

## SWAP Meeting

September 21, 2011

Chair Adrienne Maurer called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Everybody introduced themselves and announcements were made. The agenda was approved, as well as the August minutes, and the Treasurer's report was read and approved. We have a balance of \$237.67 and must carry a minimum of \$250.00 to avoid banking fees.

Matt Gratz of Solid Waste brought a recycling program, featuring the success of our implementation of the no-sort lidded carts on wheels used for pick up. Fort Wayne won an IACT\* award for the program. We may use either 48 gal or 96 gal containers, or a combination of them. Upgrades and switching is FREE.

A detailed report on Combination Sewer Separation followed, led by Mary Jane Slaton and Anne Marie Smrchek, both of City Utilities. Fort Wayne has 43 overflow ports activated 71 times a year, resulting in billions of gallons of waste flowing into our rivers. Rework of the system will take eighteen years, abate 90% of the problem, and cost user fees of \$239.4million. Current drainage problems can be called to 311 for assistance.

Brent Wake, Community Liaison brought us up to date regarding the upcoming RNNC to be held in Cincinnati and referred us to [leadershipfortwayne.org](http://leadershipfortwayne.org) for assistance with best practices for our associations' leaders.

Captain Steve Haffner, FWPD related that our crime rate is still down by 6.04% year to date with shoplifting, theft of catalytic converters and mopeds being the major difficulties.

In BZA items, we discussed Valbruna and a home workshop on Aboite Ctr. Rd. Valbruna has a berm around it to contain floodwaters, so we did not pursue action.

In October we must appoint a nominating committee for the Slate of Officers. Also, John McGauley, Allen County Recorder will acquaint us on the services provided by his office. Atty. Charley Heiny will present information on neighborhood covenants to us.

We adjourned until October 19, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn De Voe, SWAP Secretary

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