

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING at TOWN HALL
OCTOBER 10, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Present were Jane Neulieb, Bob Lemay, Joy Schmitt, Nick Meyer; Attorney Julie Paulson, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Police Chief Bob Sulkowski, Fire Chief Dave Albers; Tom Dolph, St. Supt. and Pete Byvoets were absent. There were approximately 40 townspeople in attendance.

Jane Neulieb assumed the chair for Pete Byvoets tonight.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Joy Schmitt to **approve minutes** for the council meeting of September 12, 2016, second by Nick Meyer, approved 4 -0. Motion to approve minutes for Sept. 19, 2016 special council meeting by Joy, second by Lemay, approved 4 – 0. Motion to approve Budget Hearing meeting minutes of Sept. 26, 2016 by Joy, second by Lemay; approved 3 – 0; Nick abstained.

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski read the August report; Nick asked if the report included Michiana Shores and Duneland Beach; Chief responded “no”.

Police Commission – Jane read the most recent report from the commission. Jane reported that the suspension of the 3rd shift of dispatchers was proceeding as planned. Two new police computers have been successfully installed.

Fire Department/Fire Commission – Dave Albers presented the YTD report through August 2016. Megan Applegate, a VFD member, provided details on the qualifications of the 30 LBVFD members. She spoke about potential improvements for fire equipment and facilities. Frank Parkerson, Juneway Dr., asked about fire calls. Bob Boyce, Lakeshore Dr., requested information regarding LBVFD expenditures. There was no fire commission meeting to report.

Street Department/Street Commission – Jane reported paving will begin on or about the 12th of November and will be done within one week from the start. The schedule and locations for striping was presented.

Park Board – Joy Schmitt reported that park work is coming to an end. Brian Kanyer is battling an invasive grass/weed species.

Long Beach Community Center – Joy Schmitt reported the committee met on October 3rd. Work is progressing on the purchase of 4 new doors for the community center. Discussion was held with Meyer Glass about installation of special windows along the golf course to remedy the repair issues. Clerk-Treasurer de Funiak asked about tenant leases and was told that it would be discussed at the November meeting.

Water Board – Met on September 26, 2016; Nick Meyer reported that there would be some discussion on language clarity on the water bills at the October 24, 2016 Water Board meeting.

Budget and Finance – de Funiak reported on CCD status and changes in dispatcher hours.

Human Resources Advisory Committee –No meeting

Building Commission – Bob Lemay made the report on Building Commission meetings to date. Proposed “Citizen Serve Software” was discussed to streamline the contractor registration and permitting process.

Advisory Plan Commission – Nick Meyer reported Land Conservation committee met on September 7th and Beautification committee met on September 8th. The APC will have a public hearing for the 30 – day rental ordinance at the October 17th meeting. The garbage totter ordinance will continue to be researched. The comprehensive Plan was discussed. Bill Powers presented some more details on the Plan. Stop 24 was discussed and the original plan appears to be in the neighborhood of \$300,000.00. A plan to reduce the scope and expense will be presented in new business.

September permit revenue report: Fees of \$9,820.00 collected on project costs of \$1,556,949.50;
4 electric permits issued at \$897.00 with town revenue of \$ 89.70; 1 Street Cut Permits with revenue of \$100.00.

Legal Expenses paid in September were \$14,395.00 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

Motion by Joy and second by Lemay to approve reports and claims; 4-0.

In Unfinished Business – Nick reported that the DLGF approved the .03/\$100 assessed value. This CCD tax will be in effect for 2017.

In New Business – Bob Lemay reported that software for the building commission would cost \$2,500/year for a subscription. This expenditure was approved 4 – 0 with a motion from Bob Lemay and a second from Joy Schmitt.

Frank Parkerson, Juneway Drive, asked about the status of the building code approvals. Kathy Brown, Oakenwald Avenue, asked about the software and its accessibility for residents to view.

Halloween Trick or Treat hours were mentioned; 5:30 to 7:30 pm on October 31st.

Lemay presented an estimate for \$2,800 to repair the Town Hall front entry deterioration from Concrete Transformation.

The hearing for the additional \$30,000 appropriations for the Park Dept. was convened by Attorney Paulson. Jane asked for comments in support of the ordinance. Doria Lemay spoke in favor. A question was posed asking if the money was still available from earlier park years and Clerk-Treasurer de Funiak stated that there was still \$130,000 in assets in the park & rec fund. The hearing was then opened to those opposed. A question was asked and answered about pending park bills, but no formal opposition was registered. The hearing was then closed and attorney Paulson read the Ordinance 2016-10. Nick

Meyer made the motion, seconded by Joy Schmitt approved 4 -0. It was determined to make a second reading of the Ordinance at the November 14th council meeting. Nick Meyer motioned that \$2,600 be approved for Stu Franzen to develop plans for a Stop 24 improvement. Motion was seconded by Joy Schmitt and approved 4 – 0.

Public Comment –

John Mengel, Lakeshore Drive, spoke of paving issues near his residence and posed a question about the previously conducted Palm Survey.

Bob Boyce, Lakeshore Drive, asked a question about details on the legal bills; response by Nick Meyer.

Frank Parkerson, Juneway Drive, asked about total YTD expenses for the town attorney.

Kathy Brown, Oakenwald Ave., asked about details provided in the town legal bills.

Doria Lemay, Oakenwald Ave., spoke about legal bills and was satisfied with the detail provided.

Mr. Feeley, Somerset, spoke about garbage and recycling totes being left out after pick up.

Charlie Dobie, Avondale Dr., talked about seeing bicycles and dogs being brought in to the LBCC in contradiction to the posted signs. J. Neulieb suggested he call the police department when Dobie sees that happening.

Lenore Jogmen, Florimond Avenue, asked why we had unmarked police cars.

Mary Lou McFadden, Duffy Lane, spoke about proceedings of the most recent police commission meeting and registrations of working contractors in town.

Bob Boyce, Lakeshore Drive, asked if a survey had been performed to evaluate the efficacy of suspending the 3rd shift dispatch operation?

Jeff Bartlett, Oakenwald Avenue, mentioned that no other towns proximate to Long Beach maintain a 3rd shift police dispatch operation.

Clerk-Treasurer, deFuniak read a letter from Kathy Brown and Greg Alberding regarding activities and comments at the recent police commission meeting.

Councilman Meyer assumed the council chair prior to Florimond Ave. resident James Neulieb's comments. Mr. Neulieb shared his opinions of the Long Beach Police Department.

Council Comments –

Jane responded to comments made by residents in reference to the police commission meeting on October 5th.

Bob Lemay stated that the involvement of state officials has provided some hope for a positive result for our molybdenum issues.

Joy Schmitt suggested suspension of the Saturday town council forum sessions.

Claims Approval: Motion by Nick M. and second by Joy S. to approve salaries for September of \$62,009.09 and checks #14011 through 14065 totaling \$108,408.58; all were approved unanimously.

Motion and second by Joy and Nick respectively to adjourn meeting; adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak
Clerk-Treasurer