

August 2015 Historian Report for September Board Meetings
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Historian Activities During August 2015:

- Town Board monthly meeting August 5, 2015; provided July Historian Report
- Village Board monthly meeting August 17, 2015; provided July Historian Report
- Much of August has been spent unpacking and setting up new historian office in St. Peter's Episcopal Church education building, 12 Elm Street.
- Decision made to make historian office hours by appointment only; notice of this to be posted regularly in BeeLines articles in Westfield Republican and online websites, including contact information. Email address: westfieldhistorian@fairpoint.net and Cell Phone: 716-397-9254
- Research for a new historian client regarding the names of the Barcelona Lighthouse Keepers provided helpful for them to confirm relationship to Joshua LaDue, the 2nd keeper.
- Discussions with the above historian client provided "grist" for next BeeLines article regarding how Barcelona got its name.
- Received an email from Michelle Henry, County Historian regarding the planning for another county history fair for summer of 2016. (Note that the Westfield Historian exhibit at the 2011 History Fair focused on the history of diners in Westfield.) I plan to do a Westfield Historian booth again and have discussed sharing the space and coverage with Nancy Nixon Ensign who will represent Patterson Library's Historical Archives and other aspects. We will each have our own table but be able to provide breaks for each other to attend the total booth as needed. For the 2016 History Fair, I am exploring some options for focusing the Westfield Historian display on Barcelona Lighthouse and other Barcelona history, unless the Town and/or Village of Westfield would want some other type of exhibit. Please advise.
- Received a request for information about Orchard Inn on Lake Erie, but found that this was located in Ripley, so referred the request to Michelle Henry, as the Ripley Town Historian did not respond to my attempts to contact.
- Received email from Westfield Republican regarding "New guy at Republican", to whom I should send BeeLines starting September 2015. Email was signed M.J. Stafford with email: mstafford@westfieldrepublican.com
- BeeLines articles researched, written, and published with historic photos in August:
 1. "Memories of Midsummer Nights & Pergola Garden Dreams" - photo from June 1924
 2. "Summertime treats - old fashioned ice cream parlors & soda fountains" - Photo of Tony's Olympian circa 1950.
 3. "Memories of a Westfield one-room rural school" (Hardscrabble #3); two photos circa 1925, received from a former student at Hardscrabble School in later years when Don Blackburn was teacher (sometime between 1932 and 1942).
 4. "Memories of childhood games (reader participation requested)" - with copy of song "Playmate" transcribed using Encore computer music program.