

**TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. All council members were present: Robert Angelo, Patrick McDonald, Henry Bausback, Mary Lou McFadden, and Robert Schaefer. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer, Anne Heywood, Police Chief Robert Sulkowski, and Town Attorney Jeff Thorne, Fire Chief Dave Albers and 10 townspeople.

Approval of Minutes: Henry Bausback made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2011 meeting; Second by Patrick McDonald; approved by all. Henry Bausback made a motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting January 19, 2011. Second by Robert Schaefer; approved by all.

REPORTS:

Police & Dog Warden Report: Chief Sulkowski gave the police report.

Police Commission Report: Robert Schaefer- No meeting; snow

L.B. Volunteer Fire Department Report: Dave Albers - gave report (on file)

Fire Commission Report: Henry Bausback – Work in progress for the fire contract. The goal is to have all finalized by March 31, 2011.

Street Department Report: Tom Dolph gave report: Busy snowplowing during the recent blizzard; trucks keep breaking down; looking at new trucks that cost between \$75,000 for a small truck and \$125,000 for the larger truck.

Park Board: Henry Bausback – Ed Sawa, from Fanning Howey is the project manager for the Stop 24 Open Air Pavilion project. Wednesday, February 16, 2011 is the pre-bidding conference for the Pavilion project. The committee will take a look at the contractors. Thanks went to Bart DeLaBarre for putting together the ice skate rink inside the tennis courts. It was suggested that maybe it could be bigger next year.

Community Center: Pat McDonald – Anne Heywood talked about two (2) tenants that moved their personal businesses to the Community Center. Everything is going good!

Water Board Report: Robert Schaefer – Water Board met on January 24, 2011. There are some water bills that are in the 60 day + past due status

that Jeff Thorne will be taking care of. Next meeting is on February 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Building Permit Report: Anne – January-7 permits -Construction costs-\$322,000.00; Fees of \$2,525.00 – For January we issued 1 Electrical permit: Costs of \$110.00; 10% fees for town were \$11.00.

A motion was made by Henry Bausback to accept all reports, seconded by Robert Schaefer; approved by all.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jim Mauer from Haas and Associates handed out a spreadsheet with an update on the project at St. Lawrence and Lake Shore Drive and gave recommendations of the lowest bidder which was Hasse Construction. Jim Mauer said all the bids came in about 30% higher than what they projected. There was discussion regarding two (2) of the lowest bidders of a 5% difference. Bob Schaefer made a motion to award the project to Woodruff & Sons Construction Co., only allowing #1 – 11 and amended to exclude #AA1 – AA2. Seconded by Henry Bausback and approved by all.
2. Stop 24 Water Pumping Station – update was given under Park Board report.
3. Fire Contract – Tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Triathlon – Michele Glidden ; asking to close Lakeshore to Stop 37 on Saturday, August 13, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. until completed. Chief Robert Sulkowski was not in favor of the race due to the man hours and having an officer hurt during this last year. Michele said this year they made some changes and cut back the distance of the race and eliminated the runners so it would just be bikes racing. The council had some discussion and will allow it this year. Henry Bausback motioned to close Lakeshore Dr. for a short period of time for the Michigan City Parks & Recreation to hold the triathlon. And reminded everyone this is NOT a town sponsored event. Second by Robert Schaefer. Approved by all.

From the Floor:

Nothing from residents.

Councilman Robert Schaefer: Met with Gerry White, the Northwest Indiana Community Liason for Community Affairs Division regarding community planning and strategic planning and what they have to offer towns. Will keep looking into this and reporting back. Clerk-Treasurer Anne Heywood talked about submitting bills near \$22,000 from

the last winter storm to LaPorte County Emergency Management. Waiting to hear from the State if Long Beach would be compensated for any of it.

CLAIMS APPROVAL:	9562 - 9628 =	\$224,880.31
	January salaries	\$ 53,278.58

Motion from Mary Lou McFadden to accept the claims; second by Robert Schaefer;
Approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Anne Heywood
Clerk/Treasurer**