

AMENDED **
TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING at TOWN HALL
July 10, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Present were Pete Byvoets, Jane Neulieb, Bob Lemay, Joy Schmitt, Nick Meyer; Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Police Chief Bob Sulkowski, Street Supt. Tom Dolph and Town Attorney Ethan Lowe. LBVFD Chief Dave Albers was not in attendance. There were approximately 25 townspeople in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Joy Schmitt to **approve minutes** for the council **meeting of June 12, 2017** and the **special meeting** they held **June 19, 2017** second by Bob Lemay, approved 5 – 0.

Police Department – Chief Bob Sulkowski presented the June police report. Bob Lemay stated that he had received 3 phone calls regarding dogs running loose. He also reported that a resident in the 1600 block of Lake Shore Drive had buried fireworks debris in the sand, using a large earthmover.

Police Commission – Pete Byvoets reported that no meeting was held in June. Jane Neulieb asked about the use of LB police reserves outside of Long Beach. Attorney Lowe said he would review the matter and report at a future meeting.

Fire Department/Fire Commission – In Dave Albers absence, Pete Byvoets reported that there were 2 fire calls in June, and 10 medical calls.

Street Department – Tom Dolph reported that street sweeping and drain cleaning were performed in June. He asked residents to inform him if they wanted to use a landscaper to trim back bushes, but that safety for street traffic was his paramount duty. Byvoets stated that the street department had authority to repair any damaged or unsafe stairs at beach stops without council approval. Fireworks were discussed with both Attorney Lowe and Chief Sulkowski providing insight. Bill Powers spoke at length regarding the fireworks display at Stop 16 and the resulting detritus.

Street Commission – Jane Neulieb spoke about bonfires on the beach and the need for clean-up. She discussed the purchase of the leaf vacuum from Brown Equipment for \$56,332.00.

Park Board – Joy Schmitt reported that Stop 23 Beautification is underway. Joy mentioned that the house to the east of Stop 23 appears to have a patio and driveway that extend onto town property. Ethan Lowe will research this matter. Jane said that a homeowner drain discharges water onto town property and asked that the problem be remedied.

Long Beach Community Center Committee – Joy Schmitt reported that the major outstanding issue is the alarm system, which is inoperative. The lowest quote was from Sentinel, \$13,684, and was recommended by the committee. C-T de Funiak mentioned that the annual Higdon 5K Run/Walk was held on July 4th and was a great success. He hoped that they would see fit to donate the proceeds as they had done in prior years.

Water Board – Nick Meyer reported that the water quality report was delivered to all residents, but if anyone had not received the report, he urged them to contact the water department.

Budget and Finance – Pete Byvoets and Bill de Funiak said budgeting for 2018 has begun.

Human Resources Advisory Committee – No meeting was held. de Funiak said that the new Employee Handbooks would be available in the next few weeks.

Building Department – Pete Byvoets reported that they had one suitable candidate that had responded to the Building Commissioner advertisement. Bob Lemay made the building report for June. The Madison property demolition is not yet complete. Work continues on the permit for the LB Country Club (CC) parking lot. CC has assured the commission that there will be no lighting and that, while the detention pond will drain in 2 hours, they will install a fence around the pond.

BZA Report – Lemay reported on the June 13th meeting. The preliminary hearing on 2015 LSD was completed. The 2104 Avondale issue will be discussed at the August meeting. Next meeting will be July 11, 2017.

Advisory Plan Commission – Joy Schmitt reported that the Eagle Scout project was a success and clean-up and a bike rack and bench had been installed. Nick Meyer said that Attorney Lowe wished to review the Building Code and Toter Ordinances and delay their consideration until the next meeting. Nick introduced Scott Kuchta of Global Engineering and asked him to provide background on the Stop 24 project. Several councilpersons asked questions about the project. Kathryn de La Barre asked about cost estimates for the effort. She also asked if any grants were available and she was told there were none. Kuchta estimated costs of \$100,000 - 150,000 for demolition and site preparation. Motion and second and unanimous approval to authorize Global to prepare a “Request for Proposal” for the site preparation for Stop 24.

Nick suggested that the owners of the Hacienda Restaurant property have granted permission to the town to place a town sign on their property. Jane Neulieb discussed a different location for the sign. More analysis will follow.

June permit revenue report:

C-T de Funiak announced that building permit fees of \$12,215.00 were collected on project costs of \$1,515,726.00; He stated 3 electric permits were issued at \$621.00 with town revenue of \$62.10.

Legal Expenses paid in June were \$9,153.25 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

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

Old Business – None

New Business – A motion and second was made to carry forward the Toter and Building Code Ordinances to the next meeting; approved unanimously. Mary Lou McFadden mentioned that she felt compliance to the Toter Ordinance restrictions would be difficult to enforce. Bob Lemay suggested that we may decide to dispense with toters at the beach stops.

Nick Meyer made a motion to move the monthly Council meetings to 7 PM on the second Thursday of the month, seconded by Joy Schmitt, and was approved 4-1. Two residents expressed opposition to this meeting date change.

Kathryn de La Barre mentioned that the confetti poppers used on July 4th caused a significant clean-up problem in her yard and suggested urging the Civic Association to discourage use of them in future celebrations.

Jim Jaksa asked for a progress report on the sewer agreement. Attorney Lowe indicated that the most efficient way to complete this process was a personal meeting with Lowe, Jaksa's attorney and the attorney from the Michigan City Sanitary District, and that he was arranging that session.

Ken Purze asked that the APRA request from his client, Tom McCormick, be included with the July minutes. He also questioned Long Beach's approval of the Building Codes by Indiana Fire Safety and Building Commission (IFSBC). President Byvoets responded that he would be requesting a position on the ISFBC agenda after approval of the Building Codes by the Town Council.

Public Comments – A resident asked if the property on Avondale could be cleaned up and was told by Supt. Dolph that it would be completed in the near term.

****Council Comments** – Jane Neulieb asked about the cutting of town trees and planned replacement by NIPSCO; Nick responded that the NIPSCO agreement had expired.

Claims Approval: Motion by Joy Schmitt and second by Bob Lemay to approve check numbers #14620 through #14677 totaling \$127,075.08 and salaries for June of \$109,873.79.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak Clerk-Treasurer