



**Important Phone Numbers**

Police	911 or 884-0080
Water Emergencies	476-3055
Billing Questions	583-4944
Clerk's Office	583-0089
Republic/Allied Waste	477-9138
Streets and Water	583-3430

**Councilmen**

Kevin Burk	404-1481
Jackey Apache	491-4594
Doyle Allison	583-9481
Amy Brown	376-0366
Rick Hadley	418-5742

# Calendar July 2020

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trash/Recycle \*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Town Hall Closed-Holiday**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Limb Pickup Begins
- 15<sup>th</sup> Trash/Recycle \*
- 16<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting 6 pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Trash/Recycle \*

\*\*\* Trash Every Wednesday\*\*\*



Pay your bill online or by text

Go to: [Otterbein.in.gov](http://Otterbein.in.gov) and click the link  
OR  
[Invoicecloud.com/OtterbeinIN](http://Invoicecloud.com/OtterbeinIN)



**COVID 19 Update...**Due to the COVID 19 and Governor's orders, penalties and disconnection were paused until 06/30/20. Penalties and disconnections will resume in August, unless Governor extends the date. If you are behind in your utility bill, please contact the Town Hall to make a pay arrangement at 765-583-4494.

**Town Hall is OPEN...**Our new Business Hours: **Monday's 8:30 am to 6:00 pm,** Tuesday's 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Wednesday's 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Thursday's 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Friday's 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday's Closed, Sunday's Closed, and **Closed 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for lunch.**

**CODE RED...**Make sure you sign up for Code Red, because it's a system to notify Otterbein residents of community events and alerts such as water issues, boil advisories, trash updates, streets closing, and etc. **Sign up for Code Red on our website [Otterbein.in.gov](http://Otterbein.in.gov). or feel to contact us by telephone, (583-4944).** Thanks, it's a helpful and informational system for the town.

The Town of Otterbein's Water Department will be starting hydrant flushing in the next few months. This is a type of maintenance performed on the main water lines to flush out any build up from sediment in the water mains to ensure water quality. During this time you may see hydrants open and flushing and you may have a rust colored water enter the house. This is normal and the discolored water is safe to drink, though it may not be pleasant. If you happen to have rust colored water enter your service line, turn on the cold water, preferably the bathtub for more flow, and flush your lines until the color is back to normal clear drinking water (roughly 10-20 mins depending on length of your service line). Once you have flushed with cold water, you can run the hot water to ensure no sediment has entered the tank. If there is discoloration in the hot water, flush with hot water to clear the sediment. After flushing is complete, you may want to remove any aerators on faucets and rinse them of any debris that they may have caught. If you have any questions pertaining to hydrant flushing or any other water treatment questions, feel free to call Lorean Johnston at 765-476-3055.

**Library News...** Otterbein's annual town-wide yard sale will be Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 8:00 am. The Otterbein Public Library will be making maps and hosting an Opal the Otter scavenger hunt that coincides with the yard sales. OPL will be hiding Opal at yard sales all over town, and giving out 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place gift card prizes to the top finishers. There will be a grid on the back of the maps for the yard sale vendors to initial when someone finds the Opal. If you would like your yard sale to be on the map, or for more information, please visit the library, call OPL at 765-583-2107, or email Addie at [addie@otterbeinpubliclibrary.org](mailto:addie@otterbeinpubliclibrary.org). Also, the book sale starts August 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, along with activities and crafts from 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Turn in your Summer Reading Program records by 2pm on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit our Facebook page and website [opl.lib.in.us](http://opl.lib.in.us) for library updates!

**Shred Day... Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at The Town Hall!**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020 6:00 PM**

Council President Amy Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM with members Richard (Rick) Hadley, Jackey Apache and Doyle Allison present. Member Kevin Burk was absent.

Town Attorney Jud Barce discussed with Council the proposed changes to the Nuisance Ordinance. They discussed open burning, car parts etc. The topic was tabled so revisions can be made.

BF&S Engineer Dave Buck presented an Inspection Assistance contract to assist the town in inspection of the new Dollar General Store as it relates to the street, sidewalk and new utilities. This will also be a training inspection, training Lorean Johnston to know how and what to look for in a new commercial build. The Contract is for a not to exceed \$12,900. Rick Hadley made the motion to enter into the contract. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor. He discussed with Council the Stormwater issue that was uncovered during the Milestone project. It was discovered that a storm drain thought to be on Main actually was a stub of an old line and therefore no storm drain exists. The proper way to fix the issue and provide storm drainage in the downtown area is to run a new storm drain from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Oxford Street. The cost for that would be \$73,345.80. The next option would be to run a storm drain from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street for a cost of \$38,318. The last option and not a good one would be to just cross 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and hope for the best. These are a not to exceed cost. Doyle Allison made the motion to proceed with the new storm drain from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Oxford Street for a not to exceed \$73,345.80. Rick Hadley seconded the motion and all were in favor. This will be a separate contract with Milestone not a change order. Dave then explained some overrun and additional patching due to the current street project. They are still working on the quantity balancing, but asked Council to reserve \$12,080 for Change Order 1 to Milestone contract. Jackey Apache made the motion to reserve \$12,080 for Change Order 1 to Milestone contact. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Amy read the summary of Claims presented for a total of \$153,059.93. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor. Jackey made the motion to approve the May 2020 Minutes as written. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Utilities Operator Lorean Johnston needs to remove a leaking water valve and put in a new one on Main Street while Milestone is working in the area. The cost is \$6,500. Rick Hadley made the motion to approve the valve replacement project for \$6,500. Jackey Apache seconded the motion and all were in favor. This will include an insert a valve and supplies from Utility Supply Company.

