

TOWN OF LONG BEACH  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021  
7:00 PM

Attending this Zoom Forum were council members Mary Lou McFadden, John Kocher and John Wall; Town Attorney Willoughby, Clerk-Treasurer Bill deFuniak, and Marilyn Jones & Associates with Becky Lempa, and Deanna Carlson. President Bob Lemay was absent. Approximately 12 viewers total.

After the pledge of allegiance John Wall spoke of the history and reasons for the purpose of the storm water utility, regarding circuit breaker, tax revenue, formed to handle storm water issues. Bill deFuniak spoke the financial position of the Town and the costs the Town had in 2019 and 2020, plans for remediation of certain town stops, how the utility fee will help with covering the costs of projects with \$15/month to each resident. It can be adjusted anytime, annually, if need be, with increases or decreases.

It was noted that the Town Council will control the Board of the Utility.

De Funiak entertained a motion to begin the public hearing which McFadden motioned on and Kocher seconded approved 3 – 0. The meeting was opened for comments at this point. There were no oppositions so Kocher motioned to close the opposition portion of the meeting; second by McFadden and approved 3 – 0.

De Funiak spoke in favor of the Utility. Mr. Rizvi, 1636 LSD, supports the utility and thinks it will help immensely. He also thinks that Long Beach should find ways to curb the costs in other places such as only collecting refuse every other week at certain times of the year like winter months. McFadden motioned and Kocher seconded closing the hearing; approved 3 – 0.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of **Ordinance #2020-06: An Ordinance of the Town of Long Beach, LaPorte County, Indiana, Establishing A Storm Water Management Department, A Storm Water User Fee and Storm Water Operation and Maintenance Fund for the Town of Long Beach, Indiana** was read by title only. McFadden motioned to suspend the rules and pass by title only; second by Kocher; 3 – 0. McFadden made the motion to approve the ordinance; second by Wall; passed with a 3 – 0 vote. It was noted that this ordinance will remain on the Town books until it is repealed.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of **Ordinance #2020-07: An Ordinance Establishing the Storm Water User Classes and User Fees to Provide for Necessary Revenue for the Operation of the Storm Water Department of the Town of Long Beach** was read by de Funiak by title only. McFadden made the motion to suspend the rules and approve by title only, Wall seconded the motion and it was approved 3 – 0. McFadden then made the motion to approve the ordinance, and it passed 3 – 0 after a second by Kocher.

John Wall clarified certain sections and definitions of the ordinance. It was agreed that some clarification of some areas of the ordinance #2020-07 needed to be made and the ordinance re-written, specifically in sections 1, 2 and 3. Attorney Willoughby will rewrite the ordinance, but council agreed to the proposed amended language to be rewritten by the attorney and approval came this evening of the newly rewritten ordinance.

Kocher motioned to rescind the last vote of approving the ordinance until it is rewritten; McFadden seconded this motion; approved 3 – 0.

A new motion was made by McFadden to approve with the added language “for the purpose... in Section 3”... in Establishment of Rates ... “single monthly fee”... which will be reflected in the attorney’s newly phrased version of the ordinance; second by John Wall, passed 3 – 0.

There were no public comments and no additional comments by the council so McFadden motioned to adjourn the meeting; Kocher seconded and at 3 – 0 approval the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Bill de Funiak  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Town of Long Beach