

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
February 7, 2017

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, February 7, 2017. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor called the roll in the absence of the Town Clerk and all Council members were present.

The minutes of the January 17, 2017 Council meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Bell-Guercio introduced Mr. Henry Hughes, Director of Education for the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Mr. Hughes presented a program to educate the Council and attendees concerning the importance of re-stocking native trees using seeds collected and grown from the oldest trees in an area. These re-stocked trees will have better vigor and hardiness than non-native trees because they are specifically adapted to the soils and climate of the area. He explained that we are one of the few areas in the world with native deciduous trees, most areas are evergreens. He began the program nine years ago by collecting acorns from the oldest oak trees at George Ward Park in Birmingham, germinating the acorns and growing the seedlings at the Botanical Gardens for two years before re-planting them at the park. He has done the same program in other municipalities in the area and offered to help ISV begin a program. He works with the scouts and schools as well to encourage the maintenance and protection of the unique natural beauty of an area through this program.

Fire Chief Tyler thanked the Council for serving "Fire House Subs" for the social prior to the Council meeting. He thanked Fire House Subs Public Safety Foundation again for the \$23,000 grant that NSFD received to pay for new vehicle extraction equipment for removing crash victims from vehicles. He gave an update on the specifications of the new equipment and the vast improvements from the older device. The new equipment will be kept at Station 1 and the older equipment will be kept at station 2 as a backup.

Councilman Robins reported that a large limb had fallen on the Town Hall roof and damaged a vent turbine and heater vent stack. He thanked Wayne Jones and son Winn for removing the limb and reporting the damage. Robins contacted Cobb Roofing to repair the damage at a cost of \$515.00. He also reported that the Mayor, Wayne Jones, Amy Easton and he met with architect Mark Burns on 1/31/17 to finalize change orders for finishing the Founder's Building. He thanked Ginny Lusk for bringing to his attention a previously published (2001) ISV directory which listed contact information for public officials at the County, State, Federal and local level that ISV residents might need. Robins suggested the list be updated and re-published in *The Village Voice*.

Councilman Elliott reported on the recent ISV Kiwanis Club meetings which featured meteorologist James Spann, Doug Adair with the Wildlife Rescue Service and cardiologist Dr. Hudson Segrest who gave a presentation on cardiovascular disease and CPR training. Upcoming meetings will feature Special Equestrians and the Shelby County Sheriff's Office. He

encouraged all interested to attend the next meeting at the Town Hall at 6:30 pm on February 16<sup>th</sup> for a “pot luck” dinner. Future meeting dates will be posted on the ISV web-site ([indianspringsvillage.org](http://indianspringsvillage.org)) under “Events.”

Councilman Whatley reported that he had spoken with the pre-construction engineer with ALDOT and there was nothing on the five year plan schedule regarding adding lanes on Highway 119 in ISV. He will set up a meeting in the near future with the engineer to establish a relationship for any future discussions regarding ALDOT proposals for Highway 119 and express ISV’s interest in maintaining this section of Hwy 119 as a low impact, safe corridor. He stated that due to a lack of funding, there are no roads currently being considered for widening in our area, only maintenance.

Councilperson Harrington reported she spoke with retired state District Engineer Gary Ray about the possibility of ISV acquiring his services as a consultant. He declined but suggested we develop a dialog with ALDOT to open lines of communication for the future.

Councilman Stauss will check the sweetgum wood planks that he had cut from a tree removed from the Town Hall property last summer. The planks have been curing and Stauss will build “farm tables” for the new Founder’s Building when completed. He noted the Wildlife Rescue Service at Oak Mountain State Park is having its largest fund raiser of the year, “Wild About Chocolate”, on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and encouraged residents to support the wildlife center.

Bell-Guercio noted the ISV Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and thanked Margie Robins for volunteering to Chair the event again. She also noted the need for volunteers.

Bell-Guercio reported that she met with members of the Citizens Environmental Committee on 2/3/17 to continue working on the ISV Storm Water Management Plan. She noted that Mr. Hughes presentation met one of the requirements of the plan for public environmental education. Bell-Guercio reported that the ADA requires municipal websites to be ADA compliant and the Council will review other websites for ideas and upgrade the Town’s site.

Bell-Guercio noted that Alabama’s 200<sup>th</sup> birthday is coming up in 2019 and the Alabama Bicentennial Committee will be scheduling special events beginning this year. ISV may want to consider a special celebration for Founder’s Day.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Herb Robins, Pro Tem