

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING at LONG BEACH TOWN CENTER
November 12, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Present were Councilpersons Bob Lemay, Nick Meyer, Pete Byvoets, Joy Schmitt; Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Street Superintendent Tom Dolph, Police Chief Bob Sulkowski, Long Beach Volunteer Fire Chief Dave Albers and Town Attorney Chris Willoughby of Braje, Nelson & Janes. There were approximately 15 townspeople in attendance, Marilyn Jones & Associates court reporter and Access LaPorte County (ALCO) were present. Councilperson Jane Neulieb was not in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Council Meeting minutes of October 8, 2018; motion made by Schmitt, second by Byvoets for approval, were approved 4 – 0.

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski presented the October, 2018 report.

Police Commission – Pete Byvoets reported that 3 candidates had been identified for the police opening after the retirement of Lt. Bullis. Interviews and background checks will proceed with the anticipated start date of the new officer within 2 months.

Fire Department/Fire Commission – Dave Albers read the YTD report through October. Joy Schmitt reported on the October 13, 2018 Fire Commission meeting. She suggested that the Chester Group should be engaged to complete the architectural plans for an upgraded Fire Station. These plans could then be used for construction bids. Pete Byvoets made a motion to approve an expenditure, not to exceed \$10,000, with the Chester Group, seconded by Meyer; which was approved 4 – 0. Joy then stated that Chief Albers had decided to retire on 1/1/2019. At the 10/13 meeting Asst. Chief John Wall was selected as the new chief by the commission. Byvoets made a motion, seconded by Meyer, to approve John Wall as the new Volunteer Fire Chief, who was present at tonight's meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Street Department/Street Commission – Tom Dolph reported that all leaf machines were repaired and operable and that leaf vacuuming has begun. The snow plows and salt equipment are in good order for the winter season. Bill de Funiak then read a letter from INDOT to the Town Street Dept. announcing a 2019 award of \$719,000 for street paving. This is part of the Community Crossing Grant program which provides a 3 to 1 funding for smaller towns.

Park Board – Joy Schmitt reported that there was no Park Board meeting in October, but work continues on Stops 22 and 26.

Long Beach Community Center Committee – Joy Schmitt urged the residents to view the new roof at the Community Center. She thanked Jeff Bartlett for his help in securing the GAF shingle donation. She praised Messrs. Bauchrowitz, Jogmen and Wickstrom for their work in coordinating with the roofing contractor and Jim Neulieb for painting the Courtyard.

Water Board – Nick Meyer reported that work is underway to solicit, interview and hire a replacement for Barbara Stupeck, who is retiring February 28, 2019.

Budget and Finance – Pete Byvoets reported that discussions were held regarding the sewer project, AIM Medical Health insurance, police accreditation and police dispatch.

Human Resources Advisory Committee – C-T DeFuniak reported on the October meeting. Discussions were held and suggestions made regarding the 3 open positions: Water Office Manager, Police Officer and Building Commissioner.

Building Department – Bob Lemay reported on the 2 Building Commission meetings since the last Council meeting.

BZA Report – Lemay reported that the Kevin Hnatusko hearing and the Megan Applegate preliminary hearing would convene on November 13, 2018.

Advisory Plan Commission – Nick Meyer reported that there was no meeting in October.

October permit revenue report:

There were no building permit figures to report for October.

C-T de Funiak announced that 7 electrical permits were issued for \$1,563.00 with town revenue of \$153.60.

3 Street Cut permits were issued with fees of \$300.00.

Legal Expenses – Legal expenses paid in October were \$7,200.00 to Braje, Nelson & Janes, LLC and \$200.00 to Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis.

A motion was made by Schmitt and a second by Byvoets to approve the reports. Motion carried by 4 - 0.

Old Business – Schmitt provided a preliminary report on the sewer system survey.

Nick Meyer indicated no new information was available on the Stop 24 Project.

Byvoets made a motion, seconded by Schmitt, to approve both of the agreements in the Jaksa sewer proposal – Town/Jaksa and Town/Michigan City Sanitary District. Motion was approved 4 – 0.

Motion by Byvoets and second by Schmitt to approve a 3 year extension of the Republic Services for weekly garbage services; it was approved 4 – 0.

Bob Lemay reminded residents that the current totter ordinance would be enforced starting 1/1/2019.

Nick Meyer reported on extensive research with the DNR and neighboring communities regarding a deer cull. He stated that it was too late to enact an ordinance in 2018. The Town would need to hire a coordinator to operate the program and that government funding was possible.

New Business –

C-T de Funiak read the Resolution 2018-008 to approve President Lemay as the approved signer for the LBCC Roof loan. Motion made by Byvoets, second by Schmitt; it was approved 4 – 0.

De Funiak asked for the salary ranges which were approved for 2018 to be approved for 2019. Motion made by Schmitt, seconded by Meyer, was approved 4 – 0.

Lemay explained the Dillterra project to include 3 properties in determining ordinary high water marks for each. To clarify September meeting minutes, a motion was made by Lemay and second by Schmitt to authorize \$2,100 for the Dillterra work. Motion was approved unanimously.

Lemay explained that the Height Ordinance was approved by the APC but needed to be signed by the Town Council.

De Funiak asked about permit fees which had been paid for building and sand moving permits which were not completed. President Lemay said that the sand moving permits that were not approved should be refunded, but the building permits would need further review.

A proposal by Weaver Consultants was presented for core boring of the streets in preparation for 2019 paving. Motion by Byvoets and second by Schmitt to approve an amount not exceeding \$4,250.00 was made. Motion was approved 4 – 0.

Public Comments:

Mike Gorman, Lake Shore Drive, commented that the lack of heavy response from north Lake Shore Drive residents to the sewer survey was disturbing. Joy Schmitt commented that it had not been that long since the survey was distributed and responses were still being received.

Council Comments:

Claims Approval: Motion by Meyer and second by Byvoets to approve check numbers #15812 through #15905, totaling \$315,902.61 and salaries for October of 59,805.42, approved by a vote of 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM. with motion and second from Schmitt and Byvoets.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak,
Clerk-Treasurer