

MINUTES  
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA  
NOVEMBER 12, 2012

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Robert Schaefer; then proceeded to recognize all veterans in the audience in honor of Veterans Day. The following Council members were present: Robert Schaefer, Jane Neulieb, Patrick McDonald, Robert Angelo and Peter Byvoets. Also present were Fire Chief Dave Albers, Police Chief Robert Sulkowski, Street Superintendent Tom Dolph, Clerk-Treasurer William de Funiak and Attorney Jeff Thorne. Approximately 50 residents were in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes** – On motion made and seconded, the minutes of October 8, 2012 were approved.

**Police Department** - Chief Bob Sulkowski delivered a report for the month of October, 2012.

**Police Commission** – Bob Schaefer reported there was no meeting in October; next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2012, 8:30 a.m.

Bids were opened for 2 police vehicles which were for sale and advertised in the News-Dispatch. The top bid for the 2006 Ford Expedition was \$7,500; top bid for the 2000 Ford Crown Victoria was \$3,100.

**Volunteer Fire Department** – Chief Dave Albers delivered a report for October, 2012. First responder training will begin in January 2013.

**Fire Commission** – The fire commission will meet on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

**Street Department** – Tom Dolph reported 4,000 cu. ft. of leaves have been picked up to date; approx. 6,000 cu. ft. at final day of pickup November 30<sup>th</sup>, which is still the target date. Councilman Pat McDonald reported that a rock damaged the leaf machine and delayed leaf pick up.

**Park Board** – No meeting was held in October. The first annual Turkey Shoot was held in the Long Beach Community Center gym on Saturday, November 17, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. It was suggested the Long Beach Community Center and the Park Department merge.

**Community Center** – Pat McDonald reported there was damage to the cooling unit and bids around \$34,911.00. Water Department staff has attempted to repair the coil which will be evaluated in the spring. Furnishing hot water for the LBCC kitchen and bathrooms would run approximately \$7,000 to \$10,000. Jane Neulieb noted the YMCA has cleaned and painted their space and the hallway near their fitness center.

**Water Board** - Bob Schaefer indicated work continues on the 2013 budget, but it appears expenses will be only 1 % higher than 2012. Analysis of backflow requirements from the state are pending. Next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on November 26, 2012.

**Budget & Finance** – No meeting was held in October, 2012. A check For \$587,000.00 for year 2008 – pay 2009, and year 2009 – pay 2010 was received last week that represents 75% of expected.

**Human Resources** – Bill de Funiak reported insurance bids were being received this month. He indicated a separate council meeting will be scheduled in early December to evaluate brokers/bids.

**Building Commission** – Pat McDonald discussed permits. Resident Ron Nash will be contracted regarding his complaint.

**Building Permits** – Bill de Funiak reported for the month of October, 2012, there were 15 building permits with construction costs of \$870,886.74 and fees to the town of \$6,925.00. There were 4 electric permits totaling \$534.00 with revenue to the town of \$53.40.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the above Council reports as presented. Motion approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Bill Wendt and 1612 Indianapolis update; there has been a legal case filed; they have until month end to respond. The sign ordinance and parking ordinance were approved by the council and will proceed to the Advisory Plan Commission Robert Schaefer reported two (2) commission appointments approved; Advisory Plan Commission replaced Tony Rodrigues with Maureen Healy and Street Commission replaced Brent Soller with Robert Gallagher.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Revisions were made to Resolution #10-002. Attorney Jeff Thorne modified the resolution passed in 2010 to conform to the changes in the DNR web-site language. Motion made and seconded for the modification. Discussion included Attorney Michael Knight who disputed the interpretation that the State of Indiana owns below the high water mark. He requested the council repeal Resolution #10-002. Patrick Cannon spoke in support of the amendment. He represents 200 members of the LB Alliance. He read a letter by Attorney James Olson requesting modification of Resolution #10-002 as represented by Attorney Jeff Thorne. James Neulieb requested a vote on this issue. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Jane Neulieb requested separate legal representation for the town and building commission. Attorney Thorne said he had, for years, represented the town council and the building commission but he felt and inherent conflict exists in the future.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Resident Peggy King, 2301 Florimond Ave., read a letter from Tom King requesting rejection of all building permits which were issued for septic systems less than 200 feet from Lake Michigan.

Bill Sullivan, 2524 Lakeshore Dr., requested the town council represent all residents.

Councilman Pete Byvoets said he spoke with Mr. Mettler of the Indiana Department of Health. Mr. Byvoets reported that Mr. Mettler claims that no county and/or city/town may issue septic permits closer than 200 feet from Lake Michigan.

Mr. Philip Liss, 3002 Lakeshore Dr., said that, previously, plans had been made for a sewer system on Lakeshore Drive and urged re-consideration of this project.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL:** #10750 THROUGH 10817 = Total \$127,999.27. Salaries for October 2012 - \$50,813.50. Motion to approve claims made, seconded and approved.

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, December 10, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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William de Funiak  
Clerk-Treasurer