

Town of Long Beach
Special Council Meeting
Minutes-Sept 25, 2023
7 PM

Attending the meeting in-house this evening were council members Lemay, McFadden, Johnstone and Kocher; Atty. Chris Willoughby, Police Chief Mark Swistek, and Clerk-Treasurer Perry. Attending through Zoom were councilman J. Wall, Marilyn and Becky of Marilyn Jones & Assoc. and approximately 18 viewers/attendees, and 6-7 in house audience. Trista of Cender Dalton was available on Zoom as well.

This evening's meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Lemay with roll call and roll call voting.

After the pledge 5 additional items were added to this evening's agenda by Lemay: Additional \$10,000 for tree removal, Clerk-Treasurer attendance at meetings, SBOA corrections, Holladay invoices, and MS4 Ordinance.

Unfinished Business:

The bids were opened and read by Perry for the Stop 17 & 18 Stormwater Improvement project:

- H & G Underground Utilities, LLC, 7 Berkel Dr., LaPorte, IN
Base Bid-\$163,091.04
Alternate #1- \$155,196.99
Alternate #2- \$160,235.00

- Woodruff & Sons, Inc., 2125 East U.S. Hwy #12, Michigan City, IN
Base Bid- \$174,590.88
Alternate #1- \$172,080.88
Alternate #2- \$ 98,623.88

It was decided these 2 bids would be studied by Haas & Associates, LLC Consulting Engineers for review.

Lemay makes a motion to move forward with authorizing Haas & Associates' inventory of assets, the town's streets infrastructures, a pre-requisite for CCMG purposes, not to exceed \$10,500.00. Second by Johnstone; passes 5-0.

New Business:

Motion by Lemay; second by McFadden to relocate the La Porte County Emergency Notification Siren from the north parking lot of Town Hall to the west side of Town Hall near the generator with no additional costs to the town since the county will cover costs. Passes 5-0.

Motion by Lemay and second by Johnstone to accept the proposal from Healy's Landscape for \$50,000 to pick up leaves this fall for five weeks, and their 2 trucks with 2 crews of 3. Passes 5-0.

Motion by McFadden and second by Lemay to approve for payment the Milestone Contractors North invoice #2 for \$25,970.66. Passes 5-0.

Motion by Kocher and second by Johnstone to hold Trick or Treat and Trunk or Treat on October 31st from 5 – 7 PM in the Town of Long Beach. Trunk or Treat will take place in the parking lot of the Community Center and if it rains will be held in the gymnasium. Passes 5-0.

The was discussion by council regarding the compensation of the building commissioner and Larry Wall, the commissioner, presented his job experience in Long Beach for the last 7 years. No conclusion was met this evening. Kocher motions to pay Larry Wall's outstanding invoice, to bring him to date on pay, that has been on hold in the clerk's office. No second to this motion. More discussion by council and attorney Willoughby with agreement to hold another meeting on the matter. Motion by McFadden to pay the invoice for August, second by Johnstone; passes 4 – 0 with John Wall recusing himself.

There are 2 invoices from Holladay Construction Group that require being sent to US Bank for payment on the Public Safety Building. This includes preparation of affidavits for each. Perry confirms he will ask John Wall to come to the office Thursday, the 28th, to sign and approve the invoices, after which Perry will forward all paperwork to US Bank.

Lemay asks Perry that if he cannot be at council meetings each month can he be sure someone from his offices be present so all paperwork be signed when needed. Perry states he will make it happen.

The draft of the MS4 ordinance will be discussed at the October meeting. Willoughby has been working on this with Larry Wall.

Motion by Lemay and second by Kocher to find additional funds of not to exceed \$10,000 for emergency removal of a tree in the town's easement at or near 2516 Glendale Way and some other removal of tree limbs by Storey Ave. and Blinks Ct. Passes 5-0.

It was noted to the public that Ordinance #2022-03 pertaining to Staggered Elections has been put on the town's website. November 7, 2023 is election day for Town of Long Beach and the explanation can be very helpful for all residents.

Clerk-Treasurer Perry will communicate with and work with Cender & Co (Cender Dalton) to respond accordingly to the SBOA (State Board of Accounts) for corrective actions to be taken, or that have been taken, by the Clerk's office with regards to Internal Control Standards.

Public Comments –

Anita Remijas, 2300 Florimond, commented on Larry Wall's 3 positions he holds for the Town of Long Beach; and mentioned the volume of texting and cellphones being used by council members at meetings.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lemay; second by McFadden; and adjourning at 8:20 PM. 5-0 Vote.

Respectively submitted,

Deanna Carlson
Deputy Clerk