

Town of Long Beach  
Special Council Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2024  
1:00 PM

Council members in attendance:  
Joy Schmitt (JS)  
J.D. Haley (J.D.)  
Anita Remijas (AR)  
Kendra Bartlett (KB)  
Shannon Wojcik (SW)

Others Attending:  
Chief Marshal Swistek  
Marilyn Jones & Associates  
w Becky, court-reporter (Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by Council President Joy Schmitt, the pledge was recited, and roll call was taken by Joy Schmitt. There were no public comments.

Chief Swistek explains the hiring process used in the last couple weeks and the qualifications the police department is looking for in qualified candidates for the next Long Beach Deputy Marshal. Chief explains the department is seeking an Indiana Law Enforcement Academy graduate. Deputy Matthew Vopat is currently a Deputy Marshal with the Town of Westville. Tuesday of this week Deputy Vopat was interviewed by the police interview board, followed by a police commission interview yesterday. The police commission was unanimous to move forward with a recommendation for the Town Council to hire Deputy Vopat as the next Deputy Marshal of Long Beach. Chief explains the salary of \$29.08 per hour for an approximate base salary of \$63,510.72. Deputies work a minimum of 2,184 hours per year, not including overtime. Deputy Vopat's first day of duty would be February 12, 2024 which is the day of the next Town Council meeting. Deputy Vopat will need the Town's healthcare package and be provided life insurance and the same recommendation as our other officers when it comes to the use of the take home car. His hiring will be on a probationary status for a period of one year.

Anita Remijas motions to hire Deputy Vopat with the salary and hiring package as outlined by Chief Swistek, seconded by Shannon Wojcik. All in favor, the motion carried. Clerk-Treasurer Meg Collins officially swears Deputy Marshal Matthew Vopat in at the podium.

Kendra Bartlett motions to adjourn, seconded by Joy Schmitt. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Treasurer Meg Collins