

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING at TOWN HALL
January 9, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Present were Pete Byvoets, Bob Lemay, Joy Schmitt, Nick Meyer; Attorney Julie Paulson from HWL, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Tom Dolph, St. Supt., Fire Chief Dave Albers and Police Chief Bob Sulkowski. Councilwoman Jane Neulieb was not present. There were approximately 18 townspeople in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

2016 Council President Peter Byvoets asked Attorney Paulson to conduct proceedings for election of the 2017 Council President. Paulson requested nominations; Bob Lemay nominated Pete Byvoets and second was made by Joy Schmitt. No other nominations were presented. Unanimous vote was presented for Mr. Byvoets.

Motion by Joy Schmitt to **approve minutes** for the council meeting of December 12, 2016, second by Bob Lemay, approved 4 -0;

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski presented the December police report. He indicated that \$500 had been received for the Triathlon and a private citizen had made a \$2,500 contribution in the name of the police.

Police Commission – The January 4, 2017 meeting was cancelled.

Fire Department/Fire Commission – Dave Albers read the Y-T-D report through December, 2016. He suggested that a barricade be erected at the spot where the recent accident occurred on Chastleton Drive. He noted that a fatality had happened about 20 years ago because of an accident at the same site. No report for the commission meeting.

Street Department - Tom Dolph reported that salting of streets continues and the hydraulic system on one of the trucks had been completed. They have and will continue to review street paving requirements. A Stop 14 drainage system was identified which could impact any LSD sewer projects. Pete Byvoets asked about underground infrastructure documents and was told that most were destroyed in the earlier fire. Pete asked Tom to investigate the installation of a barricade mentioned by Chief Albers.

There was no December **Street Commission** meeting.

Park Board – Joy Schmitt reported that the Park Board will be discussing short and long range plans in 2017 and urged residents to attend meetings to provide their input. Tennis court re-surfacing is being considered but evaluation of ownership must be established in conjunction with the Long Beach Country Club. She brought up the Beach Stops and responsibility for upkeep. Byvoets made a motion, seconded by Joy, to cede authority to the Park Board for the beach stops. Motion carried unanimously.

Long Beach Community Center – Joy reports that the new doors have been installed. Roof replacement has been deferred until 2018; patching and repairs will be performed in 2017. LBVFD will cooperate with LBCC to evaluate the fire alarm system. Chief Sulkowski mentioned that the line from the Community Center to Town Hall had been severed this summer.

Water Board – Nick Meyer made the report for the December meeting. Pete Byvoets mentioned that the Water Board had refused providing a resident list for the Building Inspector and suggested that the Town Council could recommend providing that list. His motion was seconded by Bob Lemay. Vote was 2 – 2, so it did not carry.

Budget and Finance – Pete Byvoets discussed the purchase of a new leaf machine and asked Tom Dolph to explain the need for another leaf vacuum. C-T de Funiak explained that the BFC had recommended an increase to the current \$5.94 charge to \$7.69 per month. He indicated that a resolution would be prepared for the February meeting with the \$1.75 monthly increase.

Human Resources Advisory Committee – Bill de Funiak reported that a meeting was held in early January to discuss changes to the Employee Policy Manual and Federal Medical Leave Absence additions. Plans to present these changes are targeted for the March, 2017 council meeting.

Building Department – Bob Lemay reported that no meeting has been held since the last council meeting. Nick Meyer asked about the status of the Country Club parking lot. Lemay said that some drawings had been presented but no formal Building Permit Application had been submitted. The next meeting will be held in town hall on January 13, 2017 at 1:00 PM.

BZA Report - Lemay stated there was no December meeting; the committee meets again on January 10th at 7:00 PM.

Advisory Plan Commission – Nick Meyer reported that the Comprehensive Plan was discussed at the December 20, 2016 APC meeting. Discussions continued on the 30-day rental ordinance and its enforcement. Garbage toter ordinance was discussed. Modifications to the View ordinance were evaluated. Stop 24 plans were reviewed. A Moon Valley project with the Boy Scouts was discussed. Joy Schmitt expounded on the Stockwell Woods/Eagle Scout proposed activity. She discussed the agreement from the Moon Valley group which required a signature from President Byvoets. Attorney Paulson will review the agreement before the next council meeting.

December permit revenue report:

3 electric permits issued at \$448.00 with town revenue of \$44.80;

1 Street Cut Permits with revenue of \$100.00.

Legal Expenses paid in December were \$20,600.00 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

Motion by Schmitt and second by Byvoets to approve reports and claims; 4-0.

In Unfinished Business – The second reading of Ordinance #2016-11 was presented by Attorney Paulson, Salary Ordinance for 2017, was moved by Joy Schmitt and seconded by Pete Byvoets. Motion passed 4-0.

In New Business – Pete Byvoets made comments about the 30 Day Rental and Toter Ordinances that he planned to complete in 2017.

Byvoets then provided background on the work that has been expended discussing sewers in Long Beach. He explained that it would require expense from residents to hook up with an installed sewer line and coordination with Michigan City Sanitary District. He said that estimates of costs were in the millions of dollars but were very preliminary. He then took comments from residents about costs and maintenance. He closed by stating that no definitive studies had been performed that suggest that the current septic systems throughout much of Long Beach present an environmental hazard.

Julie Paulson read the **Resolution 2017-01: A Resolution of the Long Beach Town Council Adopting a Comprehensive Plan** requesting approval of the Comprehensive Plan. Motion was made by Pete Byvoets, second by Bob Lemay. Joy Schmitt complimented APC members, subcommittees and residents for their work in preparing and completing the Plan. Motion to approve passed 4-0.

Pete Byvoets presented committee appointments to be approved by the Council. Nick Meyer made a motion to accept the appointments, seconded by Joy Schmitt. Approval was unanimous.

Pete then presented his presidential appointments to committees for 2017.

Approved appointments are attached to these minutes.

Nick Meyer presented a report on clearing overgrowth at Stop 24. Three bids were received for this work. Cardenas Landscaping was deemed qualified and the lowest bidder. Motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to award the contract to Cardenas.

Public Comments – Bob McFadden commented that he felt the Police Commission appointment procedure had been altered from prior years.
Doria Lemay asked about Beach Stops and resident access.

Council Comments – There were no council comments.

Claims Approval: Motion by Joy Schmitt and second by Pete Byvoets to approve salaries for December, for which there were three (3) pays, of \$106,466.52 and checks #14217 through 14286 totaling \$148,088.76; all were approved unanimously with a motion and second by Joy and Pete.

Motion to adjourn by Nick Meyer; second by Pete Byvoets; adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak
Clerk-Treasurer