

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING at TOWN HALL
December 12, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Present were Pete Byvoets, Jane Neulieb, 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. There were approximately 15 townspeople in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Byvoets read a proclamation citing The Town of Long Beach's celebration of the Bicentennial year for Indiana. The 200th anniversary of Indiana's statehood was December 11, 2016. Statehood for Indiana was approved by President James Madison on December 11, 1816.

Motion by Joy Schmitt to **approve minutes** for the council meeting of November 14, 2016, second by Bob Lemay, approved 5 -0;

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski presented the November police report. The chief then read a letter of commendation for Officer Jason Yagelski. At great personal risk, Jason pursued and arrested an armed robber, who had just robbed a store on November 22nd at the Lighthouse Mall. Sulkowski also commended Lt. Todd Bullis, who, this afternoon, rescued a dog from the frigid waters of Lake Clare.

Police Commission – The next meeting will be held on January 4, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

Fire Department/Fire Commission – Dave Albers read the Y-T-D report through November; no report for the commission meeting.

Pete Byvoets complimented the Police Dept. and the LBVFD for their quick response to a rollover accident on December 5th which resulted in a lengthy power outage.

Street Department/Street Commission – Tom Dolph reported that back-up cameras will be installed on our big trucks to avoid accidents when reversing the trucks. Tom indicated that leaf pick-up was completed successfully, with only minor delays due to leaf machine repairs. Drains were cleaned on Mt. Claire Way and Belle Plaine Trail. The trucks are ready for plowing and salting.

Jane Neulieb stated that the Front End Loader had been delivered and was fully operational. She stated that the Maintenance Building will require repair and enhancement of the fire protection sprinkler system and that bids will be requested. Residents have complained of dumping in an empty lot on Avondale. It was suggested that a "NO DUMPING" sign be installed and increased police vigilance be performed. The December meeting has been cancelled; the next meeting will be at 5:30 PM on January 18, 2017 at the town hall.

Park Board – Joy Schmitt stated there was no meeting.

Long Beach Community Center – Joy Schmitt reported that the committee is working with the LBVFD to assess and evaluate the fire alarm systems. Roof replacement is planned for 2018, but bids will be

requested in 2017 to develop budget estimates. Attorney Paulson said that was acceptable practice but reminded the council that bids would need to be re-submitted for the 2018 work.

Water Board – Nick Meyer made the report for the November meeting. The next meeting will be at 9:00 AM on December 27, 2016.

Budget and Finance – Pete Byvoets reported that discussions centered around sewer installation in Long Beach. One resident at Stop 14 has requested hook-up to the Michigan City (MC) sewer system. Pete explained that the expense, maintenance and responsibility for sewers in Long Beach make this a non-trivial issue. Work will continue with MC Sewer Department.

Human Resources Advisory Committee – Bill de Funiak reported that a meeting will be held in early January to discuss changes to the Employee Policy Manual and Federal Medical Leave Absence additions.

Building Department – Bob Lemay reported that a meeting was held on December 9th. The Madison property continues to be a subject for demolition. The Long Beach Country Club has discussed expanding their parking area, but no formal building permit request has been submitted. The commission continues in its efforts to improve coordination in septic permit issuance. The next meeting will be held in town hall on January 13, 2017 at 1:00 PM.

Advisory Plan Commission – Nick Meyer reported that the Comprehensive Plan will be discussed at the December 20, 2016 APC meeting. Discussions continued on the 30-day rental ordinance and its enforcement. Stop 24 plans were reviewed.

November permit revenue report: Fees of \$3,150.00 collected on project costs of \$359,589.85; 5 electric permits issued at \$91,580.00 with town revenue of \$158.00; 2 Street Cut Permits with revenue of \$200.00.

Legal Expenses paid in November were \$14,390.65 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

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

In Unfinished Business – The first reading of Ordinance #2016-11, Salary Ordinance for 2017, was moved by Joy Schmitt and seconded by Bob Lemay. Motion passed 4-1. A motion to suspend rules and conduct a second reading was not unanimous, so second reading will be at the January, 9, 2017 meeting.

In New Business – Pete Byvoets appointed Erin Connelly to replace Maureen Healy, effective immediately, on the APC. Erin's term will be coincident with Maureen's term, ending on 12/31/2018.

Resolution #2016-003, Moving Riverboat Funds for Legal Fees, was presented by Pete Byvoets and seconded by Bob Lemay. Nick Meyer asked if we could project 2017 legal expenses, but was told that that was not possible. Resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution #2016-004, Establishing Internal Control System, was presented by Byvoets and seconded by Schmitt. Discussion followed about procedures and de Funiak explained that this would be developed in early 2017 with assistance from Cender & Co. Resolution passed 5-0.

Public Comments – de Funiak asked the Council to alert all committee members that vendors should be given the Town Hall address, so no delays in payments occur in the future.

Council Comments – There were no council comments.

Claims Approval: Motion by Joy Schmitt and second by Bob Lemay to approve salaries for November of \$57,849.28 and checks #14144 through 14216 totaling \$223,621.30; all were approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak
Clerk-Treasurer