

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING at TOWN HALL
November 14, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Present were Pete Byvoets, Jane Neulieb, Bob Lemay, Joy Schmitt, Nick Meyer; Attorney Chuck Parkinson from HWL, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Tom Dolph, St. Supt. and Fire Chief Dave Albers; Police Chief Bob Sulkowski was absent. There were approximately 35 townspeople in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Joy Schmitt to **approve minutes** for the council meeting of October 10, 2016, second by Bob Lemay, approved 5 -0; A motion to approve minutes for October 24, 2016 Budget Adoption meeting by Joy, second by Lemay, approved 5 – 0.

Nick Meyer introduced Stu Franzen of Planned Environment Associates, Inc., Chesterton, IN, who presented plans for “Long Beach” entry signs and developments at Stop 24. He first discussed gateway signs on Chastleton Drive and potential signage on Moore Road. He suggested a “1920’s” look for signs and the Stop 24 improvement. Large displays were presented and remain for viewing in the council room. Several residents asked questions about a variety of subjects, including 1) parking, 2) stairs and accessibility to the beach, 3) ADA accessibility, 4) contractor and emergency access, and 5) maintenance of natural vegetation. One Stop 24 resident expressed concern about attracting non-LB citizens causing overcrowding at the beach and additional clean-up issues. The discussion closed with Stu Franzen and Nick Meyer assuring residents that the plans are preliminary, and encouraging residents to come forth with input and suggestions.

Police Department – Officer Jason Yagelski presented the October police report.

Police Commission – Jane read the report from the commission where Pete Byvoets, Jane, Barbara Morgan and Chief Sulkowski were present. It was agreed upon to change the meeting time, beginning January 2017, to 5:00 PM, on the 1st Wednesdays of each month.

Pete Byvoets read the Fanning-Howey Architects study that identified several maintenance issues with the town hall. Motion was made by Byvoets, seconded by Schmitt to obtain bids to remedy these repairs; approved by council 5 – 0.

Fire Department/Fire Commission – Dave Albers read the Y-T-D report through October. A meeting is scheduled for November 21st at 6:00 PM at the fire station and Dave encouraged residents to attend.

Street Department/Street Commission – Tom Dolph reported that paving and striping was completed successfully. Storm drain maintenance is ongoing. Black plastic piping was identified on the beach and samples will be obtained and formal testing will be performed. Garbage totes were collected from the beach stops. The tennis nets have been removed from the courts for the season. Leaf pick up began on October 24th. The crew is preparing salt spreaders and snow plows for the winter months.

Jane gave the report for the street commission meeting held on October 19th and was attended by Dan Tannas, Brian Hogan, Tom Dolph, and Jane. She stated the new front loader would be delivered sometime in December. The committee will meet at 9 AM on November 16th.

Park Board – Joy Schmitt stated there was no quorum; therefore, there was no meeting in October.

Long Beach Community Center – Joy Schmitt reported the committee met on November 7th. The heating was switched on for the winter months, the heat pumps were repaired in the gym, kitchen, and the YMCA. There are new fees for casual renters, permanent tenants' fees will remain the same for 2017. A bid for repair of the roof, which leaks outside Room 1, was presented by Concord Construction for \$1,200 and approved. Work will be completed by the end of November. A bid for total roof replacement was received for \$100,000.00.

Water Board – Met on October 24, 2016; Nick Meyer reported that board is working on language for notices to residents regarding disconnection and reconnection of water service.

Budget and Finance – The Fanning and Howey report was discussed. Stop 24 development was discussed. Sewer installation plans were resurrected.

Human Resources Advisory Committee – Bill de Funiak reported that HR consultant, Pam Krueger, is working on updates to the personnel manual; target for completion 12/31/16.

Building Department – Bob Lemay reported that many permits were approved and more are being studied. Long Beach Country Club wants to consider expanding their parking facilities but no formal permit has been submitted. Jane Neulieb suggested that the BZA make a report at the council meetings. Lemay mentioned he could include that report with his own from the building department's.

Advisory Plan Commission – Nick Meyer read the report for the October 17th meeting held at 7:00PM. He stated the APC held a public hearing for the 30 day rental ordinance and tabled the issue until their November 21st meeting at 7:00 PM in town hall. Other sub-committees also met in the month. (see the read report)

October permit revenue report: Fees of \$1,225.00 collected on project costs of \$169,776.00; 4 electric permits issued at \$912.00 with town revenue of \$ 91.20; 3 Street Cut Permits with revenue of \$300.00.

Legal Expenses paid in October were \$14,681.67 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

Motion by Joy and second by Lemay to approve reports and claims; 5-0.

In Unfinished Business – The second reading of Ordinance #2016-10: Additional Appropriation of \$30,000 for 2016 Park & Recreation Budget, was read by Chuck Parkinson. Motion to approve by Nick Meyer and second by Bob Lemay; passed unanimously.

In New Business – Lou Mellen was presented for approval to the council as the new building inspector; Bob Lemay made a motion to accept him in to the position, Jane Neulieb seconded the motion. It was agreed that he be employed a minimum of 12 hrs./wk. at \$28/hr. Approved 5 – 0.

Regarding the Town's Back-up Server – Pete Byvoets suggested that this subject be deferred until the December meeting.

Anthem Insurance Rebate – de Funiak explained that this rebate would result in a one-time deferral of employee charges for health insurance and, if approved, would take effect on the December 2, 2016 pay date. Jane Neulieb made a motion to accept, Pete Byvoets seconded; approved 5 – 0.

Ordinance 2016-11 for 2017 salaries was presented. Joy Schmitt reviewed state data and said that Deanna Carlson’s compensation was approximately 16% lower than comparable townships. She added that Brent Soller was in the mid-point for his position in comparison with other municipalities. Jane Neulieb commented that Deanna had received a 28% increase since 2012. Joy Schmitt suggested that no increase be approved for C-T de Funiak. Nick Meyer proposed an amendment to Joy’s motion with a 5% increase for de Funiak. Joy acceded to the request and it was approved 3-2. Voting proceeded with Soller’s increase approved 5-0, Carlson approved 3-2 and de Funiak approved 3-2. Because the changes were not represented in the presented ordinance, Attorney Parkinson suggested that appropriate changes be made, reviewed by HWL, and re-presented at the December council meeting. The council concurred with his suggestion.

Public Comment –

Attorney Steve Hale, representing Lake Shore Drive residents Jim and Alison Jaksa, petitioned the council to approve a sewer connection with Michigan City for the Jaksa’s lot on LSD. President Byvoets commented that the issue of sewers was already on the agenda to begin evaluating in 2017.

Stop 24 resident asked about removal of trees and vegetation at Stop 24. Jane Neulieb responded to his questions and complimented him for his concern.

Sean Kaczmarek, stop 16 resident, suggested the use of engineers in all Stop 24 type improvements.

Council Comments – Nick Meyer talked about a resident who wishes to sponsor a potluck meal at a private residence. Nick urged those interested to contact him after the meeting.

Claims Approval: Motion by Joy Schmitt and second by Bob Lemay to approve salaries for October of \$59,915.87 and checks #14066 through 14143 totaling \$370,467.59; all were approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak
Clerk-Treasurer