

Town of Long Beach  
Special Town Council Meeting  
January 23, 2024  
5PM

Council Members in attendance:  
Joy Schmidt  
Anita Remijas  
Kendra Bartlett  
J.D. Haley and Shannon Wojcik were absent  
No members attending by zoom

Attorney Chris Willoughby attending by zoom  
Clerk Meg Collins  
Chief Mark Swistek

Joy adds soil solutions quote approval to the agenda.  
No Public comments in audience or on zoom.

Chris Gibson of The Corydon Group will be joining the meeting on zoom at 5:30 p.m.

Chief Swistek explains the Town is filling the position of Sergeant James Schooley.

Deputy Marshal Jason Yagelski submitted resignation on January 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Council allows Mark Swistek to go ahead with second Deputy Marshal hiring.  
Joy Schmitt makes the motion, seconded by Kendra; all in favor, motion carried.

Quote approval for security camera upgrades for the Town Hall and Community Center: Mark asks council to approve, not to exceed \$7,000.00, with work completed by same vendor that is under contract on the public safety building. Mark explains the costs. The quote is from A+ Datacom. Joy motions, seconded by Anita, to approve the quote. All in favor, the motion carried.

Set date for special council meeting. This Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. to hire a new marshal. Mark states there is an urgency to have a special meeting. Every day the position is not filled costs the Town \$500-\$550 to cover the positions. February 12, 2024 is the soonest a new deputy could be hired in order to give a two week notice to the current department.

Soil solutions quote approval. In recent days chief shared with council estimate from soil solutions for septic design for public safety building to include site plans, topography survey, permits, and filing fees. Civil engineer that conducted soil samplings. Previous council had approved not to exceed budget. The quote comes in under the \$10k. For transparency to the community. LaPorte County Health Dept. has moved to next stage for sanitary needs of public safety. Mark stated he personally talked with John Mcquestin. Soil solutions will submit back to state,

waiting for state to issue us final septic permit. Then find contractor to complete work, as designed by soil solutions. Sanitary needs would be met. We can do combined system or include modifications to address the needs of the public safety. Currently we have 1,000- gallon tank, we need 2,500. This work has been approved by the previous council. A 50% retainer is required for the work. Mark would ask for Clerk Collins to submit for payment of the 50% retainer and execute the contract tomorrow.

Joy motions, seconded by Anita, to authorize Mark to sign the agreements with Soil Solutions and Meg to pay the 50% retainer. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chris Gibson with The Corydon Group has joined zoom at 5:15 p.m.  
Chris explains how bills work within session. Joy is in support of retaining Chris's services and thinks every town should have a lobbyist. Kendra and Anita agree.

Chris explains the fees and contract. Chris's Firm will reinstate registration with IN lobbyist. The firm walks all clients through the process. It is a couple hundred dollars to register. Designee would work with Amelia McClurg. Historically the designee was Dr. Lemay. The designee has the authority to sign MOU on behalf of Long Beach with the lobby commission. File two activity reports due in May and again in November; that's basically the way to be transparent with the public on what you are spending with our firm. A flat fee of four installments of \$6,250 each.

Joy motions to retain Chris's firm and sign this contract for the year 2024 and authorize Meg to pay the invoice. Execute documents as described by Chris Gibson for ex. Registration documents. Chris will prepare a revised contract updating the dates. Subject to Meg confirming there are funds available.

Motion by Joy to approve contract. Meg will find out if funds are available. Chris Willoughby is going to review the documents as they come in and execute any registration documents. Allowing President to sign any of the related documents. Authorize Joy to sign documents. Seconded by Kendra. All in favor, the motion carried.

The 1329 did get revised a little. Chris will send updates to council point persons Joy Schmitt and Kendra Bartlett. Joy will send information to the rest of the council.

Motion to adjourn by Joy, seconded by Kendra. All in favor, the motion carried.

Adjourned at 5:30 p.m.  
Respectively submitted.

Meg Collins  
Clerk-Treasurer