

MINUTES
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA
September 8, 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 24 people attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – On motion made and seconded, minutes were approved for the town council meeting of August 11, 2014.

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski gave the report for July. (copy of report in file) He briefly mentioned the possibility of contacting Crime Stoppers to assist with the recent burglaries in Long Beach. Councilman Byvoets stated he would personally pledge money for a reward if it got to that point.

Police Commission – Schaefer reported the commission met on September 3, 2014. (copy of report on file) He mentioned the commission was discussing the idea of cameras to be installed at entrances to Long Beach at Stop 13 on LSD, Karwick Rd., and on Moore Rd.

Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Dave Albers reported statistics for August.

Fire Commission Report - Dave Albers said the commission had not met but would like to meet in October. Jane thanked the department for removing all the flags from the street poles and for the department assisting at the Advisory Planning Commission meeting.

Street Department – Tom Dolph gave the report for August. He is in contact with a company quoting for tree trimming in Long Beach in conjunction with NIPSCO. Tom said the street department will hold off on trimming/cutting trees on behalf of the town until NIPSCO has finished their work because we can save money by allowing NIPSCO to trim and cut. Bid information will be mailed this week in regards to street paving. Street striping will not be part of the bid package. A separate company will be hired to save the 10% markup. The department has been working on drains on Oriole Trail, patching holes, “child” safety signs for certain areas of town. Work on the capital assets is ongoing.

Park Board – Jane Neulieb reported the board met on August 27, 2014. Report attached. The park board accepted a \$7,000 bid from Global Engineering for the Melrose Park project; it will be sent to HWL for review. The community center gym floor project has been put on hold. The parking ordinance will be discussed at the next meeting.

Community Center – Bob Schaefer stated the committee met on August 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. McDonald gave an update on the maintenance progress to date regarding the air conditioning. Dye Plumbing and Heating gave the town (3) options in fixing/solving the ongoing problems at the community center. There was a unanimous vote to pay a maximum of \$20,000 towards option C. (See

bids on file) Sean Hayes, from the audience, questioned the bid from Dye Plumbing & Heating and asked if the town requested bids from other companies; if so, who? Clerk-Treasurer deFuniak mentioned that the utilities at the community center cost nearly \$35,000/yr. McDonald also reported on the problem with some of the exit doors at the CC. Meyer Glass & Mirror builds/repairs commercial exterior doors. Upon approval of a motion and second, Meyer Glass & Mirror will fix the doors in questions for no more than \$1,200. Schaefer mentioned the Community Center committee was interested in possibly having a Holiday party.

Water Board – The water board met on August 25, 2014. Bob Schaefer announced the water board having (1) candidate spot still open. Next water board meeting is September 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Finance – Byvoets reported the committee will meet on September 10, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. Discussion will include recommendations for selling the cell tower.

Human Resource Advisory Committee – de Funiak- Pam Krueger will be coming in to the office on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. to work with Deanna on HR files. Angelo noted the police department should conduct a background check on all future employees of the town. Byvoets motioned to recommend hiring Krueger, as the town's HR consultant, to the council.

Building Commission Report – Keith Durbin gave the report for August. Town attorney Paulson is still reviewing an ordinance for a Violations Bureau; to update the council at the October 13th meeting.

Advisory Plan Commission – Byvoets reported the APC met on August 21, 2014. The APC, by state statute, necessarily changed addresses to eliminate further confusion, for 2308-A Foxdale, Jim Bouramas, which will now be 2310 Foxdale Trail; and 2310 Foxdale Trail, David/Anna Story, has been changed to 2312 Foxdale Trail. Upon motion and second and unanimous approval De Funiak was advised to send Certified Mail notifications to these residents. Notification will be mailed to the local Michigan City Postmaster and the LaPorte County Assessor.

Building Permits – de Funiak reported for the month of August the following:
22 Building Permits – Construction Costs \$990,528.42; Fees \$9,791.59
4 Electric Permits totaling \$955.00; Fees for Long Beach - \$95.50

Legal Expenses paid in August 2014 were \$10,870.00 to H W & L

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

In **Unfinished Business** police contracts for Michiana Shores and Duneland Beach were discussed during the police commission meeting on September 3, 2014, and reported in Schaefer's report for same. Town Attorney Paulson will report at the October meeting on the ADA Model Agreement and also on the collection agency system tabled at tonight's meeting.

New Business: Town Wards were discussed; whether Long Beach should change back to Wards for this next election. Schaefer allowed input from the audience. Jim Price, 2708 Duffy Lane liked the idea. Mary Joy, 1510 Lake Shore Drive, stated she believed the residents that live "along the lake" did not have enough representation. She suggested 3 wards and 2 floaters. Donna Kavanagh, 2104 Avondale

Dr., said she didn't think there would be enough candidates in each ward. She suggested a workshop to get resident input. Nancy McGeady, Chastleton Dr., mentioned there are approximately 1,000 voters on the books, there wouldn't be enough time to get Long Beach ready for Wards before the November 2015 election; maybe those who feel they are not being represented by council should run for a council seat. Mr. Mengel, 1508 Lake Shore Dr., drew attention to the recently crowded council meetings each month and suggested the each of the council members review their position on the board. What needs changing? Fire Chief Dave Albers stated the town went to "at large" status in 2004 and having 5 wards is not a good idea. Council president Schaefer and councilman McDonald both liked the "at-large" position and are always readily available for residents regarding all situations that arise. The board voted 5-0 to continue on with "at large" status.

The Community Center is now being recognized as its own stand-alone committee after the council voted 5 -0 on a motion and second. It has its own budget; Cender & Co. prepared Resolution #2014-002: Transfer funds from CEDIT Fund #411, \$90,000 to the CC Fund #224; a motion to accept was approved 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Bob Gallagher, 1700 Lake Shore Dr, wanted to know if the 1614 Indianapolis Blvd deck issue has been resolved; if so, when is the deadline and what are legal fees for everything?

Mary O'Neil, 1532 Lake Shore Dr, asked if the town was putting a "cap" on the legal fees when paying expenses for the (2) council members' lawsuit.

Sean Kaczmarek, 1535 Lake Shore Dr, asked if the town has a deadline for removal of "toys" from the beach each day/month of the summer? A Stop 16 resident had a massive unit built just for his beach toys and it is an eyesore.

Mrs. Antonietti, 2010 Idlewood Dr. asked for a stop sign at Stop 21

Joe Jogmen, 2213 Florimond Ave., asked if the speed limit on Lake Shore Drive could be lowered to 15 mph.

Resident at 3008 Lake Shore asked if the town would be repaving Lake Shore Drive in the near future? Discussion followed with Street Supt. Dolph and the council regarding same.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

De Funiak clarified what the town hall building lease is with Harbour Trust & Co. on the building mortgage; that the term "lease" is their verbiage for mortgage.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #12179 through #12245 = Total \$106,796.90
Salaries for August 2014 were \$69,014.52

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

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, October 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. de Funiak