

Government Committee

Objective: Determine size and scope of the government for the town of Center Grove.

Actions Required:

1. Determine the structure of the government.

This task will establish the make up and positions for the government of Center Grove. Decisions include; will we use a city mayor or a city manager, the number city council members, selected of a clerk/treasurer, how long will the terms last, when will we hold first election, and how will we organize ourselves until the first elections.

Outputs for this task:

1. Governmental organization chart
2. Job descriptions for each position
3. Establish term limits for position
4. Short term organization structure

2. Establish council districts

Work with the Land Use committee to determine where to draw the lines for city council seats.

Outputs for this task:

1. Draw a map showing the number of council districts

3. Other

Any other tasks deemed necessary by the committee to ensure an effective, efficient government will be established for the citizens of Center Grove, Indiana.

Infrastructure Committee

Objective: Determine how to most efficiently manage the roads, and sewers for the town of Center Grove, Indiana.

Actions Required:

1. Determine the number of road miles to be managed and the condition of each.

Work with the county and the Land Use committee to establish the number of road miles in Center Grove, Indiana and the current condition of each. This includes all roads; subdivisions and main roads.

Outputs for this task:

1. Publish number of Road Miles
2. A prioritized list of roads needing repair

2. Determine the location, ownership and miles of sewer lines (both sanitary and storm) in Center Grove, Indiana.

Work with the county, Bargersville and Greenwood to identify the locations of all current sewer lines in the Center Grove area and their current condition.

Outputs for this task:

1. A map that identifies the location of all lines
2. A prioritized list of sewer systems needing repair

3. Determine the most cost efficient method to maintain the roads and sewer lines.

Work with the county, Bargersville and Greenwood to determine the best method for maintaining the infrastructure. Methods could include; Intra-governmental agreements, private-public partnerships or a combination of both, hiring our own employees, etc. Maintenance includes snow removal.

Outputs for this task:

1. Recommendation for infrastructure maintenance

4. Other

Any other tasks deemed necessary by the committee.

Finance Committee

Objective: Determine the revenues and expenses for the town of Center Grove, Indiana.

Actions Required:

1. Determine all available tax revenues for the town of Center Grove.

Work with the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance (IDLGF) to determine all available revenues and applicable laws as they relate to local government finance.

Outputs for this task:

1. Publish revenue available to the town of Center Grove
2. Determine eligibility to accrue revenue credits prior to the establishment of the town.

Work with the IDLGF to determine if it is possible to accumulate revenue “credits” from the state.

Outputs for this task:

1. Understand the revenue credits available, when they would be paid
3. Determine town expenses.

Work with all subcommittees to determine the town expenses.

Outputs for this task:

1. Publish all known expenses for the town of Center Grove
4. Develop five year financial projection.

Outputs for this task:

1. Publish a five year projected income statement for the town of Center Grove
2. Recommendation of financing options in initial years
3. Establish balance sheet for the town of Center Grove.

5. Other

Any other tasks deemed necessary by the committee.

Public Safety Committee

Objective: Determine how the town of Center Grove, Indiana will provide for public safety. Included in this committee are fire, police, and emergency management.

Actions Required:

1. Determine best method to provide police protection services for Center Grove.

Work with the county to determine willingness to enter into an intra-governmental agreement (IGA) to continue to provide police services.

Outputs for this task:

1. Determine if an IGA is agreeable
2. Determine annual expenses

2. Determine best method to provide fire protection services for Center Grove.

Work with the local fire protection districts to determine whether or not an intra-governmental agreement (IGA) to continue to provide fire services needs to be obtained. The alternative is that we continue to get the services we already pay for in our property taxes without the need for an IGA.

Outputs for this task:

1. Determine if an IGA is agreeable
2. Determine annual expenses

3. Determine best method to provide emergency management services (EMS) for Center Grove.

Work with county EMS to establish the best method for providing emergency services to Center Grove.