Town Administrator Ron Shoup presented a request from Mr. & Mrs. Mathis to place a Memorial Bench in memory of their daughter Kristi. They would like to place it on Main Street near the Library as Kristi loved the Otterbein Library. Amy Brown made the motion to approve the request. Jackey Apache seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles brought up the window issue at the new building. The windows are not what the town requested. However, they are what was bid and wasn't caught. Rick Hadley has spent a lot of time researching options to replace them. The town just cannot afford the additional expense to replace the windows. The Council did discuss the option to add a trim around the building to improve the appearance of them. The cost of that is \$3,215. Rick Hadley made the motion to proceed in adding the trim around the windows. Doyle Allison seconded the motion. Rick Hadley, Doyle Allison and Jackey Apache were in favor. President Amy Brown opposed. Motion carried. Treeva gave a financial report for the Community Center Project. She then brought up installing the drop box at the new building for payments. There is really not a good place on the building. There are some locations in front in the flower beds or in the back along the alley. A decision as to where, isn't needed tonight except if they want it on the building then where. The council agreed to not put it on the building. Lastly, Treeva presented Tri-Tech Change Order 2 for a deduct of \$24,090. Jackey made the motion to approve Change Order 2. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, June 18, 2020 6:00 PM**

Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with member Jackey Apache and Doyle Allison present. Members Amy Brown and Richard Hadley were absent.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Betsy Jones presented Tri-Tech Pay Application #3 for a total of \$230,945.00. Kevin Burk made the motion to approve the pay request. Jackey Apache seconded the motion and all were in favor. Betsy presented the retainage release request for TGB Unlimited. This was held for the Otterbein Commons Lift Station Improvements, for a total of \$6,596.75. Jackey Apache made a motion to approve the release of the retainage and make payment to TGB Unlimited. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Kevin Burk read the summary of claims for a total of \$168,073.77. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Betsy asked the Council if they wanted to resume penalties and disconnections starting with the July 1 bill. The Governor's order regarding disconnections and penalties expires on 6/30/2020 but we don't know if he will extend that date, yet. Council decided the July 1<sup>st</sup> bill was too soon. Kevin Burk made a motion to resume penalties and disconnections starting with the August 1<sup>st</sup> bill, unless the Governor extends the date. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn at 6:19 PM. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

***Annual Drinking Water Quality Report 2019***  
***The Water We Drink***  
**Otterbein Water**  
**June 30th 2020**

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is a ground water system drawn from two (2) well located at the Otterbein Town Park on Brown Street. All of our wells are drilled in alluvium sand and gravel deposits on a very northern edge of the buried Teays Valley Aquifer System.

We have a source water assessment plan available from our office that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination.

I'm pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

This report shows our water quality and what it means.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Lorean Johnston at 765-476-3055. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the town hall, 104 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Otterbein Water Department routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2019. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

*Non-Detects (ND)* - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

*Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)* - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

*Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter* - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

*Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)* - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

*Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l)* - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

*Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)* - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

*Millirems per year (mrem/yr)* - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

*Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)* - million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

*Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)* - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

*Action Level Goal (ALG)* - The level of contaminate in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

*Action Level* - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

*Treatment Technique (TT)* - (mandatory language) A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

*Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)* - (mandatory language) The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

*Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)* - (mandatory language) The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

*Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)* - (mandatory language) The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

*Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)* - (mandatory language) The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminant

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the cost of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

*Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have increased risk of getting cancer*

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

**Total Coliform:** The Total Coliform Rule requires water systems to meet a stricter limit for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. To comply with the stricter regulation, we have increased the average amount of chlorine in the distribution system.

**Nitrates:** As a precaution we always notify physicians and health care providers in this area if there is ever a higher than normal level of nitrates in the water supply.

**Lead:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Otterbein Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**TTHM.** (Total Trihalomethanes) Some people who drink water containing trihalometanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of cancer.

#### **Spanish (Espanol)**

Su agua es segura. Este informe contiene los detalles sobre la calidad del agua.

In our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and dependable water supply it may be necessary to make improvements in your water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. Thank you for allowing us to continue in providing your family with clean, quality water this year.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

*Please call our office if you have questions. 765 -583-4944*

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	09/15/2018	1.3	1.3	0.173	0	ppm	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead	09/15/2018	0	15	6.8	0	ppb	N	

Regulated Contaminants Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2019	1	1 - 1	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2019	7	6.8 - 6.8	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2019	6	0.8 - 12	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	09/19/2017	1.6	1.6 - 1.6	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	09/19/2017	0.128	0.128 - 0.128	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	09/19/2017	0.57	0.57 - 0.57	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2019	1	0.803 - 0.803	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Beta/photon emitters	03/02/2017	0.8	0.8 - 0.8	0	4	mrem/yr	N	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
Uranium	03/02/2017	0.3951	0.3951 - 0.3951	0	30	ug/l	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name: Lorean Johnston

Phone: 765-476-3055

Type of Water	Report Status	Location
WELL #3 GW	A	509 S Brown St
WELL #4 GW	A	509 S Brown St

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted  
bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.