



Clear Lake

NEWS

January-March 2005

NEW TOWN SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Robert Hull was hired by the Town of Clear Lake for the newly created part time Town Superintendent's position. He will manage the day-to-day operations of the Town of Clear Lake including sewer installation and maintenance, street maintenance and repair, street signage, zoning and building regulations, garbage collection, and other duties as assigned by Town Council.

Bob has extensive experience in town operations having served as the Town of Fremont's town manager for over 15 years. We are looking forward to his expertise in supervising town infrastructure including the new sewer system's operation, repair of Town streets, construction of the Town Hall, and other important functions. Mr. Hull can be reached by telephoning the Town Hall at 260-495-9158. He certainly is a welcome addition to the Town family and looks forward to meeting residents as they return to the Lake in the spring.

Mr. Hull will continue his private well-drilling business along with his Town employment.

TOWN MARSHAL

As part of the restructuring of the Clear Lake Town government, the duties of the Town Marshal have changed. The new focus of the Marshal will be the physical patrol of Town streets and cottage security. The Marshal will continue to perform vehicle identification number (VIN) checks, hull identification number (HIN) checks, issue handgun permits, and other functions but each must be scheduled by appointment through the Marshal's

Office at 495-9620. The Marshal's work hours will be staggered with late night/early morning patrols as well as daytime traffic patrol. He will also be available for call-out for major crimes and incidents and this will be coordinated through the Steuben County Sheriff's communication system. The Marshal is also participating in the State of Indiana sponsored Operation Pull Over (OPO) and Driving Under the Influence (DUI) program and will focus on enforcement of those violations.

IT'S OFFICIAL! VIRGINIA NYE IS CLERK-TREASURER

Virginia (Ginny) Nye was appointed again as the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Clear Lake on January 7, 2005. Ginny was appointed to the post in 2003 to fill the term of her husband, Frank, who resigned to pursue other interests. She decided to retire and not run for re-election in the November 2003 general election and was replaced by the newly elected Teresa Gardiner in January 2004. When Mrs. Gardiner resigned in June 2004 for health reasons, Ginny stepped forward to assist the Town in paying its bills. Ginny is a delight to work with and we are indeed fortunate to have her back as our Clerk-Treasurer.

CABLE TELEVISION



During the November 8th, 2004 Clear Lake Town Council meeting the Clear Lake Town Council approved an agreement with MediaCom Communications Corporation to provide cable television to the Town of Clear Lake.

MediaCom's products include regular and digital cable service, high speed broadband internet and premium & pay-per-view programming. As part of the agreement, MediaCom will install a completely new cable infrastructure around the town. The Cable Direct cable system will continue to be operational in its current state.

WASTEWATER PROJECT STATUS

The new Clear Lake Sanitary Sewer System has been operation and available for use since Dec. 19, 2003. At last count there are approximately 490 cottages connected, 70 permits issued pending completion, 38 extensions grants for cottages under construction or where no grinder pumps are installed, and 7 who have refused to respond to requests/orders to connect. Effective January 1, 2005 the cost of sewer connection permits was increased from \$100.00 to \$200.00 for those who have refused to respond to requests/orders to connect. Permits can be obtained from the Town Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The system is operating smoothly with no major problems reported.

The moratorium on new construction sewer connections remains in effect and will be continued until flow from current connections can be measured for capacity. The measurement will probably take place in July 2005.

TRASH/GARBAGE PICK-UP



The Town Council has awarded the contract for the Town of Clear Lake trash pick-up to TriState Waste Service of Bryan Ohio for 2005.

All pickup days and services will remain the same...the regular pick-up will be on Mondays and the recycle pick-up will be the first Monday of each month.

The two exceptions are in July and September, when holidays fall on Monday. In July and September regular and recycle pick-up will be on the first Tuesday of the month. "Heavy" trash pick-ups are schedule for Saturday May 28th and Saturday September 3rd. If you have any concerns

with your service you may contact TriState Waste services at 419-636-0337

ISLAND PURCHASE STATUS

Negotiations between the owners of the Clear Lake Island and a committee representing the Clear Lake Town Board remain at an impasse. Information furnished to the Board on November 13, 2004 indicated that principals are considering other options for island development.

