

**April 2016 Westfield Historian Report
For May 2016 Town and Village Board Meetings
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Historian Activities During April 2016:

- Attended Town Board Meeting, April 6, 2016
- Attended Village Board Meeting, April 18, 2016
- Continuing posting BeeLines articles and photos to Westfield Historian Facebook page.
- Edgewater activities director has requested Westfield Historian to provide a talk this summer
- Received copies of photos of Sam the Greek's Restaurant from a reader.
- BeeLines articles researched, written, and published with related photos in Westfield Republican in April 2016:
 1. History of Ryan Hardware at 31 E Main in 1920s, and 1960 photo of Waite Hardware at same location. This article provided some communication with relatives of Waite.
 2. William Hynes, a Forty-Niner from Westfield, and photo of Hynes from a 1924 WR
 3. Lake Erie Wine Cellars and mystery of location. WR did not reproduce the interesting image but it was posted on Westfield Historian FB page and received some communication.
 4. History of Volusia and its church. Old photo of the Volusia Methodist Episcopal Church. This story is providing responses from several readers, including more information, photos

Updates on Historian Health and Vacation Plans:

Well, as the old saying, adapted from Robert Burns' "To a Mouse," goes, "the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry"... and so it is going with my plans for a vacation. Physical injuries are healing, but now my vision is blurred and cloudy, so am having laser surgeries on May 6th and May 20th to "polish" my post-cataract surgery implants, for the second time... (this was done when I lived in Colorado in 2014, as well as other eye surgery to remove floaters; cataracts were removed in 2012). Meanwhile, it has been difficult and time-consuming to do a reasonable amount of reading, research, and writing for my historian positions, which I love to do. So most other activities have been "deleted" from my current "to do list" ... this is actually good for reducing stress that causes muscle spasms and other problems.

Anyway, when the eye surgeries are completed and healed, I am still hoping and planning on taking a driving vacation across the country to visit family and friends in Oregon, Washington, northern and southern California, Arizona, and Colorado (where my son lives). Will let all know when that will be, God willing and the creek don't rise!