

MINUTES
Building Commission
Town of Long Beach, IN
December 14, 2012
9:00 A.M.

A regular meeting of the Long Beach Building Commission was held on December 14, 2012, at 9:00 A.M. at the Long Beach Town Hall. The following were in attendance: Paul Fithian, Building Commissioner and Building Commission members Robert Angelo and Pat McDonald. Also present: Council Members Pete Byvoets and Jane Neulieb and Clerk/Treasurer Bill deFuniak. There were approximately 20 residents in attendance.

1. Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and on motion made and seconded the Minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of all present.

2. Legal Representation for Building Commission – Paul Fithian stated that John Twohy, of Eichorn & Eichorn has been retained by the Building Commission to represent the Building Commission in the lawsuit filed by Tom King against LaPorte County, et al.

3. Snow Fences – Discussion followed with regard to snow fences on the beach to maintain the sand during winter storms. The question of a removal date was discussed and the Commission concurred that no permit is required for temporary snow fences and that removal will be left to the homeowner. The matter will be addressed again this summer if needed.

4. The second building permit for the construction at Stop 23 – Mr. Hale, representing Oakley Home Builders was in attendance and stated that construction at the first lot has stopped. Discussion followed as to which town entity had the authority to issue a stay, either the Building Commission or the BZA, however, Mr. Hale stated that construction has been stopped by the builder pending the decision by the BZA.

Discussion followed regarding the 2nd building permit application by the contractor. It was noted that this decision is an administrative matter and will be made by the Commission based on the facts as presented in the building permit application.

Mr. Ted Reese, 2306 Lake Shore Drive, spoke about the new requirements for septic tanks. He noted that the State would prefer a sewer system as a long term solution to this problem.

5. Variance Packages – the Petitions in place in front of the BZA at this time include the following:

- a. 2949 Lake Shore Drive;
- b. 1608 Lake Shore Drive; and
- c. 2822 Lake Shore Drive

6. FEMA Letter – Mr. Fithian noted that he received correspondence regarding the Flood Plain; however, he had not had a chance to review it. This matter was tabled due to the workload of the Building Commissioner and his current employment demands taking him out of town.

7. Replacement of Building Commissioner – Paul Fithian stated that he will continue to act as Building Commissioner until a replacement can be found. The process for hiring a Building Commissioner will entail a complete review of the job description of the Building Commissioner and the building process. Dr. Angelo recommended that a special meeting be scheduled just to address this issue and the Commissioners concurred.

It was noted that the Building Commission can recommend to the Town Council regarding this matter.

8. Items from the Public – Mr. Fithian noted that he had a list of questions from Jim Neulieb; however, these items all refer to the building at Stop 23 and due to the recent lawsuit, he did not feel that it was appropriate to talk about those matters.

Ted Reese inquired if the Building Commission would support an engineering study of installing sewers down Lake Shore Drive due to the new State setback requirement of 200 feet for septic tank installation. Mr. Fithian referred that to the Advisory Plan Commission for review.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

By: _____
Mary Joy, Acting Secretary