

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING at TOWN HALL
February 13, 2017
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, Fire Chief Dave Albers and Police Chief Bob Sulkowski. Street Supt. Tom Dolph was not present. There were approximately 20 townspeople in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Joy Schmitt to **approve minutes** for the council meeting of January 9, 2017 second by Bob Lemay, approved 5 - 0;

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski presented the January police report. He indicated that released convict Dobeski has apparently moved to a church in Indianapolis.

Police Commission – Pete Byvoets indicated that 2017 parking stickers would be available shortly. The 30 day rental and enforcement was discussed. The 800 megahertz county-wide system should be ready in March. Police body cameras will require some evaluation as to storage media, length of retention of records and a method to charge for public distribution. Residents with home surveillance systems were asked to contact the police to coordinate efforts in the case of criminal activity.

Fire Department/Fire Commission – Dave Albers read the report for January, 2017. Peter Byvoets reported that a meeting was held with Michigan City Fire Chief, Randy Novak, to evaluate sharing and/or coordinating efforts with the MC Fire Department.

Street Department – President Byvoets mentioned plowing and street maintenance in the absence of Superintendent Dolph.

Street Commission – The committee met on Feb 15th at 5:30 pm in Town Hall; Jane Neulieb indicated that preliminary dates for Spring Leaf Pick-up were April 24-28. Back-up cameras are operational on all of the snow plows. Leaf machine maintenance has been performed. The Guard Rail (on Karwick/Chastleton) proposal was discussed but no decision on it was reached. Pete spoke of ongoing discussions regarding sewers.

Park Board – Joy Schmitt reported that the Park Board will attempt to enhance one beach stop in 2017. Efforts are underway to identify and recruit Stop Captains for each beach stop

Long Beach Community Center – Joy reported that 5 years of NIPSCO bills had been obtained to assist in evaluating utility costs. Information from NIPSCO indicates that the LBCC heating-A/C expenses are in the bottom quartile of buildings of similar size. Joy and Dave Albers will work to complete fire alarm testing.

Water Board – Nick Meyer reported that customers with unpaid balances over 30 days will be contacted by letter. Water Board will meet again on Feb. 27th at 9:00 AM.

Budget and Finance – C-T de Funiak reported that the members mentioned caution for spending in 2017. Jane Neulieb asked for an explanation of CEDIT expenditures in 2016 and was told that they represented expenses for street paving.

Human Resources Advisory Committee –Bill de Funiak reported that Family Medical Leave updates to the Employee Handbook would be submitted for the March, 2017 meeting

Building Department – Pete Byvoets stated that the Long Beach Country Club has paid for a building permit for an additional parking lot, but no permit has been issued. Additional information must be submitted by the Club. Pete has been in contact with the state fire and building department and indicates that we have received tentative approval of our format, with several changes to adhere to the state template. Byvoets and Larry Wall attended a session in Indianapolis to discuss Flood Plain administration. Continued work with the DNR – Division of Water is planned.

BZA Report - Lemay stated there was no January meeting.

Advisory Plan Commission met on January 16th. Nick Meyer reported that the meeting scheduled for February 20th will include discussion of the 30 day rental ordinance and its enforcement. Meeting will also consider the Toter ordinance and View Protection and continuous seawalls. Jane asked about the Stop 24 project and Nick told her that the only scheduled work and expense is tree clearing by Cardenas Landscaping. Doria Lemay asked about recycling. Mary Lou McFadden commented about House Bill 1133 circulating in Indianapolis.

January permit revenue report:

Building permit fees of \$975.00 on project costs of \$173,912.66

4 electric permits issued at \$679.00 with town revenue of \$67.90;

Legal Expenses paid in January were \$12,901.80 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

Jane Neulieb asked about increased billing rates for Attorney Paulson.

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

There was no “Old Business” to discuss.

In New Business It was determined that Resolution 2017-002 was not required. C-T de Funiak explained that his discussions with the SBOA showed that Ordinance 96-04 was sufficient to increase the Leaf Charge to town residents. President Byvoets moved that an increase of \$1.75 per month be assessed for additional leaf pick-up expenses. Motion was seconded by Neulieb and was carried 5 – 0. The charge for those solely on MC garbage pick-up will be \$7.69/mo; all others will be assessed \$23.75/mo., new charges will show on the March water bill.

Public Comments – Attorney Steve Hale addressed the council and discussed the petition that he had delivered on February 10, 2017. Residents Jim and Alison Jaksas are desirous of connecting their Stop 14 property to the Michigan City Sewer system. Hale assured the council that all costs would be borne by the Jaksas.

Council Comments – There were no council comments.

Claims Approval: Motion by Joy Schmitt and second by Nick Meyer to approve salaries for January of \$83,732.32 and checks #14287 through 14378 totaling \$192,681.93; all were approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Schmitt; second by Lemay; adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak
Clerk-Treasurer