

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING at TOWN HALL
March 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, Police Chief Bob Sulkowski and Street Supt. Tom Dolph. There were approximately 20 townspeople in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Joy Schmitt to **approve minutes** for the council meeting of February 13, 2017 and the Executive Session of February 27, 2017, second by Bob Lemay, approved 5 – 0.

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski presented the February police report.

Police Commission – No commission meeting in February.

Fire Department/Fire Commission – Dave Albers read the YTD report for February, 2017. There was no Fire Commission meeting held but Peter Byvoets reported that a meeting was held with Michigan City Fire Department and Byvoets provided some preliminary numbers on respective fire protection costs at Long Beach and Michigan City. Further discussions will be held.

Street Department – Tom Dolph mentioned that street sweeping has begun. The recent snowstorm interrupted those efforts and salt spreaders were re-installed on the trucks. The Stop 24 clean-up is almost complete. Jane Neulieb asked about the plywood display that had been over the exterior door at the Old Water Plant and was told that it had been recovered, but it is in pieces at the maintenance garage. Nick Meyer inquired about the repairs/upgrades at Stops 22 and 23; Dolph stated there had been no erosion even with the recent rains we've had.

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. Beach Stops and stairs (access) were discussed. Paving and striping at the Community Center was given high priority. Guard rails on Chastleton were evaluated, but existing utility installations would require them to be so far from the road as to be ineffective.

Park Board – Joy Schmitt reported that beautification of stops 15 and 23 are planned in 2017. Efforts continue to identify and recruit Stop Captains for each beach stop.

Long Beach Community Center met on March 17th in room 2; Joy reported that maintenance projects are underway. Next meeting is April 3, 2017 at 4 PM.

Water Board – Nick Meyer reported on the February board meeting and announced the next meeting of March 27th at 9:00 a.m.

Budget and Finance – C-T de Funiak reported that the members met on March 8th and discussed retiree health benefits, software upgrades to the Civic Administrative System and re-writing the PERF agreement to eliminate benefits for the Clerk-Treasurer.

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

Building Department – Bob Lemay stated, at the 2/24/2017 meeting, that the Long Beach Country Club parking lot project was discussed with neighbors but needed documentation has not yet been submitted. A renovation project was begun without permit and fines were issued and paid; subsequent permits were obtained. A long-term resident flagstone project was reviewed. It was determined that all future meetings of the building commission would be held at 1 PM in Room 3 of the Long Beach Community Center, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. At the March 10th meeting, software to facilitate the building and permitting process continued to be evaluated. Modifications of ordinances regarding non-conforming structures were discussed.

BZA Report - Lemay stated there was no February meeting.

Advisory Plan Commission – Joy Schmitt discussed the Eagle Scout project and requested up to \$1,000.00 for expenses be paid by the town for this project. Joy made the motion, seconded by Byvoets, and was approved 5-0 for up to \$1,000 in expenses. Jane mentioned the sub-committee met last Thursday and discussed a possible project, signs at entrances to Long Beach, the Civic Association might want to take on. Nick Meyer spoke of the 30 day rental ordinance modifications that were approved by the APC. The refuse toter ordinance will be discussed and evaluated. Jane Neulieb asked about a “Continuous Seawall” ordinance that had been discussed at the last APC meeting. Bob Lemay and Pete Byvoets explained that state law requires ordinances to move forward for council approval or disapproval, regardless of recommendations from the APC.

February permit revenue report:

Building permit fees of \$3,569.55 on project costs of \$363,739.71
4 electric permits issued at \$674.00 with town revenue of \$67.40

Legal Expenses paid in February were \$12,935.00 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

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

Old Business – Attorney Steven Hale presented the petition from Jim and Alison Jaksa to connect their property at 1406 LSD to the Michigan City sewer system. Gary Radtke of Radtke Engineering presented the detailed plans for the proposed installation. Several council members asked questions of both Attorney Hale and Engineer Radtke. No decisions were made on this petition. President Byvoets discussed a future Town Hall meeting to analyze plans and the efficacy of a Long Beach Sewer System. John Kocher spoke of his involvement in the sewer study.

New Business – The Park Board recommended changing the status of employees Sarah Plooster and Brian Kanyer from seasonal to general part-time. Motion was made, seconded and passed 5-0 to make these changes.

Attorney Paulson read Ordinance 2017-01, 30 Day Rental Ordinance, which was approved 5-0. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Byvoets; second by Joy, to make the second reading at this meeting.

That was passed unanimously. Attorney Paulson made the second reading of Ord. 2017-01 and it was passed 5-0 after a motion by Byvoets and second by Lemay.

C-T de Funiak requested that his office be involved in future executive sessions. No response from council or decision was forthcoming.

Public Comments – Gary Van Overberghe of Van Overberghe’s LLC , a construction company, discussed some issues related to his contract work on Lakeshore Drive in Long Beach.

Donna Kavanagh spoke about her service on the Building Commission. She also expressed her opposition to the 30 day rental ordinance.

Council Comments – There were no council comments.

Claims Approval: Motion by Bob Lemay and second by Jane Neulieb to approve salaries for February of \$60,884.33 and checks #14379 through 14423 totaling \$63,242.60; all were approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Schmitt; second by Lemay; adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak
Clerk-Treasurer