

**Rising Sun City Council  
Organizational Meeting  
January 7, 2008  
7:30 P.M.  
City Hall**

**Call to order/Pledge**

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Marksberry with all of Council present.

**Minutes**

Mayor Marksberry welcomed new Council Members Roy Powell, Lynn Graves and Bud Radcliff. Minutes of the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were approved at the December 20<sup>th</sup> Close Out Meeting. Minutes of the December 20<sup>th</sup> Close Out meeting will be addressed at the February meeting.

**Reports of Committees, Boards, & Departments**

**Port Authority**

No one present to give report.

**Utility Service Board**

Trey Clifton Utility Superintendent welcomed new Council Members. He informed the Mayor and Council the Utility Service Board is a 5 member board and the term for Steve Brett, USB Chairman for the past several years, expired as of December 31, 2007. According to Clifton, Steve Brett has chosen not to serve any longer. Council will need an appointment to this Board within the next month or so. Mayor Marksberry informed Council Mona Cook had contacted him and is interested in being on this Board. Marksberry stated the appointment needs to be a Democrat as the Board currently has 2 Republicans, 1 Independent and 1 Democrat. A motion was made by Councilman Slack to appoint Mona Cook to the Utility Service Board replacing Steve Brett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Graves; motion carried 5-0. Clifton also presented information on Utility rate comparisons for Council and Mayor Marksberry's review. See Attached Exhibit A.

**Redevelopment**

No one present to give report.

**Project Manager—Mike Northcutt**

Project Manager Mike Northcutt submitted a report of activities to Council and Mayor Marksberry. See Attached Exhibit "B".

- **Presbyterian Church**--Northcutt requested approval for additional engineering and design work with PAST/Bruce Goetzman in the amount of \$29,000. It was discussed that a few months ago Council approved costs to add an unfinished 2000 square foot

addition to the Presbyterian Church in the amount of \$85,000 -- this design and engineering work will be necessary to complete this project. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Padgett to approve the cost of \$29,000 for PAST/Bruce Goetzman for additional design and engineering work on this project, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Slack; motion carried 5-0.

Northcutt also requested approval for Change Order #6 for the Presbyterian Church Project for labor and materials to install 180 linear feet of baseboard in the sanctuary at a cost not to exceed \$7,860. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve this change order, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Radcliff; motion carried 5-0.

Northcutt also informed all the stain glass windows were now being installed.

### **Police Department**

Police Chief David Hewitt welcomed Council Members new and returning. He informed Mayor Marksberry and Council the Police Department had received a grant from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$10,000 for 2 in-car cameras. He commended Lieutenant Brian Browning for doing the leg work and submitting this grant application. Hewitt stated with Clerk Gipson's help with transfers--he was also able to purchase 2 in-car cameras from his 2007 budget. This leaves only 1 car left to equip and Hewitt may request this funding through the Regional Foundation. According to Hewitt this can impact liability insurance costs to the City. He also stated officers will be attending drivers training sponsored by Downey Insurance (the City carrier) and reported the department will be going on the Government Plan for their cell phones which will save dollars as well. Hewitt stated Year End reports are being compiled and will be available at the next meeting.

### **Tourism**

Sherry Timms, Executive Director of Tourism welcomed new Council members. She informed all present Tourism is open Mon-Fri from 9-5. She stated next month she will have a packet of upcoming 2008 events. Tourism is currently working on a new video and brochure.

### **Historic Downtown Main Street**

Jerry Caruso, Director of Historic Downtown Main Street informed Council and Mayor Marksberry of his activities in the past few weeks. See attached Exhibit C.

### **Rising Sun Regional Foundation**

Ed Sullivan, Executive Director welcomed new Council Members. He informed Mayor Marksberry and Council RSRF 2008 Annual Reports are currently being prepared and will be available in February. He also stated the next grant round deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>. According to Sullivan, Board Member Jim Clements will resign from the Board in February after

12 years of service. Mayor Marksberry has appointed Sissy Potter as his replacement.

