

MINUTES
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA
May 12, 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 Robert Sulkowski, St. Supt. Tom Dolph, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, and Attorney Julie Paulson. Approximately 20 people attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – On motion made and seconded, minutes were approved for the town council meeting of April 14, 2014, and the town council special meeting of April 23, 2014.

Police Department – Sulkowski made report for April. Byvoets asked about golf carts and was told it would be discussed in the Police Commission portion of the meeting.

Police Commission – Schaefer reported that a letter should be sent to individuals who have received tickets to request payment. Since no ordinance exists to allow golf carts even to the country club, an ordinance must be drafted. A newsletter will be sent to residents identifying rules which are governed by ordinances. Chief Sulkowski and de Funiak will work together to draft the newsletter. Work will begin on new police protection contracts for Duneland Beach and Michiana Shores. Next meeting will be on June 4, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Dave Albers indicated the department has computer problems and the report in June will be for April and May.

Fire Commission Report - Pete Byvoets reported the sprinkler ordinance continues to be lobbied for and Chief Albers indicated that some progress has been made and a revised ordinance will be presented to the IN State Fire Commissioners in the next few months..

Street Department – Tom Dolph gave the report April.

Park Board – Jane Neulieb reported that a Park Board meeting was held on April 29, 2014. The design for the updated Melrose Park has been completed. Contractor Pudlo will be studying stairs at Stops 19 and 26 and providing estimates. The Summer Park Program will begin on June 16th and continue for seven (7) weeks. An organic vegetable garden is being planned and evaluated to be placed on town property.

Community Center – McDonald reported that the community center will be switched from heating to A/C in the next two (2) weeks. Clerk-Treasurer reported that complaints had been received and the cleaning service should be advanced to twice a week for the summer. Motion made, seconded and approved for twice a week.

Water Board – Bob Schaefer reported the board met on April 28th. He reported that there was an increase in 811 locate calls.

Budget & Finance – Byvoets reported that over \$900,000 was received from LaPorte County for 2012/2013 and prior years. C-T requested a decision on the purchase of the new 2014 police car. Motion to finance the car over 2 years and pay for it out of the CEDIT fund was made, seconded and approved.

Human Resource Advisory Committee – de Funiak reported the draft of the new employee handbook was in the hands of HW&L and that approval by the June council meeting was still the target.

Building Commission Report – Pat McDonald reported that no problems existed with current building projects. President Schaefer stated that he and Pete Byvoets had interviewed three (3) candidates and a decision on a new building commissioner would be made in the near future. Discussion followed about access of earth moving equipment on the beach.

Advisory Plan Commission – Byvoets reported modified building codes are being evaluated by HW&L.

Building Permits – de Funiak reported for the month of April 2014 there were 15 building permits with construction costs of \$234,823.00 and fees to the town of \$1,400.00. There were 5 electric permits totaling \$823.00 with revenue to the town of \$82.30. Legal Expenses paid in April totaled \$6,087.50 to HW & L.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion made, seconded and approved to make the building inspector a town employee.

NEW BUSINESS –

Clerk-Treasurer presented the name of Debbie Steele Semla to be appointed Town Historian. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Cell Tower: Clerk-Treasurer reported that 2 offers were made to purchase the cell tower lease. One was for \$84,000, the other for \$85,000. Subject was tabled.

Attorney Paulson reported that two council members had been named in a lawsuit and suggested tht HW &L be approved to review the lawsuit to determine if the defendants were acting outside their responsibilities as council members. Motion made, seconded and approved by a 3 – 2 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Donna Kavanagh expressed her appreciation for her appointment as a building commissioner and pledged her continuing advocacy on the commission.

Fire Chief Albers gave a demonstration of the new building materials and the increased burn times. He stressed the concerns for safety of homeowner and firefighters.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Jane Neulieb thanked the police chief for installation of buoys. She also thanked the volunteers in the Garden Club for their diligent work in beautifying town gardens.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #11915 through #11982= Total \$138,920.37
Salaries for April 2014 were \$60,869.91

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

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. de Funiak