

MINUTES  
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA  
JANUARY 14, 2013

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. 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, and Clerk-Treasurer William de Funiak.

This being the first meeting of 2013, Clerk-Treasurer de Funiak requested nominations for council president. Bob Schaefer was nominated and re-elected council president by unanimous vote.

**Approval of Minutes** – On motion made and seconded, the minutes of December 10, 2012 were amended and approved.

**Police Department** - Chief Bob Sulkowski delivered a report for December; 81 dispatch calls received; 14.5 overtime hours.

**Police Commission** - President Schaefer mentioned that at the last commission meeting two (2) officers questioned why vacation “buy-backs” were paid differently than in prior years. Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak said the effect of paying the “buy-backs” like they were paid in prior years would cost the town \$720.00. Council approved paying officers as in prior years.

**Volunteer Fire Department** – Chief Dave Albers delivered the report for December, 2012. The average reponse on fire calls was 3.2 minutes; average response on medical calls was 4.3 minutes; 285 total fire calls; 85 medical calls; average number of volunteers at fire calls was 7.

**Street Department** – Tom Dolph reported file consolidation continues. He thanked the Long Beach Civic Association for the colored lights on Lake Shore during the holiday season.

**Park Board** – Jane Neulieb reported that repairs will be performed at Stop 21. Benches will be replaced at Stop 23 and 26, and a memorial bench will be installed at Stop 28.

**Community Center** – Pat McDonald reported that an initial review of the heating system in Suite 11 in the community center would have called for a \$5,000 replacement. Further study indicated that a repair for under \$500 would suffice. The project has been completed.

**Water Board** - Next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2013 at 9:00 .m.

**Budget & Finance** – Councilman Byvoets reported that a meeting was held on January 9, 2013; a purchase order form will be distributed to all department heads for review and trial use before final printing. Mr. Byvoets visited the Griffith YMCA to discuss their service to the Griffith community. Former Wanatah Clerk-Treasurer Steve Mackler has reviewed the town’s community center and will make a report with recommendations.

**Building Commission** – Building Commissioner Paul Fithian reported that legal expenses from Eichhorn & Eichhorn, Attorneys in the Thomas King lawsuit were currently \$7,525.00

**Building Permits** – Bill de Funiak reported for the month of December, 2012 there were 11 building permits with construction costs of \$903,739.00 and fees to the town of \$7,140.00. There were electric permits totaling \$115.00 with revenue to the town of \$11.50.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** President Schaefer reported that he met with the Michiana Shores Council President and Michiana Shores council was unable to approve the new police protection agreement because of financial constraints. Council approved a plan to continue service at the old rate and defer payment of the increase until Michiana Shores finances improve.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council approved retaining Harris, Welsh, & Lukmann as town attorney subject to review of agreement to be prepared by Charles Lukmann, III. Clerk-Treasurer de Funiak presented salary projections at 0%, 1%, 2% and 3%. It was determined that action on the employees' salaries would be taken at the February 2013 council meeting. Clerk-Treasurer de Funiak requested clerical help to monitor and expedite the BZA filings as the BZA filing instructions call for a BZA secretary's assistance. Estimated manpower would be 4 – 5 hours/month. Council approved expenditures.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:** Jane Neulieb suggested minutes of committees and boards be posted on the website. Bob Angelo requested re-consideration of the position of a town manager for Long Beach.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:** Ted Reese of 2306 Lakeshore Dr. said an action plan for evaluation of sewer and/or septic systems on Lake Shore Drive needs to be commenced. Bill Wendt of 1922 Lake Shore Drive questioned the scientific validity of the 200 foot setback for sewers. Dean Uminski of 1512 Lake Shore Drive reminded the council that they were all elected as "at-large" representatives. Jim Neulieb of 2201 Florimond Ave. spoke in support of councilman Byvoets and suggested residents criticize less and cooperate more.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL:** #10885 THROUGH 10953 = Total \$136,487.22

Salaries for December 2012 were \$80,396.59.

Motion to approve claims made, seconded and approved.

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, February 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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William de Funiak, Clerk-Treasurer

