

MINUTES of Meeting held May 11, 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, who also wished a Belated Mother's Day to all moms. Council members Robert Angelo, Patrick McDonald, Peter Byvoets, and Jane Neulieb were present along with Fire Chief Dave Albers, Chief Robert Sulkowski, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, and Attorney Julie Paulson; St. Supt. Tom Dolph was absent. Approximately 31 people attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made and seconded and minutes were approved for the April 13, 2015 meeting.

Police Department - Chief Sulkowski read the April report

Police Commission - Pres. Schaefer announced the commission met on May 6th. He read the report for April and announced the next meeting on June 3, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteer Fire Department - Chief Dave Albers read the report Y-T-D thru April 30, 2015.

Fire Commission Report - Albers announced there was no meeting to report on.

Street Department - Pat McDonald reported the street equipment has been cleaned, catch basins around town are being cleaned; "life is good".

Park Board - Jane Neulieb read the reports.

Community Center - Pat McDonald announced the temperature switch over at the center will happen soon along with seasonal maintenance.

The **Water Board** met on April 27th; report was read; the next meeting is scheduled for May 26th at 9 a.m.

Budget & Finance - Although there was no B & F meeting to report on, Pete stated under APC information the building code ordinance has been approved by the State Fire Safety Commission; that the town codes are now enforceable. The next B & F meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Human Resource Advisory Committee - Bill deFuniak announced there was no formal meeting of the committee, but Pam Krueger met with Sarah Plooster about park program preparations.

Building Commission Report - Angelo read the building commissioner's report for April; 229 registered contractors in good standing/2 fines paid in April. A new bond policy is in effect, calling for \$10,000 registration bonds from all contractors with Town of Long Beach as the

obligee. Aaron was notified by La Porte County that the town could not “piggyback” off the county anymore, thus the change.

Advisory Plan Commission - There was no meeting to report on but the next meeting is May 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Pete did hand out information and explained how he had found many inconsistencies in the town ordinances. He felt it was time to get “all in order”. Schaefer will send out an e-mail to all to select a date for a council workshop on ordinances.

Building Permits - de Funiak reported the following for the month of April: Fees of \$ 1,875.00 were collected on projects totaling \$235,083.00; revenue of \$55.70 collected on electric permits issued totaling \$557.00; revenue on 2 permits to cut streets was \$200.

Legal Expenses paid in April 2015 were \$10,700.00 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

A motion made and seconded approved the above council reports as presented 5-0.

No Unfinished Business

In New Business Jane Neulieb spoke about the responsibility of Stop accesses which had been the purview of the park department. Attorney Paulson indicated that the original platting of Long Beach made the stops an extension of the streets. Discussion followed about the repair of the stairs at Stop 29. Motion was made, seconded and passed for up to \$10,000 to be taken out of Riverboat or CEDIT, to be determined by the clerk-treasurer, for repair of such. It was agreed that the street department and park department would work together to determine how to maintain and furnish the beach stops’ landings.

Bob Sulkowski presented bids to re-pave, seal and stripe the north parking lot. At the suggestion of Attorney Paulson, a third bid will be obtained and a council meeting will be scheduled for 6:30 p.m. May 18, 2015 to open the 3 bids.

Sulkowski presented a proposal to strip the floors at Town Hall. Council approved an expense of \$2,138 to complete this project. This expense was approved.

de Funiak presented a proposal for repair of the front entrance of the Town Hall. McDonald suggested he wanted to contact Austin Masonry to get quotes for replacement of the pillar at Stop 26 and repair of the Town Hall front entrance. Council approved this research.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Jim Neulieb, 2201 Florimond Ave., addressed the “Council President” to diligently try to recover all fees from the Oakley lawsuit.

Mary O’Neil, 1532 LSD, questioned Jane Neulieb as to why the park board would have to go to the town attorney for advice for money over the projected budget of \$150,000 for the Melrose park project.

Joe Jogmen, 2213 Florimond Ave., questioned the possible encroachments at the bus stops which should be 40 feet.

Ken Purze, 1 Cadence Park Plaza, representing Ted Reese, a LB property owner, handed out some information to the council for the minutes folder on previously discussed fire safety material.

Council Comments: Byvoets mentioned he wants to wait until the council workshop on ordinances before he expands on some issues; ie Section 33 – Powers of the park board.

Sulkowski stated he will be attending the ceremony on May 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Michigan City City Hall for fallen officers; Michigan City has 3 officers on the wall in D.C.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #12758 through #12801 = Total \$73,086.03
Salaries for April 2015 were \$63,086.25

Motion by Byvoets and second by McDonald to approve claims; unanimously approved 5-0.

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, June 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. de Funiak