

MINUTES
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA
NOVEMBER 11, 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, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, and Attorney Julie Paulson; approximately 25 people attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – On motion made and seconded, minutes were approved for the special meeting of October 7, 2013 and the council meeting of October 14, 2013.

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski read the police report.

Police Commission – Robert Schaefer reported the new Marshal Jason Speakman will be attending the police academy and Town Marshal Bob Sulkowski will cover his shifts during his absence. The Michigan City Triathlon, which cost \$2,500 in police manpower, will be evaluated by the Town Council for 2014. The next police commission meeting will be December 4, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Dave Albers delivered the report for October.

Fire Commission Report - Bob Schaefer reported on the 10/21 meeting. A concerted effort to recruit new volunteers will be undertaken. Use of the town website was suggested. First and second responder training will be performed in 2014. Discussions continued on the remodeling of the fire station.

Street Department – Street Superintendent Tom Dolph reported leaf pick up is underway and will continue until the first week of December. A letter from Henry Bausback was read complimenting Tom Dolph and Brent Soller for returning equipment to the Bausbacks that was inadvertently left on town property.

Park Board – Jane Neulieb reported that the board meeting of 10/23. A program for the LBCC leases was discussed. A plan for having beaches cleared of all residents' property by December 1st was approved. Meeting times for the Park Board will be changed to 6 p.m.

Community Center – Pat McDonald reported that an electrical contractor suggested that state funding might be available for installing more efficient lighting in the Long Beach Community Center. Mary Joy and Pat McDonald met and agreed that more analysis needs to be done.

Water Board - Robert Schaefer reported that Cender & Co. is evaluating a resident's concern over sales tax charges on the water bills. The budget for 2014 projects revenues of \$884,000 and expenses of \$861,000. Next meeting is scheduled for November 25, 2013

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Budget & Finance – Peter Byvoets reported that a reconciliation check of \$397,000 for 2011 pay 2012 was received from LaPorte County. Health insurance expenses are being re-evaluated. First Source Insurance was approved unanimously by the council to be our new broker for health insurance coverage.

Human Resource Advisory Committee - Work continues on the I-9 project and the new employee handbook.

Building Commission Report – No report

Advisory Plan Commission - No report

Building Permits – de Funiak reported for the month of October, 2013 there were 17 building permits with construction costs of \$589,325.00 and fees to the town of \$2,875.00. There were 3 electric permits totaling \$491.00 with revenue to the town of \$49.10. Legal Expenses paid in October were \$ 5,506.00.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS – de Funiak reported that the resident handbook needs a re-write and asked for volunteers. de Funiak also reported that Able Disposal has proposed improving their bid for 2014 and 2015 to include a 3% increase for 2014 and no increase for 2015 (same rates as 2014) Bob Schaefer reported that NIRPC has asked all communities to express their approval (or disapproval) of the Illiana Expressway Project. He requested the council to evaluate the matter at the December meeting.
de Funiak reported that several residents complaints have been received about a town registered contractor who had taken advance money and not completed the work . Attorney Paulson will evaluate ways to remove the contractor from the town registry.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

No comments

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

No public comments

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #11539 through #11611 = Total \$134,918.80
Salaries for October 2013 were \$51,386.20

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

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. de Funiak