

MINUTES
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA
January 12, 2015

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. All members of the council- President Robert Schaefer, Robert Angelo, Patrick McDonald, Peter Byvoets, and Jane Neulieb, were present; also in attendance were Fire Chief Dave Albers, Chief Robert Sulkowski, Street Supt. Tom Dolph, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, and Attorney Julie Paulson. Approximately 14 people attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes - On motions made and seconded, minutes were approved for the council meeting on December 8, 2014, council special meeting on December 22, 2014, and council special meeting on December 30, 2014.

Police Department - Chief Sulkowski gave the monthly report for December 2014 and the year-end report.

Police Commission - Schaefer reported the commission met on January 7, 2015. As of this date there are no police contracts from Michiana Shores or Duneland Beach back yet; more on this subject later in the meeting. Officer Jason Yagelski finished his first year on the force; he will now receive an increase in salary, \$2,000. The commission discussed the back parking lot issue once again-still open for future meetings discussion and work. The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteer Fire Department - Chief Dave Albers read the report for the year-end overall - 2,600 hrs for the year. (Report attached)

Fire Commission Report - No report

Street Department - Tom Dolph reported the NIPSCO representative, Ms. Craven, needs permission from the council to take down 8 trees on town property at the community center and to replace with the same number that can be planted anywhere in town. Pat McDonald says it's a town board decision. Anyone can call or e-mail Pat if you would like to be on the "tree committee".

Park Board - Jane Neulieb reported the park board met on January 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. (see report)

Community Center - McDonald reported all is good at the center. The police are making routine checks and securing all doors on the building. All tenant leases are in order in the clerk-treasurer's office. De Funiak asked that the gym be closed after 9 p.m. and hours of operation for the gym will run along same hours as the YMCA; council agreed. The gym will close at 9 p.m. during winter months, 10 p.m. in the summer.

Water Board – The water board met on December 22, 2014. Winter shut-offs have been ongoing. The board is looking at costs for the water tower maintenance. Michigan City will be increasing their water rates soon which in turn will cause a 58% increase to Long Beach residents; however the increase will only be on the water usage. Next meeting is January 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Finance – no report

Human Resource Advisory Committee – no meeting

Building Commission Report – Angelo reported the commission met on January 9, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. and conducted normal business. They determined that regular meetings would be on the second Friday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at town hall. Jane made a motion, second by McDonald and the council approved the Building Commissioner's (Aaron) attendance at the free workshop in Indianapolis for the DNR floodplain administrators.

Advisory Plan Commission – Byvoets reported that the building code section the committee had been working on was approved and submitted down state for approval. The committee also worked through revised building codes, forwarded them to the Town's attorney; the APC has already voted "yay" on all these.

Building Permits – de Funiak reported the following for the month of December: Fees of \$6,200.00 were collected on projects totaling \$786,892.00; (1) Beach Access Permit with a fee of \$100.00; Revenue of \$63.40 collected on electric permits issued totaling \$634.00

Legal Expenses paid in December 2014 were \$12,240.00 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the above council reports as presented.
Motion approved 5-0.

Unfinished Business – The American Disability Act agreement will be discussed at a future meeting.

President Schaefer has had contract with both Michiana Shores and Duneland Beach regarding the new police contracts. He also discussed the review at the Police Commission meeting which resulted in a re-affirmation of the pricing which was presented earlier to the two (2) municipalities. Motion was made, seconded and approved to maintain current level of pricing for M.S. and D.B.

Schaefer discussed police commission's recommendation of a \$2,000 increase for Officer Jason Yagelski. Town marshal Sulkowski stated that Yagelski's one year anniversary would be as of February 24, 2015. He also mentioned that Yagelski had received his degree in criminal justice. Motion was made, seconded and approved to raise officer Yagelski's salary by \$2,000.00 on his anniversary date.

New Business: President Schaefer discussed the detailed analysis that he made of the commissions/committees for 2015. Commissions required by state statute to consider party affiliation were reviewed.

Schaefer recommended Jim Dehner to serve the one (1) year term remaining on Nick Landers' APC appointment. He also recommended Mary Lou McFadden to replace Landers on the BZA. All the other commissions and committees were discussed. Motion was made, seconded and approved for all of Schaefer's appointees. A list of Committees is available at the Long Beach Town Hall.

Motion was made, seconded and approved for Ordinance 2015-01: An Ordinance of the Long Beach town Council Amending Its Town Code in Relation to Membership of the Park and Recreation Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

Council Comments: Jane Neulieb thanked all residents who offered to serve on committees and urged those who were not chosen to continue their advocacy and commitment to the town. Chief Sulkowski commented that if the police contract were not signed by Michiana Shores, all police coverage would end on January 31, 2015.

Clerk-Treasurer de Funiak indicated that the LBCC position description of Property Manager would be expanded to include the promotion and recruitment of volunteers.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #12467 through #12545 = Total \$170,486.62
Salaries for December 2014 were \$72,486.56

Claims were approved by a motion made and seconded; approved by all.

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. de Funiak