### **Ohio County Community Foundation**

Peg Dickson, Executive Director reported they have been working to set up a pass through account for donated funds for the Tribute Tower. This pass through account can transfer to an endowment account at a later time to be used for maintenance etc. Dickson welcomed new Council members and stated she has enjoyed working with returning Council for the last 4 years and looks forward to another 4 years.

### **Park Board**

Jamie Bell, Park Director welcomed everyone to come visit her and the Park Board. She stated this is going to be a transition year for the parks department. They plan to focus on enhancing marketing existing park programs.

### **PETITIONS/COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

None at this time

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Ordinance 2007-8 “An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Pershing Street in the City of Rising Sun, Indiana” 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Mayor Marksberry presented Ordinance 2007-8 “An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Pershing Street” to Council for second reading. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Padgett to approve Ordinance 2007-8, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Graves; motion carried 5-0.

#### **Project Leader Dispatch/Police Software Upgrades Myrle White and Brett Stowell**

Brett Stowell informed Mayor Marksberry and Council after they made the request to City Council on December 3<sup>rd</sup> for funds for Project Leader the group requested to be on the County agenda—and that meeting was canceled. The proposal is the same as in December--for current and future software compliance and maintenance. The software would also provide records management for dispatch, police and the sheriff's office and integrate all law enforcement data from the three agencies. At the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting the group requested \$72,500 from the City with \$32,000 being committed by the County through the 911 funds. Brett Stowell emphasized this allows the capability to link several separate entities—and save a lot of time for different entities. Councilman Slack stated basically we are at the same place we were at the first of December. Slack then made a motion to approve funding for one half of this equipment cost in the amount of \$36,250 contingent on the County providing half this \$72,500 cost as well, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Radcliff; motion carried 5-0.

### **County Council/County Commissioners**

Doug Baker spokesman for the County groups addressed Mayor Marksberry and Council. He welcomed new Council Members and stated

the County would like to set joint City/County meetings 4 times a year to discuss and prioritize possible projects. The meetings would aid with capital or budget plans for short and long range projects. Baker stated the County Officials would like for all the Boards to have full voting abilities at these meetings. Attorney Siekman stated this could be done if the meetings were advertised and each group had a quorum.

Baker stated that City and County communication is low. We have worked together on the EMS Building and the Library in the past few years. There will continue to be issues at the Statehouse that will need to be addressed by both the City and the County and there needs to be communication to know what, when, and how to address the issues. Bottom line according to Baker, the right hand needs to know what the left hand is doing. There was discussion that the meetings possibly be held at the Senior Community Building to allow adequate seating around a table. It was also discussed that possibly the Council/Commission Presidents/Pro-tem and Mayor Marksberry could have coffee once every 4-6 weeks just to keep each group informed. Mayor Marksberry will get back with the County regarding these meetings.

**Community Event Funding Grant Requests**  
**OCEMS Health & Safety Fair—Grant #2008-3**

Jamie Works presented the Mayor and Council with a request for \$2,000 to conduct the Health and Safety Fair at the Senior Center on April 22, 2008. This money will be used for supplies, rental of the center, and lunch for the volunteers. She stated the Health Fair has been a great success and feels it is very important to continue to offer this health and safety education to the children. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Graves to approve Grant Request #2008-3, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Radcliff; motion carried 5-0.

**NAVY BEAN—Grant #2008-6**

Stephanie Scott and Armand Arce representing the Navy Bean Committee with the assistance of the Chamber of Commerce requested a Community Event Funding Grant in the amount of \$79,850 to aid with funding the 2008 festival. According to Scott the additional requested funds will be used for bigger name entertainment and to pay a coordinator as was done for last years' festival. It was stated the total event budget is \$130,000. They have funding requests in to Tourism, the RSRF, and will have some sponsorship dollars. The festival will be held October 10 & 11. There was some discussion regarding \$3,000 cost to set up the tent—and whether this could be done by the Street Department. There was also some discussion that there was not going to be a River Days festival—so the group wanted to make this a bigger event. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilman Graves to approve Grant Request #2008-6, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Padgett; motion carried 5-0.

