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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall
Tuesday, March 16, 1993, 7 p.m.

Agenda

Mayor/Council Committee

Reports

Commissioners

Lindsey Allison and

Don Armstrong

Editor's Notes

The Village Voice is the official organ of Indian Springs Village, AL, established October 16, 1990. The primary purpose of this newsletter is to report monthly deliberations of the mayor and the council in town council meetings as well as to give the mayor and council members the opportunity to communicate with the electorate. In addition, your editor's hope is to foster a spirit of community and cooperation along with fun and fairness. Good neighbors need less legislation. Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers. Deliveries are also made at no charge to volunteer couriers.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

At a recent council meeting, which was attended by our state representative, Al Knight, the traffic problems that exist on highway 119 were discussed in detail. Everyone at the meeting agreed that because of the many entrances onto Highway 119, the speed limit should be reduced and all passing zones removed. Mr. Knight is currently making inquiry into the matter, and will report back to us. We will continue to work with Mr. Knight and the Highway Department to effect improved safety on this main thoroughfare. If you have any specific suggestions, please make them known.

There are several matters of which demand the attention of our citizenry. At present, Pelham is considering re-zoning of the Argo property located at the intersection of County Road 14 and Highway 119. You will recall that this is the property annexed by Pelham which prompted the petition drive and the incorporation of Indian Springs Village. At present, this property remains zoned for residential use only. The proposed re-zoning would allow for a special district which could result in an as yet undefined development. The re-zoning of this property was previously opposed by the Shelby County Planning Commission, which is presently being reorganized. Consequently, we cannot necessarily count on their active involvement, and it is incumbent upon us to present a challenge to this re-zoning. Please write to the Shelby County Planning Commission and/or to the City of Pelham and let your feelings be known.

In another related matter, there is a pending proposal to rezone an area at Indian Crest Road and Caldwell Mill for the installation of a microwave antenna. This issue will come before the Shelby County Planning Commission in the near future. The comments that I have thus far received present general opposition to this re-zoning. If allowed to go forward, it would set a bad precedent of encroachment into the current residential areas. Please forward your comments to the town council and the Shelby County Planning Commission.

As you can see, the incorporation of our town has afforded us protection that is not provided to our close neighbors. It would be most beneficial for the residents and property owners along Indian Crest Drive to become a part of our town and secure the zoning protection that we provide. Should these individuals decide to come into the town, the extension of our boundaries would also afford us the opportunity to prevent the expansion of other municipalities into our area. We would then be able to prevent further commercializa-

tion of the area and protect the sanctity of the North Shelby County Fire District. Those of you who have friends or acquaintances that live in the Indian Crest - Caldwell Mill area are asked to contact these individuals and give their names and addresses to either of our town clerks, Paul Stevens or Jim Wyatt, or to any council member.

It is incumbent upon each of us to continue the work begun by the initial incorporation so that we might maximize the benefits we have gained. In order to prevent changes to the character and nature of the area surrounding Indian Springs Village, we need to educate these property owners to the benefits and protection afforded by incorporation. Please, join in this endeavor.

—Mayor

Hub Harrington

ISV Aluminum Can Recycling

HELP! HELP NEEDED!

Our recycler has gone to college. We need someone to pick up once each month. Please volunteer. Call Art Johnson - 988-3217.

ISV Clean and Beautiful

Adopt-A-Mile Litter Walk

Saturday, March 20, 9 a.m.

Mormon Church parking lot

Crew chief is Councilman Art Johnson

Shelby County Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

Inverness Elementary School

Monday, March 15, 1993 - 7 p.m.

Public Hearing

On the agenda of interest to Indian Springs Village is a request for rezoning of property on Indian Crest Drive near intersection of Caldwell Mill Road for cellular telephone tower.

League of Women Voters of Shelby County

Tuesday, March 16, 1993 - 7 p.m.

Hostess: Theresa Wade 967-6927

2294 Tanglewood Brook Lane

President Clinton's Administration
Dr. Natalie Davis, Professor of Political Science,
Political Pollster, Birmingham Southern College.

Preceding the 7:00 meeting:

Joint Meeting of Shelby County and Birmingham Evening Units

Light Supper 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Directions: Take Old Rocky Ridge Road from Highway 280 at the Birmingham Water Works; go about two miles to the second subdivision entrance marked by two stone pillars; this is Tanglewood Brook Lane; follow the street down and up hill about one mile on the right. All members and prospective members are welcome. For van transportation, call LaVerne Ramsey (988-0059) or Kathryn Coleman (988-0368).

Landmarks of Importance In The Village

The intersection of Mountain Park Drive and Indian Crest Drive. The daffodils in the yard of Virginia Rancont and Emily McAdory are beautiful.

Across the street, the Wagner's yard is in bloom and the editor looks forward to your roses, Debra.

Also, The Loopers add something new to their yard each week, located at the corner of Indian Crest and Valleyview Drive.

Mildred Wyatt's basket of pansies in the front yard - a gift from the Assistant Town Clerk.

ISV RESIDENT PUBLISHES BOOK

Julie Wyatt Schenk and her mother, Mildred Wyatt, have combined their special talents to create a wonderful storyline of characters and art work that reflect their love of nature and the many wonderful forest inhabitants that live within their own back yard. JULIE FINDS A FRIEND is the first volume of JULIE'S JOURNEY, a series of four.

