

MINUTES
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA
July 14, 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 30 people attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – On motion made and seconded, minutes were approved for the town council meeting of June 9, 2014.

Police Department – Lt. Bullis made report for June. Jane Neulieb asked if residents could still sign up for Nixle.

Police Commission – Schaefer reported the commission met on July 2nd. The new squad car is now in service. The department is preparing for July 4th in Long Beach. 17 citations were written to residents for advertising rentals and is waiting for responses. The commission discussed the ordinance and deferred to APC for review. Police contracts for Duneland Beach and Michiana Shores were discussed once again and will be presented to the council in August. Contracts will expire on February 28, 2015.

Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Dave Albers reported statistics for June. He stated he is still working on the duplicate address issue.

Fire Commission Report - Jane commended the department for the flags around town and the ice cream social held on July 3rd.

Street Department – Tom Dolph gave the report for June. Clean up preparations are being done for the July 4th weekend in town, and street sweeping around the Town Center was done. Some streets have been patched, parks were cleaned, and some drains cleaned on Edgemoor, 2900 block of Oriole, and the 2600 block of Oriole. Tom is spraying for mosquitoes on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Pat McDonald thanked the water department and street department for their cooperation in preparing for the July 4th festivities. Councilman Byvoets asked about the painting of yellow lines on certain roads. Pat answered that all lines will be painted when all drains and streets are completed. The work is still in progress. Tom has been working on the “striping” machine. They know Hazeltine has a blind hill and it is a safety issue, but it will get painted. There have been many sewer projects ongoing and the department is quite busy this time of year.

Park Board – Jane Neulieb reported the board met on June 25th at 6:00 p.m. A proposal agreement had been sent to Julie Paulson, town attorney, for review in relation to the Melrose Park project. The summer camp program has been successfully moving along; the director was married during camp weeks and everything was covered while she was gone. Camp performance has topped last year. In the board’s discussion of the American Disability Act, Stop 16 was determined to have the flattest surface for wheel chair accessibility. Rhiggs Thomas, a Marquette high school student, has been hired as summer help for weeding and small jobs in the town parks. The Long Beach Garden Club planted

flowers at the old pumping station. The idea of an "Adopt A Lot" was discussed to give residents an opportunity to help when it comes to improving or helping in the upkeep of all local public beach stops. A proposed ordinance is in the works to forward on to the APC. Next meeting is July 23rd.

Community Center – McDonald reported the gym floor project is work in progress. Mentioned a complaint had been made about cars parking in the grassy area around the entrance to the CC. Dye Plumbing & Heating has been called in to see if they can help remedy some of the problems the CC is having with it's A/C units. They looked at 24 filters but only 2 units have need of more work. Work is continuing along with research on pre-filtering materials to hinder blocking of the filters; an internal chemical wash is possibly slated for the fall of this year.

The Community Center committee met on June 12th according to councilman and committee member Schaefer. A list was read of projects in the works including doors that need work, windows cleaning and some that need repair or replacement, pine trees needing trimmed, the entire gym facelift, and a possible future "Day of Caring" for volunteers. Next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Water Board – The water board met on June 23rd. New construction locates are in progress; the department is working to develop a policy for meter thawing that would include certain fees for such. Next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Finance – Byvoets reported the 2015 budget forms are being distributed to all departments for their input. All funds but the Community Center are in the black now.

The town is evaluating Bliss-McKnight Insurance Company, the only insurance company approved by IACT, for future property/casualty insurance. de Funiak is investigating investment options for surplus general fund monies. de Funiak also recommended the council adopt dates for budget publications as follows: September 6th and September 13th for notices in the News-Dispatch, October 20th for the hearing date, and October 27th for budget adoption. All were in favor and it was approved upon motion and second by Byvoets and Neulieb.

Human Resource Advisory Committee – de Funiak reported Pam Krueger presented all handbooks to town employees but still wants department head interviews.

Building Commission Report – Pat McDonald reported there are changes being made in the town building department; new forms, and clarification of all pertinent information with building commission meetings being held every second and fourth Friday of the month for now.

Advisory Plan Commission – Byvoets reported the commission is continuing its revisions/clarifications of building ordinances; Lt. Bullis and Chief Sulkowski are to meet with the Long Beach Country Club to discuss golf carts in the town.

Building Permits – de Funiak reported for the month of June the following:
20 Building Permits – Construction Costs \$209,059.00; Fees \$1,800.00
8 Electric Permits totaling \$1,047.00; Fees for Long Beach - \$104.70

Legal Expenses paid in June 2014 were \$5,940.00 to H W & L

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

Motion approved 5-0.

There was no unfinished business.

Under New Business, deFuniak stated the town received a refund check from Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield which was in the amount very close to the 20% that the employees have total withheld in a pay period. Upon motion and second, the employees were forgiven one (1) pay period from having the 20% withheld on their checks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ed Sylvester of 1504 Lake Shore Drive addressed councilmen McDonald and Angelo on their reasons for their votes against the town funding the Neulieb/Byvoets lawsuit. McDonald commented as did Angelo on the fact that there were a lot of unknowns. Angelo questioned whether the town would be obligated to other expenses involving the case in the future. Sylvester felt it was a preplanned vote before the meeting began.

Joe Jogmen of 2213 Florimond Ave. addressed Pat McDonald when he questioned why Hazeltine Dr. had not been painted with yellow striping yet after questioning the matter two months ago.

Martha Maust, 3005 Loma Portal, asked if striping on Moore Rd. could be possibly shared with the City of Michigan City.

Dean Uminski, 1512 Lake Shore Dr., commented on the Neulieb/Byvoets lawsuit and "Adopt A Lot" .

Steve Wilson, 2522 Glendale Way questioned the constitutionality of the 30 day rental ordinance and asked that the ordinance not be enforced until it was investigated more thoroughly.

Donna Kavanagh, 2104 Avondale, commented on the 30 day rental ordinance and that someone broke through a fence at Stop 21.

Jim Smith, 2228 Lake Shore, commented on the profanity, drinking, and inappropriate behavior happening on the beach at stop 23 on the weekends.

Jeff Dreher, 2726 Floral Trail, distributed a CC gymnasium renovation cost sheet to the council and stated that the town has a lot of community volunteer support to get the project going. He wanted the council to vote on approval of funds for the town portion of the project. De Funiak mentioned that the Community Center budget was just breaking even now; there is money in the Riverboat Fund that was not spent. Jane N. thanked Jeff and said the committee would discuss the project at their community center committee meeting before the next council meeting.

Jeff asked for a motion this evening to proceed with the project; Pat McDonald made a motion to proceed with the gym project not to exceed the cost of \$11,550 pending CC meeting to discuss material expenses.

A resident from Lake Shore Drive asked Jane Neulieb to explain the "Adopt A Lot" agreement.

Jon Mengel, 1508 Lake Shore Dr., cautioned the Town of entering into the "Adopt A Lot" idea.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Jane Neulieb talked about her position on a few subjects previously mentioned in public comment, ie the 30 day rental ordinance and the lawsuit involving herself.

Schaefer read from a letter from A T & T of IN stating they were offering the Town of Long Beach U-verse Internet Protocol Based Next Generation Video Program.

Schaefer commented on the well monitoring on town property near Beachwalk after IDEM reviews.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #12034 through #12101 = Total \$85,133.58
Salaries for June 2014 were \$71,760.66

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

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. de Funiak