

MINUTES
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA
DECEMBER 9, 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, and Peter Byvoets. Also present were Fire Chief Dave Albers, Chief Marshal Bob Sulkowski, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, and Attorney Julie Paulson. Councilman Pat McDonald and Street Supt. Tom Dolph were absent. Approximately 40 people attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – On motion made and seconded, minutes were approved for the special meeting of November 11, 2013.

Police Department – Prior to Chief Sulkowski reading the police report for November, he acknowledged three (3) officers from the department for their years of service to the Long Beach community. He congratulated Lt. Todd Bullis and commended him with a letter which Sulkowski read for Bullis' 35 years of service. Officer Jim Schooley was recognized in the same manner with a letter and congratulated for his 19+ years to the Long Beach community. Retired Officer Michael Chastain was recognized and presented with a "Retirement" plaque and a standing ovation from the audience for his 25+ years to Long Beach. Cake and punch was served after the meeting where Chastain's family was in attendance.

Police Commission – Chief Sulkowski gave a short update regarding Officer Speakman at the Police Academy. Sulkowski reported the department is requesting \$2,500 for new bullet proof vests. Angelo made a motion to this request which brought a second from Jane Neulieb.

Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Dave Albers delivered the report for November. He then gave his compliments to Todd Bullis, Jim Schooley, and Mike Chastain.

Fire Commission Report - Bob Schaefer reported on the Nov 26, 2013 meeting. IACT members are discussing sprinkler systems with the state.

Street Department – In Tom Dolph's absence, Bob Angelo reported the leaf pick up has been completed as of December 6th. All leaves have been hauled out of Long Beach.

Park Board – Jane Neulieb reported there was a December 4th, 6:00 p.m. meeting and gave the report. She stated the council had approved the position of a bench in honor of the "late" Hazel Pugh at Stop 28. The bridge club donated \$140 for new chairs for the community center. With proposed funds of \$750 for the skate rink and other expenses for the park department, Angelo made a motion to grant funds not exceeding \$5,000; the motion was seconded.

Community Center – No report

Water Board - Robert Schaefer reported the board met on November 25, 2013. They approved their budget for \$861,500. Discussed the maintenance of the water tower in 2015; and the board is working on bill revisions. Next meeting scheduled for December 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Finance – Peter Byvoets discussed the property taxes owed to the town from the county. The committee is reviewing the employees' health insurance policy. Bill de Funiak mentioned the current Ordinance 9206 should be reviewed each year in regards to refuse pick up. And to also review ordinance 9205 which states "the customer pays \$195/year." Pete stated that in regards to the leaf pickup service fee that appears on the water bill, an increase should be discussed in January 2014 after all bills come in for leaf pick up from the hired – out contractor. De Funiak also mentioned with regards to insurance, that the town pays insurance on the water pump house assessed at \$604,000.00 and the community center at \$4,700,000.00. The idea of possibly dropping insurance on the pump house was mentioned.

Human Resource Advisory Committee - Pam Krueger continues work continues on the new employee handbook.

Building Commission Report – Angelo reported the lawsuit by Tom King against the building commissioner and the building commission had been dropped.

Advisory Plan Commission – Pete Byvoets said he would like the committee to review permits at the end of January 2014.

Building Permits – de Funiak reported for the month of November, 2013 there were 9 building permits with construction costs of \$132,251.00 and fees to the town of \$925.00.

There were 5 electric permits totaling \$959.00 with revenue to the town of \$95.90.

Legal Expenses paid in November totaled \$13,924.00.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the above council reports as presented.

Motion approved 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Julie Paulson will have an update at the January 13, 2014 meeting about the groundwater monitoring well installation agreement the council had directed Paulson to work on with Robert Uppencamp who had presented this to the council in February 2013.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Mike Molnar was present to discuss the Moon Valley grant and discussed the possible purchase of Moon Valley to preserve. He stated he hoped the purchase would be resolved by the end of fiscal year June 2014. Angelo asked how critical the Long Beach pledge of \$10,000 was; Molnar said the funding is important to the deal. Byvoets questioned what donating to the project those parcels of Moon Valley that Long Beach own; Molnar said it could possibly slow the current process down. Angelo questioned de Funiak about the funds; Byvoets said Long Beach would have to budget the funds for it. Sean Kaczmarek commented on the matter.

2. Jim Metros from Republic Services was present to discuss the refuse contract and to ensure Able Disposal's "customer service at its best". 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). Upon a motion and second by Byvoets and Angleo, respectively, the 2 year contract (2014-2015) was approved by all.
3. Bob Schaefer reported that NIRPC had asked all communities to express their approval (or disapproval) of the Illiana Expressway Project. He stated that NIRPC would be voting Thursday to include, or not, the expressway in its 2040 plan. There was much council discussion after which they voted; two (2) yays and two (2) nays; clerk-treasurer Bill de Funiak abstained.
4. Lt. Todd Bullis presented for approval, and read, a proposed "Notice" to be handed to contractors when they renew their registrations. (copy attached) It serves as a warning of all local ordinances that are to be followed while contractors are in and working in Long Beach. P. Byvoets motioned the council to approve the notice subject to town attorney approval; second by Jane Neulieb.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Sean Kaczmarek, 1535 Lake Shore Dr., commented on the Illiana Expressway issue and hoped Long Beach would vote "no"

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

No comments

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #11612 through #11676 = Total \$207,019.95

Salaries for November 2013 were \$55,211.33

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

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William S. de Funiak