

MINUTES  
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA  
JULY 09, 2013

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present: President Robert Schaefer, Robert Angelo, Jane Neulieb, Patrick McDonald, and Peter Byvoets. Also present were Fire Chief Dave Albers, Chief Deputy Todd Bullis, Clerk-Treasurer William de Funiak and Attorney Julie Paulson. Street Dept. Tom Dolph was absent; approximately 30 people attended the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes** – On motion made and seconded, minutes were approved for the council meeting of June 10, 2013.

**Police Department** – Chief Deputy Bullis presented the police report for June. Bullis advised the public to call the department first, not the council or the Clerk-Treasurer, if they have concerns that need to be addressed.

**Police Commission** – Robert Schaefer discussed ATV's on the beach and how they help deter from having mishaps on the beach. There was discussion on emergency contacts and key holders for homeowners when calls arise that relate to responding to a home when no one is home at the time; and having phone numbers and key holders to contact. Next meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2013.

**Volunteer Fire Department** – Chief Dave Albers delivered the report for June. John Dudeck from La Porte County 911 was present to discuss the subject of making an address change to approximately 26 to 29 residents from 1300 Lake Shore Dr to 1999 Lake Shore Dr. to help alleviate confusion when 911 emergency is called out to these homes. A pre-direction label of "East" could be added to the addresses from 1300 to 1999 Lake Shore as a solution. Albers discussed the ISO report; and talked about his conversation with the State Fire Marshall about the reinstatement of the mandated sprinkler system; was it dismissed 3 years ago in the community? The size of some homes in Long Beach is huge and Dave commented that he would appeal in Indianapolis if he needs to.

**Fire Commission Report -**

**Street Department** – Pat McDonald thanked the Civic and the Town employees for their volunteer work on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. The street department made extra barricades for the 4<sup>th</sup>; helped clean up a fallen tree in Moon Valley.

Jane Neulieb asked if the street dept. could clean up trees the wash up on the beach or are around the whole beach area.

**Park Board** – Jane Neulieb reported the board met on June 20<sup>th</sup>; because there were only 2 people present at this meeting, there wasn't a quorum so no votes were taken. The stairs project at Stop 21 east of the old stairs is in progress. Jim Pudlo should be completing work the week of July 8, 2013, under budget, so there might be the possibility of reconstructing the stairs at Stop 22.

**Community Center** – Pat McDonald indicated the air conditioning is still working fine; and they are cleaning up around the outside of the building.

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**Water Board** - Robert Schaefer reported the board met on June 24<sup>th</sup>. There were a lot of locates for construction in town. They are working on the "shut-off" policy for non-payment of water bills; and they are in the process of updating the town's hydrant map.

**Budget & Finance** – Peter Byvoets met with Karl Cender from Cender & Co. for the 2014 budget. The committee will be meeting on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, for budget preparations.

**Human Resource Advisory Committee** - Bill de Funiak recommended, to the council, hiring Pamela Krueger, HR Solutions, LLC. for the preliminary audit of the employee handbook.

**Building Permits** – Bill de Funiak reported for the month of June, 2013 there were 13 building permits with construction costs of \$502,501.16 and fees to the town of \$4,300.00; 6 permits for moving sand at \$4,850.00 with fees to the town of \$400.00; **Totals \$507,351.16 and fees of \$4,700.00.** There were 4 electric permits totaling \$734.00 with revenue to the town of \$73.40. Legal Expenses paid in June were \$4,843.50.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - No unfinished business

**NEW BUSINESS** – Chief Deputy Bullis requested funds to purchase two (2) taser guns for the police department; motion to approve by Pete Byvoets, second by Pat McDonald, and approved.

A resolution #13-002 to transfer funds for police clothing was passed. Funds will be transferred from 242.51.442 to 101.51.218. Bill de Funiak read the approved resolution.

The police department is in need of a camera system for the squad cars which is approximately \$5,184. de Funiak said there was \$7,000 remaining in the electronics budget and Bullis is hoping to help defer the cost by calling the prosecutor's office for contributions. Schaefer recommended we approve up to \$5,500 for the cost of the camera; a motion and a second was made; approval granted.

Jane Neulieb made a motion to approve the \$600 expenditure and hiring Pamela Krueger for the audit project; second by Pete Byvoets, and approved by Council.

The street department is discussing the possible purchase of a new truck with a plow. de Funiak talked to Horizon Bank about financing and said there is \$10,000 in the MVH fund; the purchase amount would be spread over three (3) budget years. The Fire Dept. has mentioned interest in purchasing the old St. Dept. truck.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Peggy West, 2036 Lake Shore Dr., questioned Chief Deputy Bullis if you can sit on benches at any of the Stops with your dog on the road's edge.

Mary O'Neil, 2304 Hazeltine, questioned the police department about the use of tasers in Long Beach; how many people they have tasered in the last year, and was the purchase of taser guns necessary.

Jim Smith, 2228 Lake Shore Dr., commented on the July 4<sup>th</sup> activity at Stop 23 on the beach with foul language and underage drinkers, and would it be possible to somehow not allow parties at this Stop.

Ray Gilius, 2410 Lake Shore Dr., mentioned that an officer went into the water to retrieve a partier and lost his cell phone. Gilius also questioned Chief Albers about calling NIPSCO instead of 911 on carbon monoxide.

Mary Carole Lombard, 2207 Oakenwald Ave, mentioned an incident at her home with carbon monoxide. Also mentioned how she thought there was erosion at Stop 23 where sand was used to pack up where an erosion occurred around a nearby home.

Joe Jogman, 2213 Florimond Ave., questioned whether the seeming erosion at Stop 24 from all the heavy machinery accessing the beach can be stopped.

Bob Gallagher, 1700 Lake Shore, was appreciative of the Town scheduling the second refuse pick up for the day after the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:** Bob Schaefer voiced his disappointment that a car was not provided for the Town Council members to ride in the parade as in previous years. "It is a rare occasion to ride and it would be as a small "pat on the back" for showing the council appreciation for the job they (the council) do".

**CLAIMS APPROVAL:** #11292 through #11350 = Total \$73,949.85  
Salaries for June 2013 were \$70,464.84

Motion to approve claims made, seconded and approved.

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, August 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
William de Funiak, Clerk-Treasurer

