DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR THAT? Hans Lagoni, Building Commissioner

And the answer is.....it depends?

Let's start off with those activities that don't require a building permit, such as: Repair/replacement to roofing, gutters, siding or windows, providing that no change is contemplated to the load bearing components or the façade of the structure being repaired or modified.

Activities requiring a building permit, include but are not limited to:

Installation or construction of retaining walls, fences or swimming pools (above and in-ground).

Installation or construction of a shed, gazebo or shelter regardless of whether or not permanently affixed to the ground.

Installation of a deck, porch, carport, garage or room addition.

Construction, reconstruction, repair, moving or demolition of a building or structure. Alteration or remodeling of an existing building or structure that includes any changes in structural members, stairways, load bearing components, electric service, plumbing, means of ingress and/or egress, or any change(s) affecting or regulated by the Building Code or Sanitary Code, except for minor repairs or changes not involving any of the aforesaid provisions.

In addition, removal of any tree 4 inches or greater in diameter unless it is dead, diseased, within fifteen (15) feet of the dwelling unit or is listed in the ordinance as a nuisance tree.

Please note that if construction starts prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, the owner will be subject to a fine, not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00), and the fee for the building permit shall be doubled.

Permit applications, as well as the Code of Ordinances, are available from the Town Clerk at village hall or can be downloaded from the town's website, beverlyshoresindiana.org.

Your contractor will be required to register with the town if the construction costs exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00).

I look forward to discussing your proposed project with you and can be contacted at hlagoni@comcast.net.