### **Ohio County Historical Society—Quilt Fest 2008 Grant #2008-4**

Sandy Wiehe presented the Mayor and Council with a request for \$3,425 to aid with funding the Quilt Fest 2008 to be held April 4-6 at the Historical Society. The event will bring people to the community for workshop, contest, quilt exhibit and entertainment. The total event budget is \$9,080. These requested funds will be used for prize money for the contest. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Graves to approve Grant Request #2008-4, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Powell; motion carried 5-0.

### **Ohio Valley River Cats—Fishing Tournament Grant #2008-5**

Frank McIntosh presented the Mayor and Council with a request for \$10,000 to host a 2 day fishing tournament in Rising Sun. The event will be held the weekend after Labor Day—Sept 6 & 7 2008. He stated the last two annual events have been so successful they are already receiving calls for this years' event. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Slack to approve Grant Request #2008-5, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Radcliff; motion carried 5-0.

### **After Prom Committee—Grant #2008-7**

John Pape presented the Mayor and Council with a request for \$10,000 to hold the After Prom for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and give Juniors and Seniors of Ohio County a safe, drug free party after the prom. There were several supporting parents in attendance and there was a lot of focus on the fact that this saves kids lives. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Graves to approve Grant Request #2008-7, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Radcliff; motion carried 5-0.

### **Resolution 2008-1 “Appointing President Pro-Tem”**

Resolution 2008-1 “Resolution Appointing a President Pro-Tempore” was presented to Council. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Powell to approve Resolution 2008-1 with Councilman Steve Slack as President Pro-Tem, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Graves; motion carried 5-0.

### **Fire Department Contract 2008**

Mayor Marksberry presented the 2008 Fire Department Contract for city services to Council for approval. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Graves to approve the 2008 Fire Department Contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Slack; motion carried 5-0.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Mayor Marksberry informed Council he had received a letter from the Library Board offering the former Library building to the City at the appraisal price of \$160,000. Marksberry stated the County Commissioners and Council received this same letter. There was little discussion and Council took no action.

- Veteran's Tribute Tower--Mayor Marksberry reported Ed Sullivan and the Tower Committee are doing a lot of planning for the Tribute Tower Celebration event. There was some discussion regarding placement of the Tribute Tower which needs to be decided fairly quickly. Councilman Slack stated he would like to take a look at the area of the latest proposed site on the riverfront before making this decision. Council will get back with the Mayor regarding the site before the weeks end.
- Mayor Marksberry requested Council's pleasure regarding future Council meeting dates and times. After discussion it was determined Council would continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.
- Marksberry stated Councilman Powell and Councilman Padgett will join him as members of the Board of Works which meets the last Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm.
- Marksberry noted he had made the following appointments: Dave Hewitt, Police Chief; Kevin Armstrong, Fire Chief; and Paul Bovard; Street Commissioner; Everett Boggs, Park Board; PG Gentrup; Park Board; Peg Bradfield, Revolving Loan Fund. Marksberry requested Council review the list of appointments that need to be made for 2008 and they can address at the next meeting.
- Marksberry stated he had entered the City in the America in Bloom Contest once again.

### **Adjournment**

After the reviewing and signing of claims, and with no further business; a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Slack, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Padgett; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Attest:

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Rae Baker Gipson,  
Clerk Treasurer

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William A. Marksberry,  
Mayor

"Exhibit A"

# Comparison of Residential Bills for Jul-07

Ranked by bill for 1,000 kWh

Rank	Utility	IOU
1	NIPSCO	IOU
2	SIGECO	IOU
3	Ladoga	IMPA
4	Dublin	IMPA
5	Lewisville	IMPA
6	Waynetown	IMPA
7	Duke Indiana	IOU
8	Dunreth	IMPA
9	Pittsboro	IMPA
10	Huntingburg	IMPA
11	Darlington	IMPA
12	Tell City	IMPA
13	Pendleton	IMPA
14	Greendale	IMPA
15	Bargersville	IMPA
16	Brooklyn	IMPA
17	Etna Green	IMPA
18	Jamestown	IMPA
19	Peru	IMPA
20	Flora	IMPA
21	Advance	IMPA
22	Linton	IMPA
23	Kingsford Heights	IMPA
24	Paoli	IMPA
25	Walkerton	IMPA
26	Gas City	IMPA
27	Jasper	MUNI
28	Richmond	IMPA
29	Columbia City	IMPA
30	Anderson	IMPA

