

MINUTES
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 10, 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, Jane Neulieb, and Peter Byvoets. Also present were Fire Chief Dave Albers, Chief Marshal Bob Sulkowski, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Street Superintendent Tom Dolph, and Attorney Julie Paulson.. Approximately 6 people attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – On motions made and seconded, minutes were approved for the town council meeting of January 13, 2014, executive meeting of January 28, 2014, the town council special meeting of January 28, 2014 was approved with amendments made by Atty. Paulson.

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski read the police report

Police Commission – Schaefer reported the commission met on February 5, and February 7, 2014. The Michigan City Triathlon was discussed; and the possibility of not approving the closing of LSD for the event and the costs to the LBPD.

After discussion of maintenance work needed at Town Hall, Pete Byvoets made a motion for Chief Sulkowski to make a list of proposed building maintenance priorities; second by Robert Schaefer. The commission recommended to the council the appointment of Officer Jason Yagelski to full-time to the police department effective February 24, 2014.

Schaefer commented the new fiber optics is in place in town and the town should start using it. Dave Albers preferred the fire department stay with Comcast even if the Town switched services. Next police commission meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Dave Albers delivered the report for January. Albers insisted the Town be making every effort to reassign house numbers to those duplicated on Lake Shore Drive.

Fire Commission Report - Jane Neulieb stated the next meeting will be Monday, February 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Street Department – Tom Dolph stated significant overtime hours have been expended plowing the streets by the crew of four since the winter storm and the town has reached the limit on salt purchases. Pat McDonald commended all the employees for the many night hours they worked. And thinking ahead to spring, the dept requested that street striping costs be in the budget.

Park Board – Jane Neulieb reported the board meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Council President Schaefer appointed Kendra Bartlett to the Park Board upon Mary Joy's resignation. Motion and second by Byvoets and Neulieb to accept the new appointment.

Community Center – McDonald reported an outside source had been hired to replace bulbs in the gymnasium. The company also took care of repairing light switches in the Town Hall Chamber and will return when the weather breaks to finish at town hall.

Water Board - Robert Schaefer gave the report. The board stated Karl Cender & Co. is following up with the IN Dept. of Revenue regarding the sales tax issue. Next meeting is February 24, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Finance – The committee will be meeting February 12, 2014 at Town Hall.

Clerk-Treasurer de Funiak spoke with both the SBOA and the IACT chief counsel to discuss the possibility of bonus programs for department heads. IACT suggested that any final program be reviewed with Harris Welsh & Lukmann, the town's attorney.

Human Resource Advisory Committee – de Funiak mentioned Pam Krueger, HR consultant, suggests new employees go through drug testing. Discussed no "buy backs" and proposed a longevity bonus revamp.

Building Commission Report – No meeting/report

Advisory Plan Commission – No meeting/report

Building Permits – de Funiak reported for the month of January 2014 there were 5 building permits with construction costs of \$60,655.20 and fees to the town of \$550.00.

There were 3 electric permits totaling \$357.00 with revenue to the town of \$35.70.

Legal Expenses paid in January totaled \$3,272.50 to HW & L.

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

Motion approved 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Well Monitoring at property near Criterion Catalysts. – Attorney Paulson indicated one more provision must be negotiated.

NEW BUSINESS – A motion was made by Robert Angelo and a second by Patrick McDonald to hire Officer Jason Yagelski to the LB Police Department on a full time basis effective February 24, 2014; it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Byvoets proposed that Larry Wall be appointed as the new building commissioner.

Discussion followed and it was agreed that a building commission meeting be convened in the next two weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Val Sliwa , 2916 Belle Plaine Trail, commended the street department for a job well done in keeping the streets cleared during the harsh winter months.

Bill de Funiak, C-T, mentioned no money has been received from 2012 pay 2013 county taxes yet.

Jim Neulieb, Florimond Ave, suggested a building commission meeting be held soon.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Jane Neulieb, councilwoman, suggested the building commission start holding evening meetings and to allow time during the meetings for public comments.

Bill de Funiak told the council the YMCA equipment had been replaced and the he was trying to find a home for the old equipment. The police department took 3 pieces, the fire department took 4 pieces and the board advised Bill to sell the equipment as he saw fit. Motion and second to allow de Funiak to negotiate with interested purchasers.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #11734 through #11799 = Total \$211,606.36
Salaries for January 2014 were \$91,161.32

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

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. de Funiak/Deanna Carlson