

**Town of Long Beach
Special Town Council / Budget & Finance Meeting
via Zoom on December 9, 2021
6:00 PM**

Council members Bob LeMay, John Wall, Mike Johnstone, and John Kocher participated in the online Zoom meeting along with Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Police Chief Mark Swistek, Attorney Chris Willoughby of Braje, Nelson & Janes, and Joe Jogmen. Marilyn Jones & Associates with Becky Lempa attended along with a resident from Lake Shore Drive that viewed online. Councilwoman Mary Lou McFadden was absent. There were a few public participants. This meeting was noticed in the LaPorte County Herald Dispatch and on the town website www.longbeachin.org.

Opening Remarks: Bob LeMay noted that LaPorte County is now in the “Red” Status for the COVID-19 as of today. He added to the agenda - the Community Center mask status while in use by the public.

This meeting is being held to discuss the Town’s Capital Plan for the year 2022.

John Wall shared the screen with a Capital Plan @ November 2021 he received from Karl Cender. The intent was to share what the “working committee” has been working on with facts and figures for 2021 – 2025 to present to Town Council in January 2022 for a 5 year plan. He explained the expenditures by department by year.

Wall stated that the committee might make use of a grant writing company recommended by resident Zafar Rizvi for pursuing grants.

Clerk-Treasurer de Funiak gave a cash position of the town. He said there might have to be some outside funding in 2022.

Johnstone stated the analysis is in progress and 2021 still needs to be closed out. The meeting included some lengthy discussion of the 5-year plan and everyone shared ideas.

Regarding the community center: Jogmen re-iterated his concern of large groups in the community center with the County’s Red status. Lemay made a motion for the council to reinstate the mask mandate at the Community Center, it was seconded by John Wall and with a roll call vote, this passed 4 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. with a motion by Kocher and a second by Lemay. 4-0 adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill de Funiak, Clerk-Treasurer

