

MINUTES of Meeting held October 12, 2015

LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Pres. Robert Schaefer. Council members Robert Angelo, Peter Byvoets, Pat McDonald and Jane Neulieb were present along with Fire Chief Dave Albers, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Officer Jim Schooley, sitting in for Chief Sulkowski who was absent, and Attorney Julie Paulson; Street Supt. Tom Dolph was also absent; approximately 41 people attended tonight's meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the council meeting from September 14, 2015 were approved with the following corrections: Community Center report was given by Bill; Pat McDonald was absent. In Budget & Finance report Bob Angelo voiced his concerns about the legal bills and wanted to recommend a "voucher" system for anyone placing calls to the town attorney. Minutes of the special meeting September 28, 2015 were also approved. Motion by Jane to approve both meeting minutes, second by Bob Angelo; approved 5-0

Police Department – Officer Schooley read the September report.

Police Commission – Schaefer announced the commission met on October 7, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Gave report of in-house cameras being installed; as a result of increased auto break-ins, reserve officers are using their own cars for patrolling instead of the marked Long Beach police cars. (Full Report on file) The commission meets again on November 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at town hall.

Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Dave Albers read the report Y-T-D thru September, 2015. (on file)

Fire Commission Report - No report

Street Department – Pat McDonald gave the report; Leaf pick up begins October 28th and runs through December 4th for residents, clean up for town properties will finish up after this date with removal of all leaves from town before December 11th. Various beach stops have had improvements; still holding on Stops 22 and 23 for an engineer's survey. Pat said the pillar at Stop 26 will be completed with its repair this week. The "window" for street paving has come and gone for this year.

Park Board – Jane Neulieb gave the report for the committee which met on September 23rd. The Melrose Park project is at the end of Woodruff & Sons list of jobs this fall. Woodruff has promised Long Beach being first on the list in the spring if not before the freeze before year end. The Edling memorial is on order for the community center. (Full report on file) The committee meets again on October 28, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Pete Byvoests mentioned he'd like to see a recognition board or wall at C C for people in the community. Pat McDonald said he could look for forms similar to those filled out for "wall of fame" use at the MC High School.

Community Center – Pat McDonald announced to the public there are 18 tray tables gone missing from the bridge game room at community, the McGeady's reported the loss to the police dept. The heat is now on in the building for the winter thanks to Dye Plumbing and Heating. Bill de Funiak would like to see someone other than a tenant take over the chairmanship of the LBCC Committee.

The **Water Board** met on September 28. The scheduled special meeting for the water rate increase is tonight at 7:00 p.m. in town hall. There has been ongoing hydrant maintenance. A sanitary survey was done thru IDEM and sent to Ron Griffin – all clean. Next meeting is October 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Finance – Pete Byvoets said a 2016 budget hearing is set for October 14, 2015 at 6:00; budget approval set for October 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Human Resource Advisory Committee – de Funiak reported Jane Neulieb called an HR meeting to review the Employee Handbook and privacy policies with Pam Krueger and the committee. This took place on September 22, 2016

Building Commission Report – Angelo said the building commission met Friday the 9th at 8:30 a.m. Email capacity on Aaron Tomscheck's computer was full; has been expanded through Blue Streak. Still in communication with Federighi, property owner of 2906 LSD whose garage is to be demolished; daily fees are accruing for the homeowner. There are currently 308 registered contractors in town.

Advisory Plan Commission – Plan commission did not meet but Byvoets stated he, Schaefer, and Julie met last week regarding APRA; lengthy discussion from both the council and the public regarding access to public town records and the request for BZA meeting agendas, posting of APC meeting minutes on the town's website; C-T deFuniak spoke about the ordinance violations bureau and requested clarification on hiring a collection agency. Pete stated he met with Bob Gallagher and Joe Jogmen to review the parking ordinance. Ed Sylvester, fire safety committee, asked when there would be an APC meeting.

Permit Report – de Funiak reported the following for the month of September: Fees of \$2,250.00 were collected on projects totaling \$235,932.00; revenue of \$26.60 collected on electric permits issued totaling \$266.00; 1 street cutting permit with fees of \$100.00.

Legal Expenses paid in September 2015 were \$12,097.50 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

A motion made and seconded approved the above council reports as presented 5-0.

In Unfinished Business -

C-T de Funiak indicated that 2 additional bids were received for town hall duct cleaning. Americlean was the low bidder at \$1,120.00 Council had approved a bid not to exceed \$2,150.00 in the September meeting, so Americlean was approved. Garbage Contracts: C-T deFuniak announced that he had received a letter from the current vendor to continue service in 2016 and 2017 at the same rates as 2015. Attorney Paulson indicated that a renewal not to exceed the term of the previous contract was legal and met state ordinances. A motion was made to renew with Able/Republic Services. Discussion followed with Jim metros, VP of Republic, explaining the proposed services and answered questions from the council and residents. Motion to renew with Republic for 2016/2017 was approved unanimously.

New Business –

Trick or Treat hours have been set for 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on October 31st.

Opening of Leaf Bids: three (3) bids were received for fall leaf pickup. Sealed bids were opened by Attorney Paulson. Healy Landscaping was the low bidder and a motion was made to accept Healy's bid. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Dr. Angelo requested a more formal procedure for utilizing legal services because of the increased expenses. Discussion followed with no specific resolution recommended. Schaefer mentioned the attorney contract with the town should be reviewed. Bill Powers of 1523 LSD spoke of the benefits of properly defining town and resident legal boundaries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

C-T deFuniak spoke about mass e-mails and social media.

John Kocher of Stop 23 supported de Funiak in his pledge.

Sally Allen, 1701 LSD, asked again about the easement at Stop 17 for beach access.

Pete Byvoets told her he would look into it for her.

Marci Meyer, 2306 Fairway Dr., spoke of personal insurance to protect council members against legal action.

Council Comments:

Bob Schaefer announced that a candidate forum was being held at the LBCC gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. Elections are on November 3rd. Voting takes place at the Community Center.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Checks #13124 through #13194 totalling \$121,575.55
Salaries for September 2015 were \$64,392.14

Motion made and seconded to approve claims/salaries; unanimously approved 5-0.

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. de Funiak