

MINUTES of Meeting held April 13, 2015

LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Robert Schaefer; accompanied by council members Robert Angelo, Patrick McDonald, Peter Byvoets; Jane Neulieb was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Dave Albers, Chief Robert Sulkowski, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, St. Supt. Tom Dolph and Attorney Julie Paulson. Approximately 40 people attended the meeting.

Schaefer welcomed Scout Troop 802, guests at the meeting who are working on their community service badges; they are sponsored by the LB VFD.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made and seconded and minutes were approved for the corrected March 9, 2015 meetings.

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski read the March report

Police Commission – Pres. Schaefer announced the commission met on April 1, 2015. Fire Chief Albers attended this meeting; there was miscommunication with an incident regarding parking at Stop 24; this has been resolved. The Michiana Shores police protection contract was reviewed and revised a bit, although similar to the previous contract, Michiana Shores requested a bit more detail and time officers spend in M.S. They requested their payments be made in lieu of receiving their tax dollars; now awaiting signatures on contract. Byvoets questioned the issuance of the revised contract to M.S. without all council members reviewing the changes first. He was handed a copy by Schaefer. The north parking lot ordinance was reviewed and changes made to it. There was discussion regarding the citations/violations bureau; to be addressed later in meeting. The chief is looking into in-house video systems and they discussed the future use of ATVs on the beach. Next meeting is May 6, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Dave Albers read the report for March

Fire Commission Report - No report

Street Department – Tom Dolph mentioned snow plows have been cleaned and put away, street cleaning is in the works, small pot holes filled and leaf pick up will begin on April 27th. Pat McDonald reiterated Tom's information on leaf pickup stating that because pick up is running one week only, ending on May 1st, there will be "no turn-arounds". The street commission met on March 30th and discussed street striping in coordination with paving.

Park Board – In Jane Neulieb's absence, Joy Schmitt, park board chairperson, and speaking from the floor, announced Global Engineering will be present at the April 22nd park board meeting to discuss the Melrose Park project. Bob Angelo suggested Sarah (Kanyer) Plooster be

considered a part time park board director and to extend her position to include year round programs. It would be very beneficial to the board to pursue this avenue.

Community Center - Schaefer reported the committee met on April 9th and read the report. The agreement with the YMCA was discussed along with the rental agreement forms for Room #12, the courtyard, and the gym, and rental fees. Schaefer motioned to give authority to the committee to proceed finalizing these forms and to approve the recommended rental fees; seconded by McDonald, approved 4 - 0.

The **Water Board** met on March 23rd; Schaefer read the report which included the subject of approved policies for frozen water lines, the budget for 2016, and writing a policy regarding sharing the water department's mailing lists with the public on requests.

Budget & Finance - Pete stated the committee would begin an investment policy and de Funiak said he spoke with Horizon Bank about trust relations.

Human Resource Advisory Committee - No meeting

Building Commission Report - Angelo read a statement from Building Commissioner Aaron Tomscheck on the floodplain workshop he attended on February 5, 2015.

Advisory Plan Commission - There was no meeting to report on but the next meeting is April 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Building Permits - de Funiak reported the following for the month of March: Fees of \$ 1,481.00 were collected on projects totaling \$165,650.00; revenue of \$95.00 collected on 7 electric permits issued totaling \$950.00; revenue on 1 permit to cut a street was \$100.

Legal Expenses paid in March 2015 were \$5,345.00 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

A motion made and seconded approved the above council reports as presented 4-0.

Unfinished Business:

Bob Schaefer reported that the Police Commission meeting recommended up to 4 annual passes be distributed to residents to be used by residents and their guests. The hang tag form of pass was suggested. Daily permits will continue to be available to residents, for their guests, to be distributed by police dispatch. Employees and others will be allowed to park without passes for all town meetings. Parking is allowed from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

Ordinance 15-05, "Control of Parking Lot", was passed unanimously on both readings after unanimous approval to suspend rules to present at a subsequent meeting. "shall" changed to "may" in Ordinance 72.14.

Peter Byvoets discussed the Ordinance Violation Bureau and provided a sample of projected changes to ordinances. The modifications would set fees/fines and remove ranges and "up to" phraseology. Attorney Paulson indicated that fines must be specific. Byvoets asked that his work be treated as "homework" and asked for responses from recipients.

New Business:

President Schaefer announced the leaf pick-up dates, large item pick-up dates and the post-Independence Day garbage pick-up date.

Salary Ordinance 15-04, "Part-time police and Park Employees Salary Ordinance", was passed unanimously on both readings after unanimous approval to suspend rules to present at a subsequent meeting.

The agreement with the YMCA was approved to reduce their monthly rent by \$400 in exchange for the YMCA assuming responsibility for rental calendars and all functions and responsibilities for part-time renters in the Long Beach Community Center.

Attorney Paulson announced that the Oakley Builders suit against councilpersons Byvoets and Neulieb had been dismissed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Micky Gallas, 2411 St. Lawrence Ave., read a statement encouraging residents to be respectful to each other. She also suggested the town consider forming a land trust and using state and other funds to secure private property, particularly that which is contiguous to Lake Michigan. (Full text available at Town Hall)

Donna Kavanagh, 2104 Avondale, also recommended people showing respect for one another. She spoke of building ordinances to be approved by the State of Indiana. Councilman Byvoets said building codes/ordinances had been submitted to the state and the town was waiting for a response.

Dean Uminski, 1512 Lake Shore Dr., read a letter submitted by Ed Sylvester regarding the Fire Safety Commission.

Bruce Bradley, 2313 Larchmont Ave., suggested that the town consider developing the old water building at Stop 24.

Bob Mc Fadden, 2714 Duffy Lane, commented on the Melrose Park project. He was concerned about the costs and disruption of service during the summer. Peter Byvoets reported that no expenditures may be made beyond what was budgeted for 2015 and all decisions for expenditures are the purview of the Park Board.

Mary Lou Mc Fadden, 2714 Duffy Lane, asked about the reporting structure of the Park Board.

Jim Dehner, 2300 Fairway Dr, spoke about the Melrose Park project and its costs.

Pat Eckenstahler, 2013 Melrose, cautioned residents to not overreact to the Melrose Park project since the bids have just been opened and the Park Board will be evaluating.

Ken Purze, Michiana Shores, spoke as a representative for Ted Reese, a lake side property owner, and suggested that the council evaluate whether modifications are needed to the building codes.

Mary O'Neil, 1532 Lake Shore Dr., spoke about how information needed to be posted on the website.

Council Comments:

Peter Byvoets offered to meet regarding the topics of land trusts and town purchase of private property. He also spoke about heights of houses and numbers of stories permitted.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #12681 through #12757 = Total \$139,340.76

Salaries for March 2015 were \$65,428.71

Motion and second to approve claims; unanimous 4-0.

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. de Funiak