

MINUTES of Meeting held August 10, 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, Peter Byvoets and Jane Neulieb were present along with Fire Chief Dave Albers, Chief Robert Sulkowski, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Street Supt. Tom Dolph, and Attorney Julie Paulson.; approximately 48 people attended tonight's meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Pat McDonald made a correction to the amended June council meeting minutes in the street department report to read “proceed with Stop 19”; Jane motioned to accept those amended minutes, and minutes of the July 13th meeting, Pete seconded, all approved.

Schaefer announced special guests to the meeting this evening, Shannon and Katrina Edling, on behalf of their late father, Slade Edling, who brought Long Beach Fitness to the community at the “Old School” community center. They thought a plaque with a bench at the center would be a nice tribute to their dad, to which Pres. Schaefer then suggested the gym be named after him; Pete made the motion to name the gym “Slade Edling Gym”, Pat McDonald seconded; approved 5-0. Jane Neulieb mentioned the park board would like to work on completing the dedication.

Ken Milo from Cytex presented additional information about the monitoring wells on Long Beach Property and asked permission to install one more well on a 3rd parcel, and add to the existing contract which is in the town attorney's possession; there was discussion. Bob Angelo motion to approve the additional well, McDonald seconded, approved by all town council. Attorney Paulson will amend the contract to include the additional well.

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski read the July report.

Police Commission – Pres. Schaefer announced the commission met on August 5th at 8:30 a.m. The commission reviewed two new squad cars, cameras, a new Facebook page, and the “LED” light bulb change program with NIPSCO. Next meeting is Sept. 2nd at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Dave Albers read the report Y-T-D thru July, 2015. (on file)

Fire Commission Report - Albers announced they met in July and were recruiting on the website for new members.

Street Department – Tom Dolph questioned if there could be a special meeting before the regular Sept 14th meeting to open bids for street paving. The department is receiving 3 quotes for work estimated between \$80,000– \$100,000.

Dolph said the department worked on washouts at Stop 22 and 23; seeking long term solutions through professional engineers.

Questions arose from the audience about mosquito spraying in certain neighborhoods; a resident at 2021 Goldengate requested spraying, Dolph mentioned another resident in 1600 block doesn't want spraying. J. Neulieb requested federal regulations be made public on spraying.

Pat McDonald spoke of a "turn-key salt storage building" and wants to review those options for town storage of salt.

With approximately 163 street lights in town, Long Beach will sign up with NIPSCO for the new "LED initiative" light program to reduce the monthly town's NIPSCO bills. Byvoets motioned to sign up, Angelo seconded; approved 5-0.

Per town attorney Paulson's advice, McDonald will collect bids from 3 contractors for \$19,800 worth of concrete work at 5 beach stops.

McDonald received "emergency" surveys for Stops 22 and 23, with previous approval from Pres. Schaefer, to determine town property.

Residents at stop 18 would like to put together a long term plan at their group's expense for maintaining overgrowth of trees and shrubs. McDonald had Stop 18 surveyed at a cost of \$435.00 and it showed "it was encumbered by all sorts of things". As McDonald stated there are no funds in the Street Dept. budget for maintenance of beach stops; he asked Byvoets, B & F member, for a line item budget, about \$30,000 to proceed with long term work. There was discussion with Pete regarding funds availability. McDonald requested Haas and Assoc. for erosion solutions at Stop 23. Byvoets cited safety issues; Angelo motioned to allow line item budgeting of \$30,000; Schaefer seconded. Approved 5-0

Park Board – Jane Neulieb stated the board met on Wednesday, July 29th, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss a potential park employee; then met at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the budget. (see report)

Community Center – Pat McDonald announced "Life is Good" at the CC. There is an opening on the Community Center Board; Pat Eckenstahler has stepped down from the committee and also from the Budget and Finance.

The **Water Board** met on July 27th. The board developed a new policy for acquiring the mailing lists. The new water rate increase is reflected on the July utility bills; Carl Cender is working with the department on changing the ordinance. Next meeting is August 24th at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Finance – de Funiak mentioned there are no requirements for postings of annual financial reports in the newspaper anymore. The committee will be meeting on Wednesday, August 12th. There is a vacancy on the committee that needs filled after Pat Eckenstahler stepped down.

Human Resource Advisory Committee – No meeting

Building Commission Report – After reading the department's report Angelo read two (2) letters from the building commissioner and one (1) from a councilperson.

Advisory Plan Commission – Byvoets cancelled the scheduled July 20th meeting.

Permit Report – de Funiak reported the following for the month of July: Fees of \$3,350.00 were collected on projects totaling \$382,742.00; revenue of \$50.80 collected on electric permits issued totaling \$508.00; 3 street cutting permits with fees of \$300.00.

Legal Expenses paid in July 2015 were \$ 7,155.00 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

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

In Unfinished Business -

Discussion on the salt storage building continued this meeting but the subject was tabled once again.

Monitoring wells were discussed earlier in the meeting.

Joy Schmitt, Park and Rec Dept. chairperson, presented an update on Melrose Park with handout information to the council for review. Jim Price, 2708 Duffy Lane, raised concerns about parking at Melrose Park. Kathy Brown, 2100 Oakenwald Ave., asked if toddler equipment could be added. Jim Dehner, 2300 Fairway Dr., questioned the costs for Melrose Park, Joe Jogmen, spoke supporting the existing fence and footprint for Melrose Park.

Clerk-Treasurer de Funiak said that no bids had been received for air duct cleaning for Town Hall.

New Business –

President Schaefer introduced Bob Gallagher as a replacement for Pat Eckenstahler on the Budget and Finance Committee. Motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously for Gallagher's appointment to the BFC.

Security cameras with a cost of under \$35,000 were approved by the council .

The issue of hang tags for the north parking lot for town employees was not approved.

De Funiak read a letter complimenting the Higdon family, friends, and volunteers for the continued generosity in donating proceeds of the July 4th Run to the Long Beach Community Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mary Lou McFadden, 2714 Duffy Lane, asked if the recently completed four (4) year audit had been published. C-T deFuniak replied that it had not.

Rich Crain, 2200 MaryBen Dr., spoke about Building Commissioner, Aaron Tomscheck, and burgeoning legal expenses.

Frank Parkerson, 2030 Juneway Dr., requested more civility from the Town Council.

Sheila Haggerty, 2513 Lake Shore Dr., asked about the Stop 26 pillar that had been damaged.

Donna Kavanagh, 2104 Avondale Dr., asked for information on a golf cart citation issued in front of her house.

Shiela Ehrlich, 2302 Hazeltine Ave., spoke in support of golf cart usage throughout town.

Micky Gallas, 2411 St. Lawrence Ave., asked about public records accessibility.

Council Comments:

McDonald mentioned that leaf pick-up will be scheduled for the month of November. Jane Neulieb spoke about salt storage for neighboring communities.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Checks #12979 through #13058 totalling \$178,467.20
Salaries for July 2015 were \$118,576.08 (includes summer park employees).

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

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. de Funiak