

MINUTES
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA
October 13, 2014

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, Patrick McDonald and Jane Neulieb. Also present were Fire Chief Dave Albers, Chief Robert Sulkowski, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, and Attorney Julie Paulson. Councilman Peter Byvoets and Street Supt. Dolph were absent. Approximately 22 people attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – On motion made and seconded, minutes were approved for the town council meeting of September 8, 2014, special meeting on October 1, 2014, and executive meeting on October 1, 2014.

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski gave the report for September.

Police Commission – Schaefer reported the commission met on October 1st. (Report on file) The department does monitor speed on LSD which is 25 mph; not in favor of speed bumps or additional stop signs. The commission will meet again on November 5, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Dave Albers reported statistics for September; the department is conducting hose-testing.

Fire Commission Report - No meeting

Street Department – Pat McDonald gave the report for September in Dolph's absence. The leaf machines are ready for fall leaf pick-up which begins November 3rd and continues thru December 1st, rake often to the street's edge; one plow truck has repairs finished on it, the second truck will be done soon. Tom verified that the road salt supply is ready for the upcoming winter. Normal maintenance around town hall has been done. Weather permitting Rieth-Riley will start milling Oriole Trail the morning of the 14th with paving to follow as soon as possible. The road striping will be handled through another company. Rieth-Riley has agreed to re-do Avondale Dr. and a patch on Lake Shore Dr. between Stop 21 and 26. D & M Excavating was out cleaning drains on Mayfield Way; a claim has been filed for the tree that fell on the tennis courts fence. Quotes for repair of such are being collected. All refuse containers will be collected from the beach stops the week of October 20th; and all items should now be removed from the beaches for the season.

De Funiak mentioned he spoke with Roger VanShoyck who represents the Forestry Division of NIPSCO who is planning to begin work in early 2015 to trim tree limbs that threaten power lines.

Park Board – Jane Neulieb reported the board met on September 24th. The contract with Global Engineering Design was signed; they will be working on the Melrose Park project. Most all equipment will be demolished before the ground freezes; only 1 large multi-slide will be rehabbed; Phase 1 thru 4 will begin as soon as possible and they will consult with street supt. Dolph regarding drainage. Newly purchased basketball poles are being installed at the outside community center courts. (Full park report on file) Next meeting will be October 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at town hall.

Community Center – de Funiak reported that at the C C meeting the committee accepted the generous offer of up to \$8,000 from the Civic Association to split the costs with the Town for repairs and floor purchase and installation for the gymnasium. Then, the LBCC committee recommended painting of the entire gym before the flooring is installed. de Funiak recommended the Town Council accept Civic's offer and to also pledge up to \$10,000 of town funds for the floor, to include carpet runners and such. Upon motion and second the council approved to pledge up to \$15,000 to cover flooring, carpeting, runners, and painting. Meyer Glass & Mirror is making repairs and door adjustments at the C C; then final invoice of \$1,200 will be paid. Dye Plumbing & Heating was hired for major repairs on the heating and air conditioning systems in the building.

Water Board – The water board met on September 22, 2014. Calls are coming in for seasonal shut-offs; the board is working on the 2015 budget and hopes to finalize it at the October 27th meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Finance – de Funiak said the committee met today, Oct. 13th with 1st Source Insurance; the 15.1% increase seems inevitable after all options were discussed today at 2:00 p.m. but the committee will reconvene soon to discuss all alternatives. A reminder that the 2015 budget hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. October 14, 2014 in the gymnasium, a venue change due to the BZA meeting at the same time in town hall.

Human Resource Advisory Committee – de Funiak said that he has a proposal from Pam Krueger, HR Solutions, LLC to retain her at \$500/mo. for HR part-time assistance for the town. There is money in the CEDIT fund to pay for the one year of services. There was a unanimous approval for a one year agreement with HR Solutions, LLC for consulting services to keep the town current with all personnel documents and issues.

Building Commission Report – Keith Durbin gave the report for the month – copy on file. Announcement of the new building inspector will be in new business. Next building commission meeting will be October 24, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Advisory Plan Commission – No meeting/report

Building Permits – de Funiak reported for the month of September the following:
30 Building Permits – Construction Costs \$998,750.00; Fees \$9,141.10; 1 Street Cutting Permit with a cost of \$10,000, fees to LB are \$100.00; 6 Electric Permits totaling \$1,122.00; Fees for LB - \$112.20

Legal Expenses paid in September 2014 were \$3,527.45 to H W & L

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

In **Unfinished Business** police contracts for Michiana Shores and Duneland Beach are in the respective towns' committees' possession; the present contracts expire January 31, 2015; Long Beach is waiting for their responses. Julie Paulson, town attorney, mentioned the ADA Model agreement is still under review with correspondence coming to the town soon. Attorney Paulson will work with the council on getting an ordinance written for an ordinance violation bureau; more information to be ready for the November council meeting.

New Business: After 2 persons expressed interest to serve on the water department board, Schaefer recommended to the council the appointment of Bob Gallagher, 1700 LSD, to fill the vacant seat and serve on the water board after the passing of Byron Schreeg, until the term expires; It was unanimous to appoint Bob Gallagher.

Aaron Tomscheck was selected, after interviewing a handful of applicants, by the building commission at its October 2nd meeting to work as the town's building inspector. Building Commissioner Keith Durbin recommended the council approve his hiring; after a motion and second Tomscheck was approved unanimously.

Nick Landers, BZA chairman, made a presentation to the council and handed each a packet explaining the petition filing process; further explaining that other than Cleo Brodsky, a committee member, taking minutes at the meetings, there was no need for the hiring of an additional BZA secretary. Minutes from each meeting will be posted to the website, upon approval. Pat McDonald, a former BZA member, thanked Nick and all members of the BZA for their dedication to the committee knowing how difficult the job seems to be.

De Funiak mentioned the resolution for street striping is ongoing.

Jane Neulieb spoke to the council about a job description she has written for a park maintenance position; the park board has a perspective candidate and would like to hire Cody Joseph after HR conducts all necessary background and drug checks. The position, which is on an "as needed" basis under the direction of the park board, did not require an ad listing as questioned by a council member. Keith Durbin handed to the board a rough draft for permit fee adjustments/increases and was hoping the council would discuss and approve these at the November meeting so the new building fees could be implemented by January 1, 2015.

Schaefer reported that at the town council executive session held on October 1, 2014, there was extensive discussion regarding the ongoing litigations against the Town, specifically the Caddyshack-Looper situation. Attorney Paulson shared the information the town received today, October 13th, for a settlement agreement. (Information on file.) Angelo made a motion to accept the settlement agreement, McDonald seconded it; approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Rich Crain, 2200 Mary Ben Ave, a member of the BZA, wants the attorney to add to the Caddyshack-Looper settlement agreement the BZA request of using sand colored paint/concrete when correcting the seawall at 2060 Lake Shore Drive, something that was already discussed at a BZA meeting.

De Funiak read a letter from Carol Mackey, 1920 Oriole Trail, about allowing dogs on the beach; letter on file. De Funiak also commented that the town has no investment policy ordinance in place which limits the town's ability to invest funds for long periods of time; the town should investigate options for short term investments for now.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Chief Bob Sulkowski made mention the NAC (Northwest Athletic Club) made a donation to the town of \$500 from the August triathlon.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #12246 through #12314 = Total \$92,308.68
Salaries for September 2014 were \$61,715.12

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

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, November 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. de Funiak