

MINUTES
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA
August, 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 34 people attended the meeting.

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

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski gave the report for June.

Police Commission – Schaefer reported the commission met on August 6, 2014. Spoke of what the meeting topics consisted of and announced the next meeting to be September 3, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Dave Albers reported statistics for July. Read a letter to the department from the Quinn family.

Fire Commission Report - Dave Albers mentioned he is still working with the planning commission on modifying codes.

Street Department – Tom Dolph gave the report for July. Prospective dates for fall leaf pick up will be November 3 through December 1. Among other things, the department worked on drains in the 2600 block and 2900 block of Oriole Trail. Discussed rights-of-ways, funds for paving Oriole Trail from Moore Rd. to Town Hall; and received an approved location to dump maintenance garage debris.

Park Board – Jane Neulieb reported the board met on July 23, 2014. Report attached. Next scheduled meeting will be August 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Community Center – McDonald reported there are some exterior doors at the CC that are in need of repair from age so he has estimates coming in on that; he's working with Dye Plumbing and Heating on other estimates for the building. Next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Water Board – The water board met on July 28, 2014. Bob Schaefer announced the passing of Byron Schreeg, a member of the water board; he will be truly missed. Meter tests have been done on "high bill" complaints. Next water board meeting is August 25, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Finance – Byvoets reported the work on the 2015 budget is ongoing. de Funiak said that Joie Winski sent an "all area" letter stating the county cut 2.6 million from the budget and suggested that all municipalities try to keep their budgets within last year's numbers.

Human Resource Advisory Committee – de Funiak reported Pam Krueger would like to finalize this project and set a date to meet with all department heads

Building Commission Report – Keith Durbin gave the report for July. Announced an advertisement had been published in the News-Dispatch on July 23rd, and ran for a period of 2 weeks, for a part-time building inspector for the Town of Long Beach. The Commission will open and review all applications/resumes at their building commission meeting on August 22, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Advisory Plan Commission – Byvoets reported the APC will meet on August 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m; topics to be discussed are the same as the previous meeting. The situation of address changes for a few particular residents will be resolved at this meeting.

Building Permits – de Funiak reported for the month of July the following:
18 Building Permits – Construction Costs \$1,315,060.00; Fees \$8,948.00
9 Electric Permits totaling \$2,446.00; Fees for Long Beach - \$244.60

Legal Expenses paid in July 2014 were \$5,437.50 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 Alan Hammond, from American Disability Acts, presented the town with a “Model ADA” agreement for review. With a motion and second, the agreement was to be sent to town attorney, Julie Paulson, for review.

The subject of a collection agency to collect fines for the Town instead of the Town Attorney was discussed; to help reduce costs in the collection process. Because the purpose of collecting the fines after a long period of time in non-payment status is to keep those cited in compliance with town ordinances, the building commissioner, Keith Durbin, recommended two collection agencies, which he had contacted, to the council. Upon a motion and second to approve the idea of a collection agency, the commissioner was given permission to send a recommended agency to Julie Paulson for review of such a contract with the Town.

Councilman Schaefer discussed the police contracts the Town has with Michiana Shores and Duneland Beach ; after council discussion and comments and upon a motion and second, the 36 months contracts for each were approved to be reviewed (3 – 2 vote) at the next Police Commission meeting on September 3rd.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ed Sylvester of 1504 Lake Shore Drive asked Chief Sulkowski if there was any progress on the recent vandalisms?

Mary Sheridan of 2111 Lake Shore questioned the dollar figures for the July claims and legal fees.

Mr. Haggerty of 2513 Lake Shore commented on the ADA beach access.

Horst Bauchrowitz of 2308 Foxdale is still waiting for the APC to make a change to his address; Byvoets said it would be finalized at the APC meeting on 8/21 at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Schaefer mentioned that Dean Uminski of Lake Shore asked if the town would reconsider having "Wards" in Long Beach at election time. Schaefer said he would include it on the agenda for next month's council meeting.

Schaefer and de Funiak will also discuss the future of the Community Center regarding maintenance, upkeep, management, etc.

De Funiak reminded all council the ads for the 2015 budget will appear in publication on September 3rd and 10th, the budget hearing is October 14th at 7:00 p.m. and budget approval will be October 27th at 7:00 p.m. , all at Town Hall.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #12102 through #12178 = Total \$199,384.71

Salaries for July 2014 (including summer camp) were \$75,572.61

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

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. de Funiak