

**TOWN OF LONG BEACH  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 8, 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. 38 townspeople were present.

There was a moment of silence to remember Joe Mellen, a member of the Long Beach Volunteer Fire Dept. and Board of Zoning Appeals, who passed on August 5, 2011.

**Approval of Minutes:** Henry Bausback motioned to accept the minutes of the council meeting July 11, 2011, second by Mary Lou McFadden.

**REPORTS:**

**Police Department Report:** Chief Sulkowski gave report.

**Police Commission Report:** Robert Schaefer- Met on August 3, 2011. Talked about a couple of items brought up at last month's council meeting:

- Curfews were discussed; the town of Long Beach uses the State law on curfews which is 11:00 p.m. weekdays and 1:00 a.m. on weekends
- Felt there was no problem with sleeping on the beach, but if someone sees anyone sleeping behind a resident's private seawall they should call the police.
- No parking signs were put up by the police and will be enforced. Signs put up by residents on Town rights-of-way will not be enforced.
- The ice cream truck will not be banned by the council. Cars should stop and wait and parents need to be responsible and hold on to their children.
- The police will continue to patrol the beaches for underage drinking. Bob Schaefer said over 30 arrests were made last year.

Next meeting Sept. 7, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

**L.B. Volunteer Fire Department Report:** Dave Albers gave the report. Spoke about how the department lost a good man, Joe Mellen.

**Fire Commission Report:** Mary Lou McFadden- Met on August 2, 2011

The Fire Department finished putting in all the hydrant markers and talked about their Budget.

**Street Department Report:** Tom Dolph gave report. Town sprinkler system was fixed. Mowing of all town properties and parks is being caught up; due to all the hot 90 degree weather, the department held off from cutting. The park was cleaned across from town hall.

The 1500 block of Lakeshore Drive has always had a flooding issue, the department is having the area located for utilities so a drain can be installed.

The town is asking residents to trim back any overhanging branches or full, overgrown bushes near the corners of their properties that may cause blind spots for drivers at intersections, otherwise, starting in September the town will cut them back.

Salt has been ordered for the upcoming season. The town buys in bulk with other communities in order to receive lower prices.

The order for the new trucks has been pushed back; due to the problems in Japan, the trucks will arrive in November.

**Park Board:** Henry Bausback – The park program went well. Anne Heywood and the camp counselors were thanked by Henry. Made mention that residents could help pull weeds at the park.

**Community Center:** Pat McDonald – Everything is going well. Anne reported the windows on the outside of the community center are being washed by a volunteer student, Ben West, from Marquette High School working on gathering community service hours. He has also cleaned the beach stops twice a week and helped the Garden Club ladies with the flower beds in the park.

**Water Board Report:** Robert Schaefer – Water Board met on July 25, 2011, 9:00 a.m. Ron will be working with the Fire Department testing water flow at each of the hydrants. Next meeting is August 22, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

**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. Proposed amendment of the View Ordinance was sent to the Planning Commission. A motion by Robert Schaefer to rescind the ordinance, second by Henry Bausback. Approved by all
2. Concrete Slab at Stop 28 – Tabled until next month's meeting

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Robert Schaefer to appoint Richard Crain to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the vacant seat left by the passing of Joe Mellen. Second by Henry Bausback.
2. Patrick McDonald made a motion to proceed finding an attorney for the Planning Commission; second by Henry Bausback, approved by all.

3. Building Commission meeting update: Pat McDonald stated the committee met on July 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Pat listed 11 topics that they discussed:
  - Building permits approval
  - 1705 Rosamond landscaping on town's property. The 2 homeowners are working this out between them and Steve Hale, attorney for Mel Katten.
  - Update the website with Building/Zoning\
  - Building lot definition
  - Sand removal on beach
  - Swimming pools and state laws/town ordinances regarding fences around pools
  - Definition of utilities
  - 106.06 – View ordinance should be for everything
  - What needs to be protected inside seawalls
  - Permits needed for septic getting cleaned, being moved or new?
  - Position open for Planning Commission
4. Sean Kaczmarek from 1535 Lakeshore Drive gave an update on Save the Dunes.

#### **FROM THE FLOOR:**

1. Police Chief Robert Sulkowski reminded the community that Lakeshore Drive will be closed from 8 – 10 a.m. Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> for the Michigan City Triathlon.
2. Ray Gilius, Lakeshore Drive, asked about getting identification markers at each of the beach stops. The council told him maybe he could work with the Fire Chief on this project.
3. Sean Kaczmarek wanted to make sure the markers would be appropriate and not too big.
4. Marge Gondeck, Lakeshore Drive, received a flyer in her mailbox but council responded it was not from the town.
5. Peggy West, 2036 Lakeshore Dr. and Marilyn Millet, 1528 Lakeshore Dr., each had a problem with an officer. Chief Sulkowski said he would talk to each of them after the meeting.
6. The Chief of Police mentioned he received a call from Cameron Clark from the Department of Natural Resources and that the Supreme Court would take at least 3 to 4 years.

7. Leslie Denvir, 2728 Lakeshore Drive, Tim Voortman, 2826 Lakeshore Drive, Mike McGrogan, 1532 Lakeshore, and J. Gondeck, 1808 Lakeshore Drive talked about owning to the water's edge.
8. Paul Fithian, 3013 Loma Portal Way, said if each homeowner looks at his/her survey, it will show where the high water mark is.
9. Donna Kavanaugh, 2104 Avondale, stated that until a decision is made let's all get along and follow the rules that are in place now.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL:**      9903 thru 9962    = \$162,035.73  
                                         July 2011 salaries \$63,808.83

Motion from Henry Bausback to accept the claims; second by Patrick McDonald.  
Approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Anne Heywood  
Clerk/Treasurer**