

MINUTES  
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA  
June 9, 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 60 people attended the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes** – On motion made and seconded, minutes were approved for the town council meeting of May 12, 2014.

**Police Department** – Sulkowski made report for May.

**Police Commission** – Schaefer reported that work is proceeding on police protection agreements for Michiana Shores and Duneland Beach. Discussions were held on a police car replacement schedule. Contacts were made with other municipalities regarding golf cart usage but no resolution was made on the subject.

**Volunteer Fire Department** – Chief Dave Albers reported statistics for May. As the sponsor for Boy Scout Troop 802, Chief Albers presented Eagle Scout awards to Ryan Bausback and Austin Pitchford. He announced that the LBVFD ice cream social would be held on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6 to 9 PM.

**Fire Commission Report** - No report

**Street Department** – Tom Dolph gave the report for May. Pat McDonald reported that a new memorial tree was planted at the LB Community Center. Pat read a letter from Rieth-Riley apologizing for work performed in 2013. Rieth-Riley indicated that they would re-pave Avondale and portions of Lake Shore Drive at no cost to the town.

**Park Board** – Jane Neulieb reported that street drain repair work has been done at Melrose Park. Sarah Kanyer, a licensed educator, has once again agreed to run the summer park program. Camp counselors have been hired and the program will run from June 16 to August 1. Estimates for beach stop stair repair and construction are in the works.

Jane thanked the LB Civic Association for agreeing to contribute to the rehabbing of the Old School gym floor. New outside basketball poles and equipment will be purchased and installed for a cost of \$2,780. Jane reported that no utilities were under the courtyard area, so the organic garden should be able to proceed without incident.

**Community Center** – McDonald reported that a leak was discovered in the A/C and repaired.

**Water Board** – Bob Schaefer reported that plans for new hydrants are being evaluated. The next water board meeting is scheduled for 6/23 at 9 AM.

**Budget & Finance** – Byvoets reported that a meeting was held. de Funiak indicated that budgeting for 2015 would begin soon.

**Human Resource Advisory Committee** – de Funiak reported that the new employee handbook would be discussed during the new business phase of the meeting.

**Building Commission Report** – Pat McDonald reported that the new building commissioner would be introduced later in the meeting.

**Advisory Plan Commission** – Byvoets reported that the Haas proposal was being reviewed. He discussed bulldozers on the beach with Steve Davis of the IN DNR. Pete assured the council that access to the beach would be within the DNR regulations and follow the adopted schedule rules of the Town. No heavy equipment will be allowed to park on town property.

**Building Permits** – de Funiak reported for the month of May the following:  
13 Building Permits – Construction Costs \$1,240,985.00; Fees \$11,150.00  
4 Electric Permits totaling \$452.00; Fees for Long Beach - \$45.20

**Legal Expenses** paid in May, 2014 were \$6,390.00 to H W & L

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

HR consultant Pam Krueger gave a concise but informative description of the new Employee Handbook. Attorney Paulson read Ordinance 2014-03 which was approved unanimously after unanimous approval of suspending rules for a second reading.

New building commissioner Keith Durbin was introduced and his appointment was approved unanimously. President Schaefer congratulated former commissioner Paul Fithian for his service to the town.

Speed bumps were discussed but no action was taken.

De Funiak said that complaints had been registered by residents about landscaping done by homeowners abutting Stop 29. Discussion followed by the whole council with pros and cons of these actions. Residents Martha Maust and Rick Rausch expressed their displeasure with the removal of vegetation and replacement with rocks and pine trees. No action was taken by the council.

A letter was read from the Long Beach Civic Association requesting permission to once again operate the Long Beach parade, refreshments and fireworks. Approval was made unanimously.

Jane Neulieb requested approval of the first phase of the Melrose Park project. Motion made, seconded and approved.

President Schaefer asked the attorney to discuss the lawsuits against councilpersons Neulieb and Byvoets. Attorney Paulson said that the insurance company had denied coverage but HW&L believed that they were not acting as individuals, but as town representatives. Motions were made, seconded and approved to provide legal representation for each with Clerk-Treasurer de Funiak casting the deciding vote in each.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Ed Sylvester of 1504 Lake Shore Drive indicated his displeasure with paying for the defense of Neulieb and Byvoets.

Shawn Kaczmarek complained about a jet ski storage unit being installed at Stop 16.

Pat Cannon of 2005 Nethercliff congratulated the town for prevailing in the Gunderson-West suit and asked if the town would be attempting to recover legal expenses.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Pat McDonald added a postscript to the Eagle Scout awards earlier in the meeting. He said his son's Eagle Scout award was instrumental in his hiring a few years back. Pete Byvoets and Jane Neulieb asked residents concerned about Stop 29 to contact them after the meeting.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL:** #11983 through #12033 = Total \$106,672.36  
Salaries for May 2014 were \$56,735.93

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

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, July 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
William S. de Funiak