

MINUTES of Meeting held July 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 Pres. Robert Schaefer. Council members Robert Angelo, Patrick McDonald, Pete Byvoets and Jane Neulieb were present along with Fire Chief Dave Albers, Chief Robert Sulkowski, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, and Attorney Julie Paulson. Street Supt. Tom Dolph was absent; approximately 35 people attended tonight's meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Corrections to the June 8th Council meeting were requested by McDonald and Neulieb. A motion was made and seconded for approval of amended minutes for the June 8th meeting.

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski read the June report.

Police Commission – Pres. Schaefer announced the commission met on July 1st. He reported that 2 defibrillators were donated to the department. The next meeting is on August 5, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

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

Fire Commission Report - Albers announced the committee had not met.

Street Department – Pat McDonald explained that NIPSCO is asking Long Beach if they will participate in a new lighting project which should save lighting costs. We will be filling out a questionnaire to be approved for this project. McDonald has investigated ADA approved benches which are made of recycled plastic for the beach stops. Fifteen (15) benches would cost about \$5,000. Jane Neulieb, Debbie Semla and Martha Maust requested more resident involvement in the stop projects.

Park Board – The board met on June 24th at 6:00p.m. Neulieb spoke about the Melrose Park project. She urged people to visit the LB Historical Society room in the LB Community Center. Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 29th, at 6:00 p.m.

Community Center – Pat McDonald reported that a thunderstorm knocked out a small fuse in the LBCC. Dye Plumbing replaced the fuse and restarted the air conditioning system.

The **Water Board** met on June 22nd; Schaefer reported that we may be facing a 50% increase in water rates from Michigan City. July's meeting is set for the 27th at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Finance –The budget process is underway. The council agreed to hold a Wednesday, October 14th budget hearing at 7:00 p.m. Council also approved the budget approval meeting for Monday, October 26th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Human Resource Advisory Committee – No meeting to report.

Building Commission Report – Angelo read the building commissioner's report.

Advisory Plan Commission – Byvoets cancelled the scheduled June 15th meeting.

Building Permits – de Funiak reported the following for the month of June: Fees of \$1,725.00 were collected on projects totaling \$161,398.00; revenue of \$151.00 collected on electric permits issued totaling \$1,510.00; beach access permit fees of \$200.00.

Legal Expenses paid in June 2015 were \$3,668.74 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

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

In Unfinished Business - Ordinance #2015-06: AN ORDINANCE OF THE LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL ESTABLISHING AN ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS BUREAU, and Ordinance #2015-07: AN ORDINANCE OF THE LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL AMENDING PARTS OF THE LONG BEACH TOWN CODE, were approved unanimously with both readings occurring at this meeting through unanimous approval.

There was discussion between Byvoets and Paulson concerning the ordinances at hand. Byvoets asked if Paulson had heard anything from Pam Walters regarding the 2nd version of the building code; Paulson said she was in contact with her.

New Business -

Nick Meyer of NIPSCO introduced the NIPSCO arborist who discussed the tree removal project.

The Salt storage building was discussed since it is required by the Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management. No decision was made.

Pres. Schaefer spoke about the water building project as a possible viewing station. However, the cost of rehabilitating the building would be well in excess of \$100,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mary Lou McFadden asked Schaefer if he would comment about what the State Board of Accounts said about the lawsuit. He responded that the official statement had not been received yet and he could not comment. Paulson said it is still in litigation but the town is seeking restitution.

Donna Kavanagh spoke about the dangerous fireworks that she encountered on the beach on July 4th.

Debbie Steele-Semla complimented the Park Board for providing a room in the LBCC for the Long Beach Historical Society.

A resident on Moore Rd. commented about speeding and signage on Moore Rd.

Council Comments:

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #12910 through #12978 = Total \$97,917.38
Salaries for June 2015 were \$72,048.87

Motion made and seconded to approve claims; unanimously approved 5-0.

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. de Funiak