Table 1

Rank	Utility	Residential Bills for a Consumption (kWh) of				Average Rate (cents/kWh) for a Consumption (kWh) of			
		500	1,000	1,500	2,000	500	1,000	1,500	2,000
1	NIPSCO	\$55.00	\$100.00	\$135.00	\$170.00	11.226	10.561	10.339	10.228
2	SIGECO	\$55.00	\$100.00	\$135.00	\$170.00	11.076	10.302	10.044	9.915
3	Ladoga	\$54.27	\$102.36	\$135.59	\$168.51	10.854	10.236	9.706	9.441
4	Dublin	\$50.59	\$96.20	\$122.01	\$157.82	10.078	9.620	9.467	9.391
5	Lewisville	\$47.81	\$92.92	\$124.02	\$157.82	9.562	9.292	8.935	8.757
6	Waynetown	\$49.00	\$97.43	\$124.02	\$157.82	9.868	9.243	8.939	8.710
7	Duke Indiana	\$66.00	\$100.20	\$135.00	\$170.00	11.124	9.020	7.995	7.483
8	Dunreth	\$45.00	\$88.07	\$119.69	\$150.92	9.130	8.807	8.699	8.646
9	Pittsboro	\$48.00	\$87.90	\$117.04	\$148.74	9.612	8.796	8.469	8.307
10	Huntingburg	\$47.50	\$87.42	\$117.50	\$148.18	9.510	8.742	8.487	8.359
11	Darlington	\$48.00	\$86.68	\$117.04	\$148.18	9.666	8.688	8.232	8.004
12	Tell City	\$48.20	\$86.00	\$117.20	\$148.00	9.252	8.678	8.486	8.391
13	Pendleton	\$48.20	\$86.00	\$117.20	\$148.00	9.654	8.598	8.168	7.954
14	Greendale	\$47.00	\$85.90	\$117.00	\$147.00	9.424	8.597	8.321	8.022
15	Bargersville	\$47.00	\$85.90	\$117.00	\$147.00	9.406	8.514	7.821	7.474
16	Brooklyn	\$46.00	\$84.16	\$115.49	\$145.82	8.766	8.416	8.299	8.241
17	Etna Green	\$46.50	\$83.69	\$115.00	\$145.00	8.940	8.389	8.206	8.114
18	Jamestown	\$46.00	\$82.97	\$113.27	\$143.57	9.232	8.297	7.551	7.179
19	Peru	\$46.00	\$82.59	\$113.00	\$143.00	9.076	8.239	7.856	7.665
20	Flora	\$46.00	\$82.59	\$113.00	\$143.00	9.252	8.221	7.645	7.357
21	Advance	\$43.44	\$82.00	\$109.48	\$141.78	8.688	8.211	7.965	7.843
22	Linton	\$43.44	\$82.00	\$109.48	\$141.78	9.140	8.164	7.439	7.077
23	Kingsford Heights	\$42.34	\$81.64	\$111.59	\$141.53	8.468	8.118	8.001	7.943
24	Paoli	\$43.13	\$80.71	\$110.00	\$139.00	8.626	8.071	7.687	7.494
25	Walkerton	\$43.05	\$80.71	\$110.00	\$139.00	8.610	8.009	7.809	7.709
26	Gas City	\$42.10	\$79.00	\$109.00	\$138.00	8.420	7.960	7.570	7.375
27	Jasper	\$39.00	\$79.40	\$109.55	\$147.50	9.844	7.940	7.306	6.989
28	Richmond	\$39.00	\$79.39	\$109.59	\$139.78	9.492	7.939	7.421	7.076
29	Columbia City	\$43.22	\$78.94	\$111.31	\$141.51	8.644	7.894	7.644	7.519
30	Anderson	\$43.22	\$78.89	\$111.31	\$141.51	8.796	7.889	7.587	7.335

