

MINUTES
LONG BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL, LONG BEACH, INDIANA
April 14, 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, Officer Jim Schooley, St. Supt. Tom Dolph, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, and Attorney Julie Paulson. Approximately 40 people attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – On motion made and seconded, minutes were approved for the town council meeting of March 10, 2014.

Police Department – Schooley gave police report for March.

Police Commission – Meeting held on April 2, 2014. Bob Angelo and Bob Sulkowski attended. No significant action required.

Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Dave Albers made the report for March and promised handouts later in the meeting. President Schaefer commented on his house fire on March 30th and complimented the fire department and all the volunteers for their fine work. He thanked those who followed up with clothes and support after the fire.

Fire Commission Report - Pete Byvoets reported that no specific items need council approval.

Street Department – Tom Dolph reported plows had been removed from town trucks. Large limb and branch removal has begun and will continue throughout April. Leaf pickup will begin on April 21 and be targeted for completion on Friday, April 25. It will begin at the lower Stops and will be one pass only.

Park Board – Jane Neulieb reported Park Board meeting results. Kendra was commissioned to get plans for Melrose Park re-model (not to exceed \$300). Re-model target cost is \$40,000. Stop 19 steps will be evaluated by Jim Pudlo, the contractor who built Stop 21 steps last year. The park program will begin on schedule. Sarah Kanyer will again direct camp starting June 16th for 7 weeks ending August 3rd. Training will be the week of June 9th. Pat McDonald asked the park dept. to allocate \$10,000 for budget assistance in correcting sewer problems that contribute to flooding in Melrose Park. Pete Byvoets suggested that money be allocated from the Riverboat Fund. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Community Center – McDonald reported the only major issue in the Community Center was a plumbing drain blockage between two classrooms which has been corrected. President Schaefer reported that the memorial brick project will begin shortly. Clerk-Treasurer reported that Rose Brick Co. of South Bend has been paid \$400 with a final payment of \$400 on project completion. This will include etching of those bricks already sold and some blank bricks to be used as additional bricks are sold. Bob Schaefer announced that it had been agreed to have regular LBCC meetings on an “every other month” basis on the even months. The next meeting will be on June 12th at 4 p.m. in Room 12. Pete Byvoets commented that through the first trimester the LBCC was in the black \$13.33 which, compared to an annual loss of \$40,000, is quite significant.

Water Board – Bob Schaefer reported that Supt. Griffin is researching costs to replace two (2) water mains. The next meeting is April 28th at 9 a.m.

Budget & Finance – Byvoets reported that a bid for \$3,800 for an engineering study by Haas & Assoc. had been submitted. Motion made, seconded and approved. Byvoets reported on the Town finances and the meeting that was held with the DLGF attended by Bill de Funiak and Pete. All prior years through 2012 appear to be in order and 2013 receipts should return the General Fund to a positive balance.

Human Resource Advisory Committee – de Funiak reported that he spoke today to the HR consultant and the employee manual will be ready within a week to send to HWL.

Building Commission Report – Paul Fithian reported that two (2) meetings here held in March.

Advisory Plan Commission – Byvoets reported that the group met in March with all members present. They went through several building codes and ordinances individually, took votes on each with committee suggestions and forwarded all to Harris Welsh & Lukmann for review. Pete mentioned a contractor had been cited for working without a building permit on two (2) jobs. He suggested that the council meet and consider suspension of the contractor registration as described in the town ordinance.

Building Permits – de Funiak reported for the month of March 2014 there were 12 building permits with construction costs of \$609,525.00 and fees to the town of \$4,675.00. There were 4 electric permits totaling \$1,151.00 with revenue to the town of \$115.10. Legal Expenses paid in March totaled \$15,035.00 to HW & L.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pat McDonald read a report dated 1946 that the property at Stop 31 was dedicated to the residents of Shoreland Hills. Neulieb suggested that Harris Welsh & Lukmann should review these documents. Attorney Paulson will study documents and report in the future.

NEW BUSINESS –

2 Big Hearts- Jim Clarke requested use of the gym on May 24th for his annual run.

President Schaefer asked that Larry Wall, a representative from the fire dept., and Donna Kavanagh, a resident, be approved as additions to the current building commission. Motion made, seconded and approved.

The building inspector moved to “Town Part-time employee” status. Discussion followed and it was agreed to delay decision until a job description can be developed and further review at a building commission meeting can be performed.

Oakley Home Builders’ petition was presented by attorney John Wojcik of New Buffalo, Michigan. He discussed the six (6) lots at Stop 31, commenting on real estate taxes being paid to Long Beach since at

least 1998. He requested that an ordinance be passed to formally approve the lots as Long Beach property by rule of acquiescence. Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of this ordinance. First reading of Ordinance 14-02 was made. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Eden Lysaught registered her displeasure at the building at Stop 31.

Rima Binder asked about the use of golf carts in the town.

Paul Fithian spoke about the preponderance of boats in Long Beach, concerned why he was being singled out.

Chief Albers passed out pictures of 3, 4, and 5 story homes to council and audience to highlight the difficulties in firefighting these structures. He continues to pursue approval of a new sprinkler ordinance by the Indiana Fire Commission.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: #11856 through #11914 = Total \$92,031.25

Salaries for March 2014 were \$77,027.06

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

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. de Funiak