

MINUTES
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA
OCTOBER 8, 2012

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Robert Schaefer. The following Council members were present: Robert Schaefer, Jane Neulieb, Patrick McDonald, Robert Angelo and Peter Byvoets. Also present were Fire Chief Dave Albers, Police Chief Robert Sulkowski, Street Superintendent Tom Dolph, Clerk-Treasurer William de Funiak and Attorney Jeff Thorne. Approximately 25 residents were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes – On motion made and seconded, the minutes of September 10, 2012 were approved.

Police Department - Chief Bob Sulkowski delivered a report for the month of September, 2012. Lt. Todd Bullis will be on police dispatcher duty for 6-8 weeks while he recovers from shoulder surgery. A detailed report of the activities is available as the monthly police report.

Police Commission – Bob Schaefer reported the Police Commission met on October 3, 2012. Contracts for police protection were executed with Duneland Beach and Michiana Shores. President Schaefer asked Clerk-Treasurer de Funiak if quarterly payments instead of monthly would appropriate for 2013 and beyond and de Funiak concurred.

Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Dave Albers delivered a report for September, 2012. Chief Albers reported that the LBVFD has achieved an ISO rating of 4 which represents a significant savings in insurance costs for residents of Long Beach and Duneland Beach. Most volunteer fire departments rate 5 or higher (1 being the best ISO rating).

Fire Commission – Councilman Byvoets reported that we are evaluating funding sources for a new fire truck and expansion of the firehouse. The loan for the newer American LaFrance fire truck was retired in May, 2012.

Street Department – Tom Dolph reported on general town maintenance. Leaf pick-up starts on October 22 and runs through November 30, 2012. Street paving will begin soon on Golden Gate, which includes a short section of Somerset, Floral Trail from Lake Shore Drive to Elbridge, a section of Elbridge from Floral Trail to Ardmore, Storey Avenue from Indianapolis to and the large intersection of Roslyn and Mt. Claire. Maintenance on street basins will be performed.

Park Board –

Community Center – Air conditioning units have been shut down and heating has been activated. Repair of the A/C will be ongoing during the winter and early spring. The LaPorte YMCA will have another 3 day clean-up of the Fitness Center.

Budget & Finance – Pete Byvoets reported that the two legal postings of the 2013 budget were made in the Michigan City News-Dispatch. The September 24, 2012 budget hearing was held with 4 residents attending.

Human Resources – Bill de Funiak reported that no meetings were held but a formal resolution for the charter of the Human Resources Advisory Committee would be presented in the new business portion of the meeting.

Building Permits – Bill de Funiak reported for the month of August, 2012, there were 15 building permits totaling \$1,330,762.00, which amounts to \$6,850.00 in fees for the Town. There were two electrical permits totaling \$176.00 with revenue to the Town of \$17.60.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the above Council reports as presented. Motion approved.

President Schaefer introduced Ken Purze, MS4 coordinator for the storm sewer alliance, of which Long Beach is a part. This is a state-mandated organization which Long Beach joined in 2003. Our share of the \$60,000 annual cost is 5%, approximately \$3,000. Michigan City is hiring an engineer to replace the current director in LaPorte County.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Thorne delivered sign ordinance proposed wording to the council. Motion to send to the Advisory Plan Commission was made, seconded and approved. Councilman McDonald will provide input on brightness (lumens) to be added to the amendment.

Garbage toter wording to modify the existing ordinance will be updated by Peter Byvoets.

NEW BUSINESS:

2013 Ordinance/Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rate was approved unanimously.

1903 Lakeshore Drive - complaint was registered by Ronald Nash that neighbor's deck and fence encroaches on his property. Review of permits and discussions with neighbor will ensue.

Funds for 5 K run (\$600) requested by LBCC to beautify lobby of Community Center. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Resolution to approve mission and duties of Human Resources Advisory Committee made by Clerk-Treasurer. Motion made, seconded and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ted Reese of 2306 Lakeshore Drive suggested that the town should develop a program to collect a commission on rentals. This would require all leases to be filed with the town.

A resident requested striping to be done on Chastleton.

Dean Uminski of 1512 Lakeshore Drive suggested that the term of the HRAC appointees be longer than 1 year.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #10678 THROUGH 10749 = Total \$100,769.34. Salaries for September 2012 - \$51,125.79. Motion to approve claims made, seconded and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William de Funiak
Clerk-Treasurer