

MINUTES
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA
December 8, 2014

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 25 people attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – On motions made and seconded, minutes were approved for the council meeting on November 10, 2014 with a correction of the IN Code by attorney Julie Paulson, council executive meeting on November 17, 2014, council special meeting on November 17, 2014 and council special meeting on November 25, 2014.

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski gave the report for November

Police Commission – Schaefer reported the commission met on December 3, 2014. The department would like to order equipment that was in the 2014 budget but not purchased. The committee discussed possible cameras at all entrances to Long Beach. Mentioned M.C. Parks & Rec wanted permission again this next year for their triathlon. Commission will meet again on January 7, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Dave Albers read the report through November 30, 2014. Average response time for fires-3.1 minutes; 6.5 minutes for medical calls.

Fire Commission Report - Chief Albers reported no meeting had been held for 5 or 6 months but met in November. He commended Michiana Shores Fire Dept for their response, and also Springfield Fire Dept, for their efforts in assisting with Dr. Gerald Battle's house fire on Northmoor Trail. Albers will meet with Ron Martin from Michigan City Fire Dept. to discuss future utilization of their services. He will drive to Indianapolis to meet with Mara Snyder to discuss options for fire safety in Long Beach. Albers mentioned that the Long Beach Fire Code was never approved by the State Fire Code.

Street Department – Tom Dolph reported the plow trucks were ready for the winter season. The local leaf pick-up was complete as of noon on December 4th by Healy Landscaping. Although extra trips up Silvertip had to be made to collect leaves to prevent slick roads in the rainy weather, all other areas were completed by contract deadline. A list of residents who cleaned up after this date was made and is in the town office in case phone calls are received regarding pick up. Pat McDonald mentioned he contacted Rick Brown, the MS4 director, regarding the storm discharge system, water samples were sent to the labs at the Wastewater Treatment Department from the exposed pipes at Stop 17; the E-coli results came back "0 - Zero"; clean, (See lab report) attached. MS4 personnel indicated that storm sewer runoff does not cause contamination of the beaches. P. McDonald explained that all town storm drains at Stop 23 are residing on town property.

Park Board – Jane Neulieb reported Kendra Bartlett is looking for new equipment for the Melrose Park project. If anyone has input, call Jane Neulieb. The basketball poles were installed at the community center by C. T. Cipares d/b/a Mr. Handyman. Global Engineering will attend the next Park Board meeting which is scheduled for January 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Community Center – de Funiak mentioned the floor installer should have the vinyl wood-like floor in the gym completed by Thursday, December 11, 2014. The painting was completed by Rick Carlson Painting and looks very nice. McDonald reported all door repairs are done. The filters are still being changed out on the furnace.

Water Board – The water board met on November 24, 2014. The interior/exterior maintenance on the water tower will take place in spring of 2015. The 2015 budget was discussed. Schaefer mentioned that the water rates for Michigan City will increase at the end of 2015 which might eventually affect Long Beach residents. Next meeting is scheduled for December 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Finance – Pete Byvoets discussed the new insurance contract for 2015 with Bliss-McKnight. Costs will be approximately the same as 2014 with 20% more coverage. Bliss-McKnight is the only insurance company endorsed by IACT. Michiana Insurance is the Town's broker for this insurance.

Human Resource Advisory Committee – de Funiak – no report

Building Commission Report – Angelo reported the commission met on December 5, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. He wanted to advise the council and particularly the park department that a permit is required for the Melrose Park project and can be submitted to the building commissioner for approval. A question was brought up regarding the permit process if there is to be a possible new contractor on the cell tower located near the town's maintenance garage facility. The commission will meet again on January 9, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Advisory Plan Commission – no report

Building Permits – de Funiak reported the following for the month of November: Fees of \$4,216.00 were collected on projects totaling \$447,680.00. Revenue of \$134.80 collected on electric permits issued totaling \$1,404.00

Legal Expenses paid in November 2014 were \$19,915.00 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

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

Schaefer introduced special guest Tony Mancuso, LaPorte County Health Dept, who was available to answer questions from any and all who wanted information about the County Health Department's role when it relates to the beach, town street drains, septic systems for lake side homes, etc. Pete Byvoets explained how the health department works with the State of Indiana. Mancuso stated he was aware of the Stop 23 drains, but the health department has no responsibility for street drains. According to Mancuso and the health department the pipes in question at Stop 17 on the beach were "clean"; the drains at 1636 LSD on the beach are not sewage. Joe Jogmann, 2213 Florimond Ave., asked about

Presby systems and the movement of lake water with OWM. Fire Chief Albers commented on homes built on the lake without seawalls and asked Mancuso about exposed septic systems. The county requires a seawall between septic systems and the lake.

In **Unfinished Business** – Schaefer received word from NIPSCO that they do not want anything attached to utility poles; this is in response to the Civic Association president who attended the council meeting last month to request permission for Civic banners to be attached to NIPSCO poles certain months of the summer.

The council agreed to remain steadfast on police contracts for Duneland Beach and Michiana Shores as originally presented and is not in favor of changing either contract. P. Byvoets mentioned that the town's health insurance increased 15.1 % which speaks for the increased rates on the police contracts and Jane Neulieb agreed, otherwise, there would need to be budget cuts elsewhere. A motion was made and approved to leave the contracts on the table as first proposed.

Attorney Paulson stated her ongoing work on the ADA Model Agreement would be presented at the January 2015 council meeting.

The town's proposed golf cart ordinance is under review by town attorney Paulson.

The collection agency subject was tabled by council.

New Business:

Schaefer suggested that election of a council president for 2015 would facilitate the committee appointments during the period between December 8, 2014 and January 12, 2015. Upon a motion made and seconded and approved for Robert Schaefer to serve as council president for 2015.

Water Board appointments were tabled as were appointments for the BZA where Nick Landers resigned effective November 11, 2014 after the BZA meeting of November 10, 2014, and Cleo Brodsky's term expires December 31, 2014; and the Advisory Plan Commission appointment to replace Nick Landers was tabled; all tabled until the council meeting on January 12, 2015 due to determining the terms and expiration dates of appointees.

Bill de Funiak requested a special council meeting before year end; he will present an ordinance for 2015 salaries to be approved. The council agreed to meet on December 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at town hall.

A motion and second was made to approve the purchase of the remaining equipment the police department had budgeted for 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Martha Maust, 3005 Loma Portal Way, commented on the Battle house fire.

Jim Neulieb, 2201 Florimond Ave., told the council with Schaefer and the current board, governing the town is better than it was 3 years ago.

Bob Gallagher, 1700 LSD, suggested staggered terms for the five council members?

De Funiak, Clerk-Treasurer, questioned what the guidelines are for council terms.

Donna Kavanagh, 2104 Avondale, mentioned she would like new auditions be held for a building commission and inspector; Aaron Tomscheck is currently holding both positions.

There were no **Council Comments**

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #12389 through #12466 = Total \$381,504.35
Salaries for November 2014 were \$63,402.39

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

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. de Funiak