Outputs for this task:

1. Determine if an IGA is agreeable
2. Determine annual expenses

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Actions Required:

4. Determine condition of waterways (example; Honey Creek) in Center Grove area.

Work with county and any other applicable organization to identify and understand the current condition of all waterways in Center Grove. It is our understanding that the last time this was done was many years ago. Since that time we have experienced a lot of new development. An investigation needs to be made into whether or not the water removal rates have been affected since the last calculation.

Outputs for this task:

1. Determine costs necessary to calculate water removal rates
2. Determine expenses necessary to “clean up” the waterways

5. Other

Any other tasks deemed necessary by the committee.

Land Use Committee

Objective: Determine how the land in Center Grove will be utilized.

Actions Required:

1. Establish boundaries and the assessed value for the town of Center Grove.

Understand where the current annexation lines have been drawn. For this task we will assume that all current annexations underway will go through. Work with the county surveyors to establish boundaries. The GIS system should provide information as well. The county offices can also help provide the assessed value for the proposed town.

Outputs for this task:

1. Publish a map showing the proposed boundaries for the town of Center Grove.
2. Determine town's assessed value.

2. Establish rural and urban districts within the boundaries of Center Grove.

Work with the citizens and the Economic Develop committee to understand where urban and rural districts would apply; if deemed necessary.

Outputs for this task:

1. Publish a map showing the proposed urban and rural districts.

3. Determine the best method for ownership and maintenance of parks in Center Grove.

Work with the Finance committee and the county to discuss asset transfer and maintenance costs. Work with the Center Grove trails organization to understand their plans and help maximize their role in providing trails and greenspace.

Outputs for this task:

1. Publish a map showing parks, greenspace and any trails in Center Grove.

4. Determine most cost affective method to establish the population for Center Grove.

Work with the IDLGF, to determine the best method to conduct and pay for a census to determine the total "official" population for the town of Center Grove.

Outputs for this task:

1. Provide recommendation on how to best achieve this task.

5. Other

Any other tasks deemed necessary by the committee.

Economic Development Committee

Objective: Establish planning and zoning districts for the town of Center Grove that will allow for reasonable and controlled growth of both residential and commercial areas and the rules that will apply to each.

Actions Required:

1. Identify types of planning districts to be used in the Center Grove area.

Work with the county to understand the current zoning district definitions and locations. Work with the Land Use committee to define zoning areas and the definitions for each. An example already submitted by one citizen suggests using lot size as the requirement for allowing burning. Use this as a baseline to determine zoning districts for Center Grove.

Outputs for this task:

1. Recommended zoning districts, with definitions and code designations.
2. Draw zoning districts on a map for the town of Center Grove.

2. Define the process for long-term planning.

Identify all applicable Indiana laws for long-term planning. Work with the county and others to investigate the use and location of Tax Incremental Financing (T.I.F) districts.

Outputs for this task:

1. Recommendation for areas in Center Grove to be established as T.I.F districts.
2. T.I.F. districts to be drawn on area map
3. Recommendation for long-term planning

3. Other

Any other tasks deemed necessary by the committee.

Administration and Legal Committee

Objective: Understand the laws that apply to a town, the necessary departments required, and compensation and benefits for any town employees

Actions Required:

1. Identify any necessary departments that will need to be established by the town that cannot be leveraged or managed by any other method.

Work with the county to understand the requirements necessary for a town to comply with and any departments that may be required as a result. Where ever possible we should try to leverage the resources we already pay for with out tax dollars/

Outputs for this task:

1. Recommendation on necessary departments and the number of employees. Considerations include: Human Resources, purchasing, contracting, etc..
2. Determine willingness of other government entities to enter into intra-governmental agreements to provide services noted above.

2. Establish compensation and benefit levels for all town employees.

Compensation and benefits should be competitive enough to attract talent. Work with the Government committee to identify the initial government structure and establish any support organizations necessary. Work with the county and/or state to see if it possible to leverage their employees to lower costs for all for benefits such as Health Savings Accounts or retirement funds.

Outputs for this task:

1. Recommendation support organizations and number of employees necessary.
2. Recommendation on compensation for all government employees.
3. Recommendation on benefits for all government employees.

3. Other

Any other tasks deemed necessary by the committee.