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31	Centerville	IMPA	\$41.73	\$78.24	\$109.81	\$142.58	8.346	7.824	7.650	7.563
32	Tipton	IMPA	\$41.36	\$76.73	\$109.81	\$142.58	8.272	7.673	7.321	7.144
33	Covington	IMPA	\$41.09	\$76.59	\$109.90	\$143.11	8.218	7.659	7.327	7.156
34	Middletown	IMPA	\$40.42	\$76.38	\$108.19	\$140.00	8.084	7.638	7.213	7.000
35	IPALCO	IOU	\$41.57	\$76.20	\$103.05	\$139.90	9.870	7.620	6.870	6.495
36	Crawfordsville	IMPA	\$40.38	\$76.16	\$108.54	\$140.91	8.314	7.616	7.236	7.046
37	Knightstown	IMPA	\$43.23	\$75.97	\$107.62	\$139.39	8.076	7.615	7.175	6.955
38	Rising Sun	IMPA	\$41.30	\$75.59	\$109.89	\$144.18	8.260	7.559	7.326	7.209
39	Winamac	IMPA	\$42.23	\$75.16	\$108.10	\$137.88	8.446	7.516	7.207	6.894
40	Frankton	IMPA	\$39.86	\$74.72	\$103.58	\$132.43	7.972	7.472	6.905	6.622
41	Greenfield	MUNI	\$41.75	\$74.69	\$105.21	\$134.74	8.350	7.469	7.014	6.737
42	Logansport	IMPA	\$40.59	\$74.42	\$104.43	\$134.45	8.118	7.442	6.962	6.723
43	Lebanon	IMPA	\$37.92	\$73.45	\$108.98	\$144.51	7.584	7.345	7.265	7.226
44	Edinburgh	IMPA	\$40.63	\$73.26	\$101.34	\$129.41	8.126	7.326	6.756	6.471
45	Scottsburg	IMPA	\$40.66	\$72.87	\$105.08	\$134.20	8.132	7.287	7.005	6.710
46	Washington	IOU	\$41.70	\$71.97	\$102.24	\$132.51	8.340	7.197	6.816	6.626
47	AEP	IMPA	\$40.98	\$71.69	\$102.40	\$128.82	8.196	7.169	6.827	6.441
48	Frankfort	IMPA	\$37.77	\$69.97	\$102.18	\$134.39	7.554	6.997	6.812	6.720
49	Thorntown	IMPA	\$37.56	\$68.42	\$94.78	\$121.14	7.512	6.842	6.319	6.057
50	Lawrenceburg	IMPA	\$36.92	\$68.29	\$99.65	\$131.02	7.384	6.829	6.643	6.551
51	Rockville	IMPA	\$36.30	\$67.70	\$97.61	\$127.51	7.260	6.770	6.507	6.376
52	Rensselaer	IMPA	\$34.89	\$66.07	\$95.62	\$123.53	6.978	6.607	6.375	6.177
53	Spiceland	IMPA	\$35.56	\$65.11	\$94.67	\$124.21	7.112	6.511	6.311	6.211
54	Bremen	IMPA	\$34.50	\$62.00	\$84.50	\$107.00	6.900	6.200	5.633	5.350
55	Chalmers	IMPA	\$33.18	\$61.18	\$89.18	\$117.18	6.636	6.118	5.945	5.859
56	Bainbridge	IMPA	\$31.00	\$56.00	\$78.50	\$101.00	6.200	5.600	5.233	5.050
57	Brookston	IMPA	\$43.54	\$79.46	\$113.68	\$147.52	8.71	7.95	7.58	7.38
Average of IMPA Members			\$43.20	\$78.58	\$112.31	\$145.67	8.64	7.86	7.49	7.28
Average of IOU's			\$48.70	\$91.44	\$132.68	\$173.93	9.740	9.144	8.845	8.697

Bills include trackers and exclude taxes.



