

**TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 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, Town Attorney Jeff Thorne, and Volunteer Fire Chief Dave Albers. Tom Dolph, Street Department, was absent. 32 townspeople were present.

Approval of Minutes: Henry Bausback motioned to accept the minutes of the council meeting June 13, 2011, second by Patrick McDonald.

REPORTS:

Police Department Report: Chief Sulkowski gave report. The Chief read a statement commending his department on the job they did regarding the incident on July 4th at the beach.

Police Commission Report: Robert Schaefer- Met on July 6, 2011. Commended the police department for their work on the 4th of July incident at Stop 26. Will meet again on August 3, 2011, 8:00 a.m.

L.B. Volunteer Fire Department Report: Dave Albers gave the report.

Fire Commission Report: Mary Lou McFadden- No meeting

Street Department Report: Tom Dolph was absent; Patrick McDonald reported that the street department was checking the stairs at each stop, spraying for mosquitoes, and cleaning catch basins. At Stop 28 they are removing railroad ties and replacing it with a 6 x 6 railing. The town would like residents to cut back any bushes or limbs from trees that may be hanging into the road.

Park Board: Henry Bausback – The park program was in full swing and Henry thanked Anne Heywood for coordinating everything. Also a special thank you to Boy Scout Troop 802 for helping the Civic Association clean up the golf course and park after the 4th of July festivities.

Community Center: Pat McDonald – Everything is going okay.

Water Board Report: Robert Schaefer – Water Board met on June 27th. Approved to change monthly meetings to 9:00 a.m. on the 4th Monday of each month. This will go in effect for the July 25, 2011 meeting at 9:00 a.m. The Board also approved \$22,000.00 towards the purchase of the new truck for the Street Department that is also used by the Water Department.

Building Permit Report: Anne – July- 7- permits -Construction costs-\$22,990.00; Fees of \$275.00 – For July we issued 4 Electrical permits: Costs of \$725.00; 10% Fees \$72.50.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jeff Thorne, Town Atty., put together an amendment to the View Ordinance to go before the Planning Commission. Jeff explained the procedures of the Planning Commission. Bob Angelo had some concerns. There was some discussion. Henry made a motion to pass this ordinance to the Planning Commission for review, second by Pat McDonald; approved by all.
2. Moving sand on the beach – Robert Angelo said this will be brought up at another date.
3. Stop 24 – Pat McDonald said the DNR reviewed the plans and we are still moving forward, we just have no answer as to when. Resident Robert Gallagher asked if there was a time limit on spending the grant. Anne Heywood stated the town had until the end of the year but the DNR will extend the grant.
4. Stop 28 Concrete Slab: Pat McDonald has been in contact with the Long Beach Civic Association to see if they might be interested in donating money towards the project. The Civic Association president was going to send an e-mail to the group to get their feedback. Tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business

FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Bob Angelo read a letter from resident, Ted Reese, who was unable to attend, regarding beach ownership.
2. Mrs. Houlihan, 2224 Lakeshore Dr., read a letter to the council about almost hitting a 6 year old who ran in front of her car while trying to get to the ice cream truck. She mentioned a possible solution, that maybe the truck could be located somewhere by the Town Hall and the kids could come to the truck. She would like to see the town ban the truck from driving around. Bob Schaefer suggested the Police Commission discuss it at their next meeting.
3. 1512 LSD: Dean Uminski said he had his original deed and was going to Indianapolis on July 14, 2011 with his attorney to meet with the DNR regarding his property. There was discussion from different residents expressing their concerns about the high-water: Jane Nieleub, 2201 Florimond – John Wall, 2022 Juneway . Peter Byvoets, 2215 Oriole Trail, thought the town should have legal

representation or someone from the council present in Indianapolis when Uminski talks with the DNR. Peggy West, 2036 LSD talked about having property ownership.

Jeff Thorne and Henry Bausback explained that the Town reverts back to what the DNR stated a year ago at a public meeting.

4. MaryLou McFadden said she would be getting together with Anne Heywood to put a letter together regarding Hidden Shores leaf pick-up.

5. Peter Byvoets asked how long it usually takes to pass the ordinance. The council replied one month or longer depending how long it takes for the Planning Commission to meet, present their recommendations to the council, draw up any changes, then have three readings.

6. 3008 Lakeshore Dr., Careys wanted to know about any ordinance being passed for sleeping on the beach. The council stated there is no ordinance to stop sleeping on the beach. The subject will be discussed at the next Police Commission meeting.

7. 2104 Avondale Ave., Donna Kavanaugh, hopes this beach issue gets resolved. Thanked the Volunteer Fire Department for helping with her dad. She also thinks the town should have an assistance program for the elderly people in Long Beach.

8. Dean Uminski thanked the Volunteer Fire Department for a nice Ice Cream Social.

9. Peggy West said we should have assistance for the elderly; the council stated we have a program already in place called "WE CARE".

10. Ray Gillius, 2410 Lakeshore, claims once Stop 24 is fixed it may become a spot for underage drinking. Council told him if he sees kids drinking call the police.

11. Tom Burke, 2601 Lakeshore, thanked the police for responding as fast as they did to the incident at Stop 26, very close friends to this family. Thought maybe next year the police could get help from other police departments.

12. Police Chief Robert Sulkowski talked about how busy the beach was on the 4th of July and had "ZERO" calls to the department that day about any underage drinking or problems.

13. Al Krema, 2611 Lakeshore, apologized for not calling the police that day. He asked the Police Chief to walk through the procedure if he were to have called the chief explained the process.

14. Bob Schaefer mentioned that once before the town talked about curfews and closing times for the beach. Michigan City closes their beach at 10:00 p.m.

15. Donna Kavanaugh said they issue tickets in Beverly Shores to kids who are underage and drinking on the beach. This will be reviewed at the next Police Commission meeting.

16. A reminder to the public that any signs that are posted must be on private property, not on public rights-of-way.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: 9903 thru = \$
 July 2011 salaries \$63,808.83

Motion from Henry Bausback to accept the claims; second by Mary Lou McFadden;
Approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Anne Heywood
Clerk/Treasurer**