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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs Village Town Hall
Tuesday, September 17, 1996 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizens' Forum
- IV. Swearing-In Ceremony

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 the 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 by volunteer couriers.

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A Message From the Mayor

By Mayor Hub Harrington

This "message from the mayor" is written with a measure of sadness, thanks, pride, and hope. The sadness is just below the surface of each line, as I realize that this is the last time that I will address the citizens of ISV from this forum. Gene Weingarten will author this column in the next issue of *The Village Voice*. I will no longer be a public official of our town. A major focus of my life for the past six years will have become a wonderful memory.

While it is only natural to feel a certain melancholy as one takes a long look back, my sadness is short-lived and quickly replaced by the good feeling and pride that wells up inside each time I contemplate our accomplishments. As I drive into our town from any direction I smile inwardly, safe in the knowledge that by working together we have been able to preserve the natural beauty of this valley.

We have accomplished what we set out to do. We have created a town whose charter is to protect us from those who would destroy the quality of life that all of us were seeking when we moved into the area. The rapid growth of our town and the surrounding area attests to the desirability of our community as a wonderful place to live. Growth also brings with it the need for responsible action on the part of governing officials.

By creating our own municipality we have ensured that there will be a local government which is responsive, as well as responsible, to its citizens needs and wishes. Because our government officials are our neighbors who share a common vision for our town, community decisions are made by the community. I take pride in having participated in, and hopefully contributed to, the establishment of a governmental entity which will protect us and our environment from outside forces over which we have no control.

As I reflect upon our town's short history, I am reminded of the many individuals whose long hours and hard work transformed an idea into a reality and created our town through the force of their collective wills. As I recall the many individual sacrifices and contributions that were made on behalf of the public good, I give thanks to God for His having allowed me to be associated with these gracious, selfless people. I am certain that they will continue to be an inspiration in the years to come.

I wish to express my personal thanks to each of you for having permitted me the honor of serving as your mayor. It has been not only a challenge, but also a great privilege, to have served during the formative years of our town. Our accomplishments have truly been a community effort, and I am deeply grateful for all the support, cooperation, and assistance given to me during my term of office. It is with hope, prayer, and confidence, that this community spirit which created and sustained our town will continue through Gene Weingarten's administration as he leads us into the 21st century.

The strong foundation that has been forged should serve us well as we look to the future. The very fact that our town exists gives us hope that, as we chart our course through the unknown future, we have a steady compass to guide our path. We have the opportunity to make our own decisions and to determine for ourselves the future of our community. However, opportunity brings with it responsibility. It is not only important, but vital that everyone participate in the decision making that so closely touches our lives.

As I leave office, I ask on behalf of Gene Weingarten and the new town council, that each of you give serious consideration to the type of service that you might offer to your community. As the town grows we are faced with many complex issues which affect us all. Please attend council meetings and make your ideas known. Volunteer for one or more of the daily chores that need to be done. Everyone has much to contribute. If each one of us contributes only a small amount no single individual will be required to carry an undue burden, and much will be accomplished.

The future will bring increasing demands on time and on limited resources. Neither Gene nor the new town council will be able to do all that is required. Only with your thoughtful input and active support will ISV be able to prosper and continue its success in the next century. Please answer the call and join us in making our community all that we want it to be.

I have great hope for our town's future and complete confidence in its new leadership. I am truly grateful to each of you for allowing me to have been a part of this adventure. I am very proud of what our community has accomplished thus far and look forward to greater successes as we continue to work together for the common good.

Thank you, and God bless.

**You are cordially invited to attend the
Swearing-In Ceremony
for municipal officials of the
Town of Indian Springs Village
Tuesday, September 17, 1996
at 7:00 p.m.
Indian Springs Village Town Hall
2635 Cahaba Valley Road
(Immediately following the council meeting.)**

**Mayor - Gene Weingarten
Town Council:
Place #1 - Herb Robins
Place #2 - Patricia Crapet
Place #3 - Gary Dennis
Place #4 - Art Johnson
Place #5 - Stewart Dudley
Ceremony to be performed by
Shelby County Judge Patricia Smith**

New Editors for *The Village Voice*

Along with the changes at the helm of the Town of Indian Springs Village come changes in the publication of our community newsletter, *The Village Voice*. With the election of the new mayor, Gene Weingarten, your editor will have a prejudicial viewpoint of his actions. Therefore, this seems to be an appropriate time to pass the torch to Dr. Ruth Goodwyn, ISV's historian and presently the editorial consultant of *The Village Voice*.

