

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING @ Town Hall
AUGUST 12, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Attending tonight's meeting were council members Bob Lemay, Jane Neulieb, Nick Meyer, Pete Byvoets, Joy Schmitt, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Town Attorney Chris Willoughby of Braje, Nelson & Janes, Police Chief Robert Sulkowski and Fire Chief John Wall; Marilyn Jones & Associates videographer and court reporter, Janelle Robinson; and ALCO TV. There were approximately 20 audience members present. Street Superintendent Tom Dolph was absent.

After the **Pledge of Allegiance**, the minutes of June 10, 2019 (amended), July 8, 2019 and special meeting on July 18, 2019 were approved unanimously with motions and seconds by Neulieb and Byvoets, respectively.

Reports were Read:

Police Department /Police Commission- Police report for July was read by Chief Sulkowski. Pete Byvoets commented on the Police Commission meeting. He stated that 15 letters were sent to residents who were in non-compliance with the 30 Day Rental Ordinance. No payments of fines have been received. He said that training is ongoing for the 2 new reserve officers. The squad car purchase is awaiting availability.

Fire Department/Fire Commission – John Wall gave the July department monthly report. Average response time for fire and medical calls were 5.2 minutes. He indicated that no Fire Commission meeting was held in July.

Street Department/Street Commission – Jane Neulieb reported that clean-up of streets continues. The paving project is mostly complete with some street drains still to be finished. She and Tom Dolph met, but since there was no quorum, no formal Street Commission meeting was held.

Park Board – Joy Schmitt reported on the July 23rd meeting. Beach stop refurbishing continues. A meeting with resident Bob Kuchler was held to discuss plans for Stop 24. Plans are underway for stops 14, 15 and 18. Joy read an anonymous letter purporting to be from a resident of Stop 15. President Lemay commented on his disapproval of anonymous letters being given status at council meetings.

Long Beach Community Center Committee – No meeting was held in July.

Water Board – Nick Meyer reported that prior meeