

**TOWN OF LONG BEACH  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2016**

Present were Council President Peter Byvoets, council members Jane Neulieb, Bob Lemay, Nick Meyer, Joy Schmitt, Attorney Julie Paulson, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, St. Supt. Tom Dolph, Chief Bob Sulkowski, Fire Chief Dave Albers and approximately 45 residents.

Minutes were approved for meetings on December 14, 2015, December 29, 2015 and January 2, 2016.

**Police Department** - Bob Sulkowski read the police report for December, 2015. Report is on file.

**Police Commission** – Pete Byvoets, Jane Neulieb, Bob Sulkowski, and Barbara Morgan met on January 4, 2016. Fiber optics have been installed at Town Hall and LBCC. Bob Sulkowski will be evaluating relocation of the Building Commissioner’s Office. Overtime issues and dispatch responsibilities were discussed. Camera installations at the Town Hall and LBCC are almost complete.

**Fire Department** – Dave Albers read the report summarizing the Volunteer Fire Department activities for all of 2015.

**Fire Commission** – Discussion continued about expansion or replacement of the current firehouse and purchase of a new fire truck.

**Street Department** – Tom Dolph reported that sticks and limbs have been cleaned up and potholes have been patched. Plowing and salting the streets continues. Current Front Loader is unstable and needs replacement. Costs will be developed for new purchase.

**Street Commission** – Jane Neulieb reported that the Street Commission met on January 7, 2016. Members include Jane, Dan Tannas, Dan Radtke, Brian Hogan and Tom Dolph. Regular meetings are scheduled every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 9 AM in the town hall. Land surveys will be developed for all beach stops and stakes will be secured to identify the boundaries of town property. Particular attention will be given to remedial work to be performed at Stops 22 and 23. The APC survey will need coordination with the street commission for key needs. Another leaf machine must be considered at a cost of \$40-50K. Paving bids will be developed for spring paving and will be reviewed by Attorney Paulson.

MS-4 requirements were reviewed and establishment of bond fees will be developed for street cutting.

**Park Board** – Maintenance continues at about 5 hours/week. Melrose Park is on schedule for the first spring excavation by our contractor. The Slade Edling memorial plaque was placed outside the LBCC YMCA.

**Long Beach Community Center** – First meeting of new committee is scheduled.

**Water Board** – No report; Meetings are scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 9 AM.

**Budget and Finance** – Meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m.. Salaries, overtime and police dispatch duties were discussed at the last meeting.

**Human Resources Advisory Committee** – No meeting. HR consultant is working on a salary survey for municipalities.

**Building Commission** – Bob Le May is evaluating changes to the Building Commissioner/Building Inspector Job Description. Efforts will be made to involve all members of the commission on large projects.

**Advisory Plan Commission** – Building codes were approved at the December meeting. BZA orientation was held and led by Attorney Paulson. Part-time secretary (BZA) job description will be developed and interviews will be conducted. Compensation for this position will be made by Council.

C-T de Funiak read the **December permit revenue report**: Fees of \$26,925.00 collected on project costs of \$5,892,857.00; 4 electric permits issued at \$557.00 with town revenue of \$55.70.

Legal Expenses paid in December were \$6,785.00 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Catherine De La Barre spoke about saving a tree in the LBCC park. Several residents commented. NIPSCO agreed that the tree could be trimmed and saved without jeopardizing safety for the electrical wires. Motion made, second and approval to keep the tree.

Bob Boyce, 2926 LSD, spoke about a confrontation with Councilwoman Neulieb after a town meeting on January 8, 2016.

Jim Dehner, 2300 Fairway Drive, commented on the election and the committee appointments.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Salary Ordinance 2015-10 second reading failed due to no second. A new ordinance will be written at a later date.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

BZA seminar was held. Mike Gorman is the chairman of the BZA. One position remains open on the BZA.

Committees will prepare brief business plans for final approval by the council.

New web-site will be developed under the guidance of Nick Meyer. Focus will be more resident-friendly.

Open town meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month at 9 AM in the Community Center. This is in addition to regularly scheduled Monday evening meetings. One or two council members will attend and encourage dialog with town residents. First meeting is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Access to public records was discussed.

30 day rental ordinance will be enforced. Donna Kavanagh, 2104 Avondale, requested that the council re-consider the 30 rental policy.

Town Hall floor plan will be reviewed to move the office of the Building Commissioner. This move is necessary to meet fire codes for the Town Council room.

New sub-committees have been formed to operate under the aegis of the APC.

Part-time BZA secretary position was approved by the council. Responsibilities will include minutes of all meetings, preparation of petitions and general organization of the files.

Boundary survey will be performed to determine Sections 14 and 15.

Nominations for Park Board openings were conducted. Council voted on the 4 prospective candidates. Catherine De La Barre, Bill Hazelgrove and Karin McLinden were the top vote-getters and were approved by the Council.

**Council Comments:**

Jane Neulieb suggested a projector should be purchased to facilitate presentations at the council meetings and other committee/commission meetings. Motion was made, seconded and approved by the council for this purchase.

C-T de Funiak pledged to serve his complete term.

**Claims Approval:**

Salaries for December of \$75,593.23 and checks #13413 through 13443 totaling \$32,116.39 were approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Bill de Funiak  
Clerk-Treasurer