated concerning her property and Bob Wright is correct except I never said when his son was planning on building a house on her lot. As everyone knows, we can't, at this time, because of the lack of sewers. What I stated to Ms. Sappenfield is correct. We have an ordinance that states if over 50% of a structure is destroyed you can not rebuild on the property. What she has stated as a veil threat was just an example to illustrate the ordinance because she didn't understand. She left off the part that this ordinance applies to me and everyone else in the older section of town that their lots do not permit a rebuild to incorporate current building codes {which includes septic}. She also forgot to mention I told her the town is working on that to be changed to 100% destroyed. This entire conversation began because she was telling how she was going to tear things down and rebuild them and I was telling her why she couldn't and she didn't like that.

6) This is another of these hearsay statements. I was not aware of anyone interested in buying her property except Bob Wright. Imminent domain was mentioned but not in the way she has stated. Imminent domain was in reference to widening Cross Street for the school buses. This option is still on the table if we do widen Cross Street and Ms. Sappenfield refuses to sell to the town the strip of land that would be required.

7) Ms. Sappenfield can only blame herself for the drainage problem as stated before. On the side where the ditch runs from the alley to US 150, this was cleaned out last fall to help drainage because of a complaint. This is another one of the give-me's Bob Wright, David Johnes and I have given to this town. This ditch was cleaned out by Bob using his equipment and diesel fuel and my son's physical labor.

8) The only person that can answer the question as to why the minutes of the board meetings do not reflect that the alley between her properties was closed is Ms. Sappenfield. From what Ms. Sappenfield stated she was on the board at that time it was closed. It seems self serving to me to vote to close an alley that will benefit you when you have one of three votes on the board. Not all alleys in Greenville are paved. The alley between Sappenfield's properties was graded and graveled in the summer of 2007. This was another give-me to the town. Johnes Enterprises used its equipment and diesel fuel to grade four alleys and gravel three of those alleys in the town. The only charge to the town was the cost of the gravel and that was billed directly to the town from Knight's Trucking.

9) I am not aware of the vehicle that Ms. Sappenfield states that she was forced to remove from her property. If this happened, it was by a prior board and not this one. Jack Travillian's vehicles are not out of compliance at this time. He has 30 days to correct any problems if there is a problem.

10) This is a matter for Gary Getrost to resolve. I believe Gary will address this matter. I will accept his explanation as to the facts on this item.

11) This is a federal matter. This has been brought to the board before and this person is allowed to live where he is in accordance with the law. He is legal.

12) There is no one I know of that is afraid of appearing before this board. To speak before the board you must request it according to the time frame stated for each meeting. If you have not requested to speak and want to you could be recognized by the chair and allowed to address the board. We try to run our meetings in accordance with the Robert's Rules of Order. If there are those who feel they have been treated unfairly I would say it is because they appeared before the board on ordinance violations.

The last statement doesn't make sense to me. What she did as a board member and having an attorney Cody to represent her that has died has no bearing on her barn.

I am going to make a closing statement for myself and also for the other board members that I believe agree with me.

I was elected to my position by those who voted for me in the last election. I took an oath to uphold the laws of the State of Indiana and The Town of Greenville. I will not be intimidated or govern from a position of fear that someone will sue me because they do not agree with the way I vote or perform on this board.

I wish the best for the citizens of this town and will do all within my power to improve Greenville for all its citizens.


The horizon for Greenville looks bright because of what this board is accomplishing. It is not just one member of the board but the collective talents of all that are bringing these changes for the betterment of the citizens of Greenville.

If Ms. Sappenfield's statements are true and the town feels this way and you have over 51% of the voters in Ward One sign a petition and present it to me at a board meeting I will resign my position.

I do not believe Ms. Sappenfield's comments are true and I would request that the town gather around this board and help us bring Greenville into the 21st Century.

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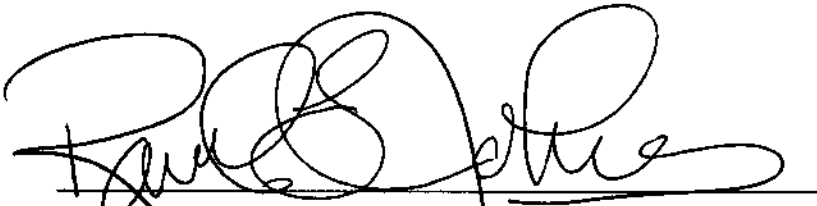
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