

Amended  
MINUTES of Meeting held September 14, 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, 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, Pat McDonald was absent; approximately 50+ people attended tonight's meeting.

**Approval of Minutes** – Second amended minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting; council meeting of August 10, 2015; minutes of executive council meeting of August 11, 2015; minutes of special council meeting of August 2, 2015 – all approved by council.

Schaefer announced special invited guests Lynn Spevak and Diane Gonzales with Voter's Registration to explain registration rules. They said Long Beach has 1,271 registered voters, 1,115 active voters with approximately 156 inactive. Information regarding absentee voting which begins October 6<sup>th</sup> will be posted in the Clerk's office.

**Police Department** – Chief Sulkowski read the August report.

**Police Commission** – No report - Commission will meet on October 7, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

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

**Fire Commission Report** - No report

**Street Department** – Tom Dolph reported the department had been working on drainage on Foxdale Trail. Leaf pick up was announced to run October 28<sup>th</sup> through December 11<sup>th</sup> with bid packets to be mailed out next week. Street paving bids were opened: Rieth-Riley's bid was approx \$262,000 and Walsh-Kelly bid \$308,000. Attorney Paulson announced the Town has two quotes under advisement; a special meeting was set for Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for the council to award bids.

**Park Board** – Jane Neulieb read the Park report – gave a Melrose Park update; a 2<sup>nd</sup> ADA approval was received. The committee meets again on September 23, 2015 at 6 p.m.

**Community Center** – Bill de Funiak announced Dye Plumbing & Heating will be making the switch on thermostats, at the building, to heat, in the next few weeks. de Funiak mentioned the tenant leases will be up for renewal at year-end and asked for council approval to keep monthly rent to remain the same for 2016. Pete Byvoets motioned to allow 2016 rental leases to remain the same as 2015. Jane seconded and all approved.

The **Water Board** met on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Damon from Cender & Co. was present to answer any questions regarding the new water rate increase written into a new Town Ordinance which will be approved at a council meeting scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting is September 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

**Budget & Finance** – Pete Byvoets reviewed the 2016 Budget. Bob Angelo commented on the increased legal expenses and suggested a voucher system to control costs.

**Human Resource Advisory Committee** – No meeting to report but will meet again on September 22, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

**Building Commission Report** – Angelo read the department's reports for two (2) meetings, August 14 and September 1, 2015. Aaron, the building commissioner is asking for assistance from town attorney Paulson in regards to 2906 Lake Shore, the Federighi property; Federighi had been instructed and ordered to demolish the garage sitting on the property and his deadline has expired. Schaefer gave permission for Aaron to work with the attorney on this matter.

**Advisory Plan Commission** – Byvoets started discussion on the status of the current building codes.

**Permit Report** – de Funiak reported the following for the month of August: Fees of \$1,400.00 were collected on projects totaling \$337,327.00; revenue of \$39.10 collected on electric permits issued totaling \$391.00; 1 beach access permit; 3 street cutting permits with fees of \$300.00.

**Legal Expenses** paid in August 2015 were \$ 5,065.00 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

A motion made and seconded approved the above council reports as presented 4-0.

#### **In Unfinished Business -**

The salt storage building was again tabled.

Clerk-Treasurer de Funiak announced one (1) quote had been received for \$2,150.00 for air-duct cleaning at Town Hall from Quality Carpet Care. No action was taken; de Funiak will get 2 more quotes. Byvoets motioned to allow up to \$2,150 for duct cleaning; Angelo, seconded, approved by all.

#### **New Business –**

A special council meeting was set for Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to approve a new Ordinance to “Amend the water rates and charges for the use of the Services rendered by the Town of Long Beach Water Department”.

De Funiak announced an insurance rebate check was issued to the Town so each employee enrolled in the plan will receive a \$214.00 refund.

Garbage contracts are being prepared to be mailed in October.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Pat Sharkey, 2700 Floral Trail, and counsel for the LB Community Alliance spoke on behalf of "the Alliance" and gave handouts to the council members.

Sally Allen, 1701 Lake Shore Dr, asked whether there can be an access for public use on the Stop 17 easement?

Frank Parkerson, 2030 Juneway Dr., questioned attorney-client privileges with regard to access to attorney fees paid.

James Laughlin, 2811 Lake Shore Dr., complained about lack of opportunity for public comment at the last BZA meeting.

Dean Uminski, 1512 Lake Shore Dr., spoke about the opinion, not the decision, made by Judge Stahlbrink.

Mr. Healy, Somerset, asked about Melrose park and street sweeping.

Donna Kavanagh, 2104 Avondale Dr., mentioned the possibility of making donations for all the California wildfires.

Mrs. Kowalski, 2604 Oriole Trail, asked if striping would be done along with the paving this fall. (Tom Dolph said it would not)

James Neulieb, 2201 Florimond Ave., said that a hearing would be held to discuss recovery of attorney fees.

Mary Lou McFadden, 2714 Duffy Lane, questioned the status of the audit report. (de Funiak said no report had been received yet)

Joe Jogmen, 2213 Florimond Ave., spoke of "information flow" regarding public access to information.

**Council Comments:**

Jane Neulieb spoke about the Building Commission minutes; she also commented on Jim Laughlin's statements.

de Funiak announced large item pick up dates for refuse service; Monday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>; put all items at curbside along with regular trash by 6:00 a.m.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL:** Checks #13059 through #13123 totalling \$130,586.45

Salaries for August 2015 were \$67,464.64

Motion made and seconded to approve claims/salaries; unanimously approved 4-0.

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, October 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
William S. de Funiak