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From the Desk of

Brent Shull: Town Council Pres.

I would like first to take this time to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I would also like to straighten out a few miss leading statements and concerns from a few of our Town's citizens, but before I do that I would like to thank Rich Rossmeier and Hester for making our Town council minutes available on our website. Hopefully this will give everyone in our community the ability to see what is really said and done in the meetings.

It has always amazed me what I hear and read after a town council meeting. I have always said that perception is one thing and facts are another. So I would hope that if you have a question or comment that you would take the time to come to a meeting. I always have taken time at the end of the meeting for public input or questions. This council has always wanted to have an open line of communications with all of you. The News Paper posts our names and phone numbers along with our email addresses every week. So if you cannot attend a meeting please feel free to call or send an email and we will be glad to talk to you about it or address the concern at the next meeting.

Now I would like to straighten out a couple of miss leading statements and comments.

I will start with Mr. McFarland,

I understand your concern for our Water Superintendent working for another Community. The council looked at this as a way of helping a neighboring community. It was so not long ago that we were with out a Water Superintendent and the Town of Fremont allowed us to hire their Water S.I. to help out until we found a Licensed Water S.I. so to say the least we were glad to help the Town of Corunna and we have discussed the cost of the on going training. We also have an agreement that all work done, other than an emergency will be done on his own time. If there is an emergency he will call and clock out and use his own vehicle. I feel that this is working out just fine.

As for his business that he has as long as it doesn't affect his job and is done after hours we have no reason to be concerned.

As for Justin's being on the North East District of Indiana America Water Works Association us as a council applaud his enthusiasm and desire to stay on top of his trade. We have never turned an employee down for trying to further their education. We have always approved all of request from our Council members, Street department, Water department, Town Manager and the Clerks office in furthering their education, which also is beneficial to our community.

I hope this helps clear up these concerns.

Now for Mr. King

We as a council do understand Mr. King's problem, we have taken it seriously and have looked into how this came about. We have found that in the year 2000 the Federal Government did their census and they came to Hamilton and walked the streets and when they walked down Rebecca st. and made the S curve they assumed that Mill St. was just an extension of Rebecca St. This is how the problem began. The Internet sites use the census maps for all of their maps. The town has corrected this with the 2010 census and it will change when the maps are made available to the Internet sites. We also took the time to contact all the local delivery services and informed them of this situation so they could locate Mr. Kings Business. I also know that we do have his address correct because his deed shows his address as 3880 E Mill St. Hamilton Indiana. There was one other issue 1 Feb of 1988 the Town Council then created a ordinance to change the street to West Mill St. This ordinance change was never recorded in Steuben County because the County went to Purdue University Program to set up the grid mapping for the whole county for their Emergency Management System (EMS). Which this made everything on the east side of Meridian road would be called east and everything west of Meridian road would be called west. This is the reason that the Ordinance was never recorded and the street stayed east mill. Mr. King's address can be found on the Steuben County GIS web site. In fact Mr. Kings address is also found in the Verizon phone book and in the Hamilton Lake Directory. I also would guess his Indiana Drivers License also says 3880 East Mill St. This is why it is important that we stay on track with the Census map correction. I feel very strongly that with in the next few months all the Internet maps will be updated so everyone can find Mr. King.

I hope this shows how important it is that we all understand what is going on in our community. I hope that if you have any questions that you take the time to come to a meeting or call your council member. Or even email us; we are here to serve you! I would also hope that you understand that we will never please everyone on every issue there will always be someone satisfied and someone dissatisfied. This community is a great place to live and has opportunity to grow. We do need to think outside the box and work together so that can happen!

It is not what the Town can do for you!
It is what we can do as a community!
That is most important!

I am looking forward to seeing you at our council meetings!

Thank you!

Brent Shull
Hamilton Town Council President