## **Project Update January 2008**

### **1.) River Front Phase 5**

**This project is along Front Street between Main Street and Fifth Street. Project is complete we are holding retainage of \$38,931.52 until punch list items are satisfied. Dave O'Mara is the general contractor on this project. DNR has one request of us that we plant wild flowers on river bank between Fourth Street and Fifth Street.**

### **2.) River Front Phase 4**

**This project is broken into parts A & B, due to the Army Corps of Engineers request both parts are being permitted at the same time. Part A is between First Street and Plum Street and part B is a 9 lane boat ramp located at Plum Street next to the former Fryman lot. Once permitting is complete we hope to request bids on part B. Part A of this project received a grant from INDOT and they will bid this portion of the project with us paying matching funds and anything above the original cost estimate.**

### **3.) Fifth Street Drainage Project**

**This project is complete as well Lykins Contracting is the general contractor. There are a few issues remaining; change order for sewer lateral repairs and separating existing services encountered. We also have retainage on this project as well and recommend holding some or all until spring for repairs as needed caused by settling.**

### **4.) Heritage Hall former Presbyterian Church on Main Street**

**Poole Group is the general contractor for this project. This project is near complete for phase 1, council has approved addition of 2,000 sq. ft. to the back of this building for stage area and restrooms as a change order, all details have not been agreed to and may require re-bidding instead of a change order with Poole Group for this addition. Contract with Preservation Architecture Services to design this addition is for consideration in the amount of \$29,000.00 not to**

exceed. Also change order number 6 not to exceed \$7,860.00 as a increase to install baseboard.

#### **5.) Library Drainage Project**

**This project is being designed by the Schneider Corporation it will begin at the corner of Mulberry Street and Second Street, Second Street to Henrietta Street to Main Street down to the 262 Bridge. We are currently working with INDOT on permits as well as other regulatory agencies. We hope to go out for bid early in 2008.**

#### **6.) Veterans Tribute Tower**

**The tower stands 30' tall and is 8' x 8' square with four 3' clocks. This is a limited edition tower and Rising Sun will be the first of 100 towers across the country. The location of this patriotic/commemorative clock will need to be determined by city council very soon.**

Report to City Council January 3, 2008

We have a candidate that is seeking his Masters Degree in Science from the University of Cincinnati who will be including Rising Sun in his dissertation. His name is Stephen Cotton and I will be assisting him in gathering pertinent data like Master Plans, Zoning as it relates to our Historic District, short and long range plans for the Historic District and other previous studies. Please welcome him and share your ideas etc. with him.

We had our promotion drawing for the \$100 gift gas card on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December. The winner is Mrs. Deena Gindling of West Harrison Indiana. Our board president, Bill Dichtl, will present the gift card in the coming week. We had over 100 entries from Rising Sun, Dillsboro, West Harrison, Madison, Vevay, Lawrenceburg, Patriot, Florence and Terra Haute Indiana.

Our efforts using full-page display advertising during this past holiday were successful. We dominated each of the Register publications newspapers during the months of November and December 2007. Some insertions were in full color.

The gift shop in Grand Victoria is selling our full color posters featuring the Flower Pots of Rising Sun with revenue going to Phi Beta Psi sorority. Many of the Flower Pots are in storage and will be refurbished by our local artists over the winter.

Our Holiday events went well. Our animal exhibit of Reindeer and Camel was well received. I would like to thank Tony Sabo for giving us a really great Santa. The carriage rides were used however, this coming Winter Holiday we will consolidate our events to run the entire day and evening. One of the ideas we are considering is to invite all churches that have choirs to be part of our celebration. Other plans are in the works however, the promotion committee would like to keep them under wraps so as not to be duplicated elsewhere.

We have our tent cards out in the community announcing events in January and February and information on an early Easter Bunny Coloring and Basket creation contest. This year we will stress that table center pieces will not be included in the judging of baskets for cash prizes.

I am working with a prospect that is interested in purchasing the building next to the Empire House on the North side.

Our annual board meeting will be held on Tuesday evening January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Ohio County Historical Society building. Dinner on us is served at 6 PM then a brief meeting and on to entertainment. This is an open meeting; we just need to receive RSVP's from those who will be attending. 438-2750.

Submitted by,

Jerry Caruso