The Town Board remains open minded regarding the negotiations and seeks input from all Clear Lake property owners regarding support of the purchase or objection to it. To date the Town Board has received approximately 20 such letters.

TOWN HALL CONSTRUCTION PLANS

With the addition of Town Superintendent Bob Hull, the Clear Lake Town Council is proceeding with plans to begin site preparation and construction of the new Clear Lake Town Hall. A Ground-Breaking Ceremony is planned for mid-March 2005. Mr. Hull will serve as the Chair of the new town hall building committee. Other members are Bill Geiger and Jerry McArdle. The committee is currently submitting building plans to the State of Indiana Board of Accounts for approval to issue bid contracts.

The Town Hall will house all Town offices as well as a community meeting room for Town Council meetings, Plan Commission, and the Board of Zoning Appeals. It will also include an improved parking area as well as much needed storage.

CLEAR LAKE NEWS ON-LINE

The Clear Lake Association provides the funding for the publication and mailing of the Clear Lake News. You can help reduce these expenses by receiving an email notification of each publication and then reading the issue at the Town of Clear Lake official website.

Visit www.townofclearlake.org to sign up.

ZONING INSPECTOR HOURS

As a courtesy to contractors and homeowners who find it difficult to schedule a Saturday appointment but need an Improvement Location Permits (Building Permit), Mr. Bruce R. Snyder has announced the following trial hours for January:

- Saturdays-January 8th and 15th-----
9:00 am to noon
- Friday-January 21st-----2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- Monday-January 31st---2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Bruce's scheduled hours for February and March will be posted on the Town's website (www.townofclearlake.org) and at the town hall.

PROPERTY OWNERS INFORMATION CHANGES

The challenge of keeping track of all of the property owners at Clear Lake continues. Please notify the Town Clerk whenever you change any of your lake property information such as telephone numbers, new owners, etc. Also send notification if your primary residence information changes in any way. You may also use the Town's website, www.townofclearlake.org by clicking on "Owner Information" which contains a form to provide these updates.

BZA APPLICATIONS **Board Rules**

The Board of Zoning Appeals would like all property owners to be aware of the procedure required when applying for a zoning variance.



Town of Clear Lake Indiana – Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)
Adopted December 20, 2004

1. Deadline for Variance Applications:
21 days prior to scheduled BZA meeting.

2. Deadline for issues to be heard not requiring public notice:
7 days prior to scheduled BZA meeting.
3. Variance issuance: A variance is valid for 1 year from approval date. Your approved variance requires you to build in accordance to your submitted plans and any additional requirements placed upon the variance. Any changes made to your approved building project require the BZA's re-approval prior to construction.
4. Variance Application Requirements:
 - Drawings to scale of proposed project including all elevations and exterior materials list.
 - Site plan to scale showing property lines, existing improvements and proposed improvements.
 - If requesting a sanitary waste connection, a letter of acceptance from the Clear Lake Town Council to connect to the Clear Lake sewer system.
 - On your proposed building site, stakes showing your building locations and your property lines.

Application requirement must be completed before your variance hearing will be scheduled.

Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are scheduled for March 21st, June 20th, September 19th and December 19th, 2005. All meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm (Indiana Time) at the Town Hall.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 2005

- 3 Recycling pick-up
- 3 Plan Commission meeting, 7:00 pm, Town Hall
- 10 Town Council meeting. 7:00 pm, St Paul Catholic Chapel



February 2005

- 7 Recycling pick-up
- 14 Town Council meeting. 7:00 pm, St Paul Catholic Chapel



March 2005

- 7 Recycling pick-up
- 14 Town Council meeting. 7:00 pm, St Paul Catholic Chapel
- 21 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7:00 pm, Town Hall



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