

MINUTES  
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA  
FEBRUARY 11, 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, and Robert Angelo. Also present were Fire Chief Dave Albers, Police Chief Robert Sulkowski, and Clerk-Treasurer William de Funiak. Street Superintendent Tom Dolph and councilman Peter Byvoets were absent. Approximately 20 people attended the meeting.

Julie Paulson presented her background as attorney for Harris, Welsh & Lukmann. The council voted to appoint Harris, Welsh & Lukmann as the Long Beach Town Attorney.

**Approval of Minutes** – On motion made and seconded, the minutes of January 14, 2013 were approved.

**Police Department** - Chief Bob Sulkowski delivered a report for January.

**Police Commission** - President Schaefer recommended an upgrade in service weapons for the department.

**Volunteer Fire Department** – Chief Dave Albers delivered the report for January 2013. The average response on fire calls was 3 minutes; average response on medical calls was 4 minutes; 3 total fire calls; 4 medical calls; average number of volunteers at fire calls was 7.

**Street Department** – Pat McDonald reported that they are pumping water to avoid icing in some areas of town. Federal law requires new signs with improved reflectivity. Prices are \$60 per stop sign and \$45 per street sign.

**Park Board** – Jane Neulieb reported that a volleyball program will soon be developed. Pat McDonald discussed the purchase of a new \$8,400 mower out of the park dept. budget; the council approved.

**Community Center** – A review of the fitness center management was discussed.

**Water Board** - Richard Blank was re-elected as president. The board has been evaluating the Bank of NY Investment –SRF Reserve Fund. Next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2013 at 9:00 .m.

**Budget & Finance** – Bill de Funiak, Clerk-Treasurer, reported that it would cost \$7,000 -\$9,000 to complete a sewer study by Haas & Associates. The ADSNET president visited town hall on February 8<sup>th</sup> to review the computer and network systems; they will develop a Back-up & Recovery Plan. The LaPorte YMCA has paid all invoices for utilities that were billed to the fitness center.

**Building Commission** – Pat McDonald reported that legal expenses from Eichhorn & Eichhorn, Attorneys in the Thomas King lawsuit were currently \$8,679.90. The commission is looking at several candidates for the position of Building Commission to replace Paul Fithian, who is volunteering his time until a replacement can be appointed.

**Building Permits** – Bill de Funiak reported for the month of January, 2013 there were 2 building permits with construction costs of \$8,600.00 and fees to the town of \$150.00. There were electric permits totaling \$212.00 with revenue to the town of \$21.20.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:** Shawn Kaczmarek said he would prefer to hear the Uppencamp proposal so he could comment. Jane Neulieb prefers comments to be after the “new business” of the meeting. Jim Neulieb stated that he felt the resident comments should be after the old and new business. He feels that Long Beach is subsidizing the Michiana Shores police protection. Peggy West liked the public comments after the reports were approved and before old business.

**OLD BUSINESS:** President Schaefer reported that the Police Commission recommends approval of the original two (2) year agreement with Michiana Shores. It was approved 3 – 1.

Council approved \$8,272.00 for new weapons for the Police Department.

The salary ordinance for 2013 was approved by council without 3 readings and paid retroactive to January 1, 2013.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Michigan City Park Department requested permission to use Lake Shore Drive for their M.C. Triathlon in August. They have agreed to use less of Lake Shore Drive than in the past years to help reduce our police expense. It was approved 4 – 0 and noted that this is not a Town-sponsored event.

Robert Uppencamp from ARCADIS US, Inc., an environmental consulting and engineering firm, and his associate, presented their proposal to drill 20 – 30’ wells on two (2) Long Beach owned lots located down gradient of the Criterion Catalyst facility on Hwy #12 to do environmental testing on ground water. He said the project is a concerted effort with IDEM. Council directed Harris, Welsh & Lukmann to work with Uppencamp to develop an agreement to be evaluated by the council on this matter.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:** Jane Neulieb suggested that Harris, Welsh & Lukmann be appointed to litigate the Tom King lawsuit.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL:** #10954 THROUGH #11015 = Total \$164,877.38

Salaries for January 2013 were \$61,256.91.

Motion to approve claims made, seconded and approved.

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, March 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