Dr. Ruth Goodwyn has been the guiding force behind *The Village Voice* since its inception. She has carefully monitored our sentence structure, grammar, and content for five plus years. The caliber of our newsletter reflects her vast knowledge and expertise. Dr. Ruth will serve as the new editor, as well as continue to perform her usual duties of editing the material.

Bee Little has graciously agreed to serve *The Village Voice* as the Managing Editor. Bee, who is computer literate, will be responsible for compiling the material contributed by ISV's citizens and various members of the council.

I will continue to serve as a courier for *The Village Voice*, delivering approximately 100 newsletters each month with dedicated sidekick, Aleta Lowe. My sincere thanks goes to each of you who have helped in my efforts to act as your editor. It has truly been a labor of love.

Book Signing A Success

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

All went very well for author Julie Wyatt Schenk and illustrator Mildred Wyatt at the book signing at the ISV Town Hall on August 25th. Attendees were treated to delicious treats while making selections from the very delightful *Julie's Journey* series of books. Most left with complete sets of books. Thanks goes to Ruth Goodwyn, Bee Little, Nora Boyett, Jackie Johnson, Tricia Crapet, and Sandy Luster for bringing the refreshments. A big thanks to Nora and Jackie for their efforts at making the town hall shiny and clean for this "cultural" event. For those who were unable to attend, you may contact Julie at home (988-0327) to see her work.

**Shelby County Art Association Fall Art Show
Saturday, September 21, 1996
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
New Hope Presbyterian Church
Community Center and grounds**

Town Council Highlights

July 16, 1996

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town of Indian Springs Village met at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall on Tuesday, August 20, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Hub Harrington presided, with council members Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley in attendance.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported that revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$759.68; road funds, \$718.04; building permits, \$3,346.22; Marcus Cable franchise fee, \$2,056.49; aluminum cans, \$106.75. The balance in the general fund was \$38,030 and the balance in the road fund was \$41,433.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt re-presented several petitions for annexation into ISV by contiguous property owners. (See Annexation article, page 3.) The petitions had been presented in the two previous meetings, but had been tabled. The council voted unanimously to adopt the petitions. One additional petition was by St. Francis Episcopal Church. After a unanimous consent to waive the rules, the council voted unanimously to annex the property.

Onnie Dickerson, chairman of the ISV Zoning and Planning Board, presented a recommendation to the council that a request for a change in zoning for the Bailey property on Caldwell Mill Road be denied. The request was to change the property use from O & I to B-2 for the construction of mini-warehouse storage units. The council voted not to grant the request for the change, with three against and one abstention.

Mayor Hub Harrington presented the certificates of candidacy for the six uncontested seats of the ISV mayor and council races. The certificates state that those who qualified for election to these places were elected by unanimous consent of the town. The certificates were adopted unanimously.

Councilman Art Johnson reported on having attended the Shelby County Planning and Zoning Meeting in Columbiana regarding the proposed rezoning of property on Valleydale Road for zero lot starter homes. The developer, who was not fully prepared for the hearing, temporarily withdrew the application until a later date.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt reported on having organized and attended a meeting with county and state officials regarding the flooding along Bishop Creek. After an inspection of the creek below our town's limits, the findings are that the floodway has been seriously encroached upon by the businesses west of I-65. The businesses along this section of the creek may be in violation of federal floodway guide-

lines. The matter is being turned over to Federal Emergency Management Agency officials for further investigation.

Bart Trammell presented bids for the barbecue pit and picnic pavilion. The total cost for the structure will be \$22,649. The council unanimously approved the project, which has been under consideration for more than a year.

Accolades

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

A big round of thanks goes to Eagle Scout candidates from Troop 5, Christ Church United Methodist Church on Caldwell Mill Road, for building picnic tables for ISV's picnic area. Scout Master Don Lazarre monitored the Eagle Scout project which involved more than 120 man hours for ten scouts. Brandon Lazarre was the project leader. Other scouts participating in the project were Ben and Brent Beaumont, Nolen Gardner, Russ Doyle, Henry and Bobby Colvin, Barney Burton, and ISV residents Clayton and Jason Lynch and Charles Falkenhagen. These young men performed their work on weekends last winter from October to February.

Thanks also goes to Rudy Allarde for the use of his tractor at the town hall for some light excavating during the summer. The equipment has come in handy on numerous occasions, and probably will again in the future as the work on the pavilion proceeds.

ISV Annexes Churches, School

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The ISV town council and citizens extend a warm welcome to 29 contiguous property owners upon their annexation into the village. Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church and St. Francis Episcopal Church, along with the Montessori Academy, were among the petitions presented for annexation.

