



## Board & Commissions – Descriptions of Duties & Services

### **Police Civil Service**

*This is a three-member commission that is responsible for overseeing the selection processes for the sworn officers. This commission is also responsible for acting as a hearing body for the discipline and discharge for the Indiana Borough Police Department.*

### **Zoning Code of Appeals**

*This board is responsible for the inspection and reviewal of buildings for zoning compliance. This board regulates development within the Indiana Borough, as well as residential compliance with zoning regulations.*

### **Shade Tree Commission**

*The Shade Tree Commission is responsible for reviewing subdivision and other building applications for compliance with the borough's shade tree ordinance and for the recommendation of appropriate modifications. The commission is also establishing and maintaining a Master Shade Tree Plan, a long-term guide for the planting of trees throughout the Borough.*

### **Indiana Free Library**

*The Indiana Free Library operated under the mission statement: "To serve and strengthen our community by supporting literacy and lifelong learning". The library services the community with free access to books, technology, and other learning materials.*

### **Zoning Hearing Board**

*This is a quasi-judicial body that consists of five regular members, two alternate members, and a solicitor. This board is responsible for hearing and deciding appeals where it is alleged that the Zoning and Planning Office has made an error in the application or interpretation of regulations. They are also responsible for hearing and making decisions of special exceptions and authorizing variances from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance as is permitted by the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC).*

### **Vacancy Board**

*This is a single-member, one year position appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The purpose of this position is to decide upon a replacement Supervisor should a Supervisor Board position become vacant, in the event that the remaining Board members are unable to reach a decision.*

### **Code Enforcement Board of Appeals**

*This is a quasi-judicial body consists of three members. This board is responsible for hearing and deciding appeals where it is alleged that the Code Enforcement Office has made an error in the application or interpretation of regulations. They are also responsible for hearing and making decisions of special exceptions and authorizing variances from the terms of the Borough Code and regulations as is permitted by the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC).*

### **Council of Government (COG)**

*Indiana Borough and Blairsville Borough combined to create a council of governments, which are defined to serve an area of several counties and address issues such as regional and municipal planning, economic and community development, cartography and GIS, hazard mitigation and emergency planning, aging services, water use, pollution control, transit administration, and transportation planning. The Indiana-Blairsville COG was formed to purchase a sewer cleaning machine and a camera to televise the sewer lines.*

*The COG is made up of one member of the Blairsville Municipal Authority board and one member of the Indiana Borough board, Blairsville Municipal Authority's Executive Director and the manager for Indiana Borough. They meet the second Tuesday of every other month. They have hired three employees who go around to different Municipalities to flush out the main sewer lines, clean catch basins and residential sewer lines when necessary. The COG is also able to televise the sewer lines to find out where there is a blockage on a break in the line.*

### **Borough Arborist**

*The Borough Arborist of Indiana is appointed or contracted by Council. The Borough Arborist oversees the maintenance, upkeep, and preservation of all municipality owned trees and shrubbery, and works closely with the Shade Tree Commission.*

### **Streetscape Executive Board**

*This two person board is tasked with the planning and coordination of streetscape improvement and streetscape maintenance.*

### **Planning Commission**

*This is a locally elected board that is charged with the creation and revision of a Comprehensive Plan, Long Term Plans, and assisting and advising the Planning Department.*