The Friends of the North Shelby Library will sponsor an autograph party on Sunday, April 4, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Julie will be there to read a story and introduce you to her Friends, the beautiful dolls she has created. You are invited!

Computer Available for Public Use

The Friends of the North Shelby Library, a support group that raises funds for the library, has purchased a MacIntosh IIx Computer and laser printer for public use. An IBM Compatible PC is also available available. Software includes reading and math for adolescents of all ages. For adults: typing tutor, resume writer, word processing, spread sheet and graphics programs. SAT personal trainer software is available for high school students.

Welcome New Citizens of ISV

Annexation proceedings were introduced at the February council meeting for Gene and Donald Ricketts of 425 Miller Circle. They are a family of engineers. Gene attended Auburn University and their two sons graduated from Auburn. Donald and their daughter graduated from Georgia Tech. Donald recently retired as Senior Vice President and Chief Engineer of Stewart Machine Company. They have two grandchildren. We look forward to meeting them at the next council meeting.

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE Green, Clean and Beautiful

Ten citizens of Indian Springs Village invested less than an hour of their valuable time to make this community a greener, cleaner, and more attractive town free of litter and sign clutter.

First impressions are lasting ones, so all citizens should be involved in improving the town's appearance, especially along the major thoroughfare of the Village. I think that we all want citizens and visitors, as they travel in and through Indian Springs Village, to know that they are in a place that cares.

Our hats are off to Jim and Nora Boyett, who we all missed at the last litter walk on February 13th. These two citizens keep 119 swept clean from the western town limits to Arrowhead Lane. We all thank them both for their love and concern for the Village.

We would like to welcome another newcomer to the growing number of concerned citizens. Bob LeFoy joined Eleanor Bennett, Herbert Joiner, Jackie and Art Johnson, Rusty and Julie Schenk, Paul Stephens, Gene Weingarten and Jim Wyatt for the first time on the February 13th litter walk.

We invite you all to join us for the next litter walk on March 20th.

--Art Johnson

IN MEMORY

The Village extends sympathy to the family of Raymond Kurtts in the death of his mother, Rose.

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Maroula A. Kantargis in the death of her mother, Efstratia E. Variamis.

SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Lindsey Allison

Crisis control has been the mode of operation of the Shelby County Commission since taking office in November. Fortunately, the commissioners are working together to solve some monumental problems.

The county's financial downfall was principally due to overreaching programs such as sewer and water systems. Presently the county is in default on sewer revenue bonds of approximately 20.5 million and further has general obligation debts exceeding another 20 million. Beginning this week, the Shelby County legislative delegation began advertising a bill which would allow the Shelby County Commission to levy a one cent gross sales of receipts tax. An exception would be for automobiles, truck trailers, trucks, and house trailers which would be taxed at a lower rate.

The commission unanimously asked the legislative delegation for this limited home rule. There was not a choice! The alternatives are financially grim for the county. The sales tax will allow the county to remain fiscally viable while still controlling our water and sewer systems.

The legislation *does* provide for rigid guidelines such as length of the tax and designated financial resources toward satisfaction of debt. Such restrictions were applied, principally, to control the commissioners future spending and to show constituents a "good faith" effort to collect only what was needed. Hopefully, residents understand the severity of the problem. Most importantly, this commission will exercise the control not ever to get the county in a "mess" like this again.

TOWN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS February 9, 1993

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, February 9, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall of Indian Springs School. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over the meeting, with council members Ron Luster, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present.

The minutes of the January meeting were adopted as amended by the Council.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported the town's revenues for January were: beer taxes of \$682.10, road funds \$618.10 and donations for the *Village Voice* of \$75. Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported receiving semi-annual profits from ABC liquor taxes of \$150. The balance of the general fund was reported to be \$1925 and road fund account \$8913.

Mayor Harrington introduced an ordinance for the removal of an abandoned easement which lies between the Boutwell and Lindamood properties on Indian Crest Drive. The same resurvey of these properties was adopted by resolution at a previous meeting. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt introduced an annexation ordinance to the council for Don and Gene Ricketts of 245 Miller Circle. The property owners' request for annexation was approved unanimously by the council.

Councilman Ron Luster reported that initial construction had begun on the Indian Trail bridge. Temporary culverts are in and permission has been given for the traffic to be re-routed through the Wyatts' property until completion of the new bridge. Jim Wyatt

cheerfully invited everyone in town to come down and ride through his front yard. The Bishop Lane bridge will be constructed as soon as the Indian Trail bridge is completed.

Town Clerks Paul Stephens and Jim Wyatt reintroduced the proposal of construction of a barbecue pit and pavillion on the Indian Springs School Campus. The facility could be utilized by the town and citizens for certain approved functions and family gatherings. After lengthy discussion regarding the proposal, the council voted to appropriate the funds of approximately \$1500 with the stipulation that the town not be charged a fee for the use of the pit or for the use of the school grounds for town functions such as the annual July 4th picnic. The design of the pit has already been approved by the school.

Mayor Harrington introduced an amendment to the original town ordinance which sets the date and time of the town council meetings. Since incorporation, the council has met on the second Tuesday of each month. Mayor Harrington has recently suggested that the meeting day be changed to the third Tuesday of each month due to a conflict that has developed with his work schedule. None of the townspeople in attendance were opposed to the change, so the council voted unanimously to officially amend the ordinance.

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