

MINUTES
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA
OCTOBER 14, 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 Marshal Bob Sulkowski, Street Dept. Tom Dolph, Deputy Clerk Deanna Carlson, and Attorney Julie Paulson; approximately 33 people attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – On motion made and seconded, minutes were approved for the council meeting of September 9, 2013 and the council meeting of October 7, 2013.

Police Department – Council President Schaefer welcomed Sulkowski back from his lengthy medical leave; Chief Sulkowski then read the September police report.

Police Commission – Robert Schaefer reported the commission met on October 2, 2013. He announced fiber optics were soon going to be used to connect the computer equipment in the basement to the Police Bunker on Foxdale Trail. Schaefer also mentioned the full-time police dispatcher would be leaving in a few weeks and the chief was putting together a replacement plan using part-time dispatchers to fill shifts. The next police commission meeting will be November 6, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Dave Albers delivered the report for September. (Attached)

Fire Commission Report - No meeting

Street Department – Street Superintendent Tom Dolph reported the Stop 22 washout has been repaired; catch basins around town have been cleaned out, and all street signs have been replaced with approved signs. Also, the leaf vacuum equipment has been readied for the fall leaf pick up that will start October 21st. Leaf pickup is scheduled from October 21 through December 4, 2013; weather permitting.

Park Board – No meeting

Community Center – Pat McDonald reported the system at the Community Center has been switched over to heat for the winter. All else seems to be good.

Water Board - Robert Schaefer reported the board met on September 23, 2013; There will soon be repairs to a leaking hydrant in Long Beach Cove. Next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2013

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Budget & Finance – Peter Byvoets reported there was a council meeting on October 7, 2013 for adoption of the budget. Minutes of this meeting were in board packets or handed to council members prior to tonight's meeting.

Human Resource Advisory Committee - Jane Neulieb read the report for Bill de Funiak; Collection of I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification forms continues with a target date for completion of October 28, 2013. Pam Krueger is on schedule for having the Employee Manual and Benefits Booklet completed by year end.

Building Commission Report – Pat McDonald reported Paul Fithian, Bldg Commissioner, noted he had nothing special to announce.

Advisory Plan Commission - No report

Building Permits – Deanna Carlson reported for the month of September, 2013 there were 17 building permits with construction costs of \$501,432.80 and fees to the town of \$4,605.00. There were 3 electric permits totaling \$572.00 with revenue to the town of \$57.20. Legal Expenses paid in September were \$ 17,669.50.

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

Opening of street paving bids took place; Pat McDonald opened bids presented to the board.
Rieth - Riley's bid was \$54,384; Walsh & Kelly's bid was \$59,400.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Town attorney Julie Paulson is working on the matter of parking issues and Town rights-of-way.

NEW BUSINESS – Schaefer introduced Allen Hammond, representing the American Disability Act, who presented an assessment of the Town's Public Beaches Accesses and to address barriers that are identified within the Town. The Town of Long Beach is in the process of addressing Title II requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which applies to the operations of State and Local Governments. (Assessment is on file). Allen and de Funiak took inventory of each Stop on Lake Shore Drive. Stop 30 seems not to have a steep decent. Hammond recommended an engineer do an assessment for Stop 30 to be compliant for handicap and a possible parking area. Stop 24 was Hammond's second choice; there seems to be more property there and a facility for access.

Jane Neulieb asked Hammond if he knew Michigan City's ADA plan at the public beach. Schaefer said he and de Funiak will work with Allen Hammond on the plan. Hammond mentioned that access at every ½ mile is required; and new changes should be made for accessibility through ADA.

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NEW BUSINESS (CONT.) – Ordinance No 13-02 was presented by Attorney Paulsen, “An Ordinance of the Long Beach Town Council Amending Chapter 155 of the Long Beach Town Code”. FEMA had given a November 6th deadline to have ordinances in place for the Flood Plain Insurance Program so maps could be adopted into the plan. There was a motion and second to adopt the ordinance and suspend reading of the entire 22 pages; a motion and second to suspend normal reading and approve the ordinance by title only; and a motion and a second and unanimous approval to adopt the ordinance.

The council awarded the street paving project to Rieth-Riley with a motion from Pete Byvoets, a second from Pat McDonald and a unanimous approval by council.

Schaefer announced AT & T would be working on a major plan with NIPSCO on installing new lines down Lake Shore Drive.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Donna Kavanagh, 2104 Avondale Ave., questioned the street superintendent on whether or not it would be making improvements to the street in front of her home because of the apparent flooding she experiences after heavy rains.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

No public comments

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #11476 through #11538 = Total \$134,678.54
Salaries for September 2013 were \$55,450.31

Motion by Pete Byvoets to approve claims made, seconded by Jane Neulieb and approved.

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, November 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Carlson, Deputy Clerk