New villagers from Double Oak Lane are: Jeffrey and Erma White, C. Ray Cunningham, Lewis and Patricia Scruggs, James and Jewel Cargile, Donald and Ruby Perrin, Mary Criss, Robert and Gina Berry, Richard and Joy Brown, Michael and Edwina Carlisle, Wade and Jennifer Bice, Terry and Joan Carlisle, and Carl and Georgia Flock. From Oak Mountain Trail: Rhoda Hall, Jerry and Mary Hearn, Lewis and Carolyn Drew, Donald and Margaret Mickle, James and Alice Lucas, James and Margaret Wilson, and George and Ingrid Wilson. From Timber Hill Road: Eugene Hearn, Patsy Armstrong, William and Carol Laster, Danny and Juana Colvin, John and Agnes Matthews, Artis and Twyla Tyree, and William and Dorothy Carlisle.

We look forward to your attendance and participation at town meetings and events in the near future.

Litter Walk is September 21

By Councilman Art Johnson

Your Indian Springs Adopt-a-Mile road gang set out to redeem itself in August and make up for July's canceled clean-up. A very successful litter walk was conducted on August 24 by "first timers" Mary Louise and Ed Beck and "old timers" Jim Boyett, Cheryl Rast, and Art Johnson. A special "thank you" goes to Mary Louise and Ed for joining us for the first time.

You are invited to join us and meet some of your friendly neighbors on September 21 at 8:30 a.m. The ISV Adopt-a-Mile road crew meets at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall on Cahaba Valley Road. It only takes about 30 minutes to rid your town's main thoroughfare of litter. If you cannot attend, please take a few minutes and remove any litter that is on your property.

Won't you help? I look forward to seeing you on Saturday. Call me at 988-3217 if you have any questions.

ISV Recycling is September 18

By Councilman Art Johnson

Once again the August recycling response was outstanding. We had a record number of top recyclers this month. The August collection weighed in at 328 pounds. Thank you again for all your efforts to protect the environment and for being so supportive of the Indian Springs Village Recycling Program. Our volunteers once again included Gene Weingarten, Margie and Herb Robins, Sharon Durbin, and Jackie and Art Johnson.

Some of our top recyclers in the past few months have included the Lowes and Morrisons on Indian Crest Drive; the Rasts on Fox Fire Circle; the Calhouns and Smiths on Valley View Road; the Lanes on Highgate Hill; the Farrises on Indian Ridge Drive; the Carters on New Hope Mountain Road; and the Brakhages and Henleys on Old Mill Court.

The next aluminum can collection is Wednesday, September 18, the night following the next Indian Springs Village Town Council meeting. To recycle, please place your bagged aluminum cans on your driveway before 7:30 p.m. To help us identify your recycling, please use white or clear plastic bags with the top tied with a knot. Place the bag on the other side of your driveway from your normal Waste Management garbage pickup. Watch for ISV recycling reminder signs along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and at the entrances to Homestead.

Recycling volunteers are still needed! If you would like to volunteer, please call me at 988-3217.

A Letter to the Editor

I noted in the Message from the Mayor in last month's edition of *The Village Voice* a paragraph which noted that the speed limit on Indian Crest Drive is 25 mph.

I do appreciate the serenity of our neighborhood, but there are times in which I, like others, do have to leave my home. I have tried driving Indian Crest at this speed (less than 25 mph) and almost had two accidents...by falling asleep. A limit of 35 mph might be reasonable and, for most parts, even 40 mph might be appropriate, but a maximum of 25 mph is ridiculous.

There are two "speed limit" signs that I have seen...one 25 mph at the corner of Valley View, and the other, a 20 mph sign, about half way between the Valley View intersection and Arrowhead Lane. The location of these two signs baffles me...I would have expected one at each end of Indian Crest. In addition, it is not clear to me what the speed limit on the entire length of Indian Crest Drive is. Since it is a County Road (366) I would expect the speed on the unmarked sections to be the standard for county roads...which I expect is much more than 25 mph. The sections of the drive for which a reduced speed might be appropriate are so marked with 20 mph curve signs.

I have seen the police several times in the past month on Indian Crest; however, I hope that they are not ticketing people for exceeding 25 mph. I challenge anyone to drive the length of Indian Crest Drive at a speed not exceeding 25 mph and believe that this is an appropriate limit.

Sincerely,
Andy Carter
1655 Indian Crest Drive

New Grand-babies

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Congratulations to long-time ISV resident Betty Grady of Brookgreen Lane on the birth of twin granddaughters. Lisa and Carlie Grady were born on July 29th at St. Vincent's hospital to parents Robert and Francine Grady. The baby girls weighed four pounds, nine ounces and four pounds, eight ounces respectively and are the first girl grandchildren for Betty, who has three grandsons.