

TOWN OF LONG BEACH  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING at LONG BEACH TOWN CENTER  
December 10, 2018  
7:00 p.m.

Present were Councilpersons Bob Lemay, Nick Meyer, Pete Byvoets, Jane Neulieb, Joy Schmitt; Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Police Chief Bob Sulkowski, Long Beach Volunteer Fire Chief Dave Albers and Town Attorney Chris Willoughby of Braje, Nelson & Janes. There were approximately 15 townspeople in attendance, Marilyn Jones & Associates court reporter and Access LaPorte County (ALCO) were present. Street Superintendent Tom Dolph was not in attendance.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Approval of Council Meeting minutes of November 12, 2018; motion made by Schmitt, second by Byvoets for approval, were approved 5 – 0.

**Police Department** – Chief Sulkowski reported that a computer error precluded the presentation of the November 2018 police report. Chief Sulkowski read a letter of commendation and presented a plaque to Lieutenant Todd Bullis for his distinguished 40 years of service to Long Beach.

**Police Commission** – Pete Byvoets reported that plans are continuing to evaluate police candidates and final interviews are planned for early January, 2019.

**Fire Department/Fire Commission** – Dave Albers read the YTD report through November. He stated that a comprehensive test was being administered to all the members of LBVFD, including himself.

**Street Department/Street Commission** – Bill DeFuniak reported that the leaf pickup was ending on December 11<sup>th</sup> and that the late start had allowed the town to save \$5,000 in expenses. Jane Neulieb reported that she, Bill DeFuniak, Tom Dolph and a representative from Haas & Associates had attended a recent INDOT meeting for Community Crossing Grant awardees to discuss processes for 2019 funding.

**Park Board** – Joy Schmitt reported on the upgrades at Town stops. She asked Attorney Willoughby about the progress on the 3 stop encroachments and was told that discussions are continuing.

**Long Beach Community Center Committee** – Joy Schmitt reported that the committee wants the existing leases to be renewed, except for the space coming available on 1/1/2019.

**Water Board** – Nick Meyer reported that work is underway to solicit, interview and hire a replacement for Barbara Stupeck, who is retiring February 28, 2019.

**Budget and Finance** – No meeting was held.

**Human Resources Advisory Committee** – No meeting was held.

**Building Department** – Bob Lemay reported on the Building Commission meeting.

**BZA Report** – Lemay reported on the Applegate and Hnatusko hearings.

**Advisory Plan Commission** – Bob Lemay reported that there was no meeting in November.

**November permit revenue report:**

De Funiak reported that there were 11 November permits approved with fees of \$5,297.00 on project costs of \$478,700.

C-T de Funiak announced that 2 electrical permits were issued for \$255.00 with town revenue of \$25.50. 1 Street Cut permit was issued to NIPSCO for a fee of \$100.00.

**Legal Expenses** – Legal expenses paid in November were \$5,546.25 to Braje, Nelson & Janes, LLC and \$350.00 to Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis.

A motion was made by Schmitt and a second by Byvoets to approve the reports. Motion carried by 5 - 0.

**Old Business** – Schmitt provided a preliminary report on the sewer system survey. Extensive discussion followed with all of the council members and several audience members.

A motion by Byvoets and second by Schmitt was made to approve a \$9,100 contract with Haas & Associates for further sewer engineering studies and was approved 4 – 1.

Motion by Byvoets and second by Schmitt to indemnify Michigan City Sanitary District of any obligation to repay LB if it is determined that the LB sewer project does not eventuate. Motion was approved 4 – 1.

Nick Meyer reported that no awards had been made relative to the Stop 24 project.

C – T read the 2019 Salary Ordinance. Motion by Byvoets and second by Schmitt to defer the consideration of the ordinance until the December 27, 2018 meeting. Motion was approved 5 – 0.

**New Business** – Council approved President Lemay to sign each of the 3 INDOT Community Crossing Grant Matching Funds agreements.

**There were no public comments and no council comments:**

**Claims Approval:** Motion by Byvoets and second by Schmitt to approve check numbers #15906 through #15978, totaling \$213,906.81 and salaries for November of \$96,152.20, approved by a vote of 5 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM. with motion and second from Byvoets and Schmitt.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak,  
Clerk-Treasurer