

Avon's Governments

Introduction

There are many different government entities that provide service in Avon. First, it is important to know that the Town of Avon government does not cover the entire Township of Washington. The Towns of Plainfield, Brownsburg and Danville have part of their boundaries in Washington Township and Hendricks County provides certain services to areas not within Town boundaries.

Avon School Boundary

The Avon Community School Corporation district is for all of the residents in Washington Township but is separate from the boundaries established for the Town of Avon. A student could live within the Town of Danville, Brownsburg or Plainfield and go to Avon Schools, if they live within Washington Township.

Zip Code

Many residents have an Avon zip code but don't live within the Town boundaries. The zip code is established by the United State Postal Service and Town boundaries are not considered when the zip code area is defined. In fact, there are residents within the Town of Avon that have a Plainfield zip code.

Here is a list of those entities that provide service in Avon:

Town of Avon www.avongov.org

Structure

The Town of Avon is governed by a five member Town Council that acts as the legislative and executive body for decision making. The Town Council appoints a Town Manager that is responsible for the day to day operations of the Town and for implementing the policies established by the Council. The Town Council President appoints the Police Chief on an annual basis and the Public Works Director and Planning and Building Director are appointed by the Town Manager.

The Clerk Treasurer is an elected position and is responsible for the finances and records of the Town. The Town Judge is elected and hears traffic and town code violation cases.

Services

The Town of Avon provides the following services for residents within the Town boundaries:

- Police protection
- Economic development
- Redevelopment of distressed areas
- Town Court for traffic tickets and town code violations
- Review of development proposals
- Building permits
- Building inspection
- Code enforcement
- Long range planning for future development

- Sidewalk construction
- Trail construction
- Town Hall Park amenities and maintenance
- Park development and programs
- Community events
- Tree plantings in public green spaces
- Road maintenance
- Traffic and street sign maintenance
- Traffic signal maintenance
- Road improvements
- Snow removal
- Drainage maintenance (some areas maintained by Hendricks County)
- Drainage improvements
- Roadside mowing
- Street sweeping

Boards and Commissions

The Town has numerous Boards and Commissions responsible for certain functions:

Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals

The Plan Commission consists of seven Avon residents appointed by the Town Council and Council President to review new development proposals and issue recommendations to the Council for some cases. The Board of Zoning Appeals is a five member board of Avon residents that considers requests from a development to vary from the requirements of the Ordinances of the Town.

Police Merit Board

The Police Merit Board is a five member board of Avon residents that are appointed by the Town Council, Council President and Police Officers that is responsible for hiring new officers, promoting officers and considering disciplinary cases.

Redevelopment Commission

The Redevelopment Commission consists of five Avon residents appointed by the Town Council and Council President. They are responsible for developing redevelopment and economic development plans for areas in Town.

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission consists of three members appointed by the Town Council, Council President and County Council. They are responsible for providing a financing mechanism for eligible projects.

Parks Advisory Council

The Parks Council consists of seven members that provide guidance to the Town regarding parks and park programs.

Washington Township www.washingtontownshipindiana.org

Washington Township government is governed by an elected Township Trustee and a Three Member Board.

Services

The Township is responsible for the following services within Washington Township:

- Fire protection and emergency medical services (including within the Town of Avon) but not in other Towns within the Township
- Management of the Washington Township Community Park and Pavilion Center
- Management of Paw Park
- Management of the proposed Pecar Park property
- Assistance to families in need
- Cemetery maintenance
- Weed control outside Town boundaries

Hendricks County www.co.hendricks.in.us

Hendricks County government consists of an elected 3 member Board of Commissioners that are responsible for the legislative and executive functions and an elected County Council responsible for approving expenditures.

Other elected positions in County Government include Sheriff, Auditor, Assessor, Recorder, Treasurer, Coroner, Surveyor and Judges.

Services

Hendricks County is responsible for providing the following services in areas of Washington Township that are not within a Town:

- Police protection through the Sheriff
- Road maintenance including signs, traffic signals and roadside mowing
- Road improvements
- Snow removal
- Drainage
- Review of development proposals
- Building permits and inspections
- Code enforcement
- Development of the new Gibbs Park in the southwest part of the Township

The Hendricks County Surveyor is responsible for the maintenance of legal drains in the Township. Some of the legal drains are within Town limits.

Avon Community School Corporation www.avon-schools.org

The Corporation is governed by an elected five member board. The Board appoints a Superintendent that is responsible for the management of the Corporation's services. The Corporation provides free public education to students residing within the boundaries of Washington Township.

Avon/Washington Township Library www.avonlibrary.net

The Library is governed by an appointed Board. The Board appoints a Library Director to administer the Library's services. The Library is responsible for the operation of the public library on State Road 267.

West Central Conservancy District www.wccd.in.org

The District consists of an elected five member board. The Board appoints a Manager to administer the District's service. The District is responsible for sanitary sewers within an established boundary. The boundary does not include the entire Township. Residents of Plainfield and Danville in Washington Township receive sanitary sewers from their respective Town.

Hendricks County Regional Sewer District www.co.hendricks.in.us

The District is governed by the Board of Commissioners of Hendricks County. The District provides sanitary sewers within their established boundary. A private contractor operates the system.

Indianapolis Water www.indianapoliswater.com

The City of Indianapolis provides water to residents of the Town and in some areas of Washington Township not within the Town. At the time of this report, the City of Indianapolis has a request at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to sell the water assets to Citizens Energy Group. Residents of Plainfield and Danville in Washington Township receive water from their respective Town.

State of Indiana www.in.gov

The State is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of US Highway 36 and 40 in Washington Township, as well as State Road 267. The State also provides police patrols of these roads.

OTHER SERVICES

Provision of Electricity

Electricity is provided by three entities within Washington Township including the Town of Avon. Duke Energy (www.duke-energy.com), Hendricks Power Cooperative (www.hendrickspower.com) and Indianapolis Power and Light (www.iplpower.com) provide the service. The service providers have established boundaries for their electricity.

Provision of Natural Gas www.vectren.com

Vectren Gas provides natural gas to the area of Washington Township including the Town of Avon.

Provision of Cable Television

Brighthouse Network (www.brighthouse.com/indiana) provides cable television to the Town of Avon residents and some residents in Washington Township.

Local Phone Service

Residents have many options for local phone service including AT & T (www.att.com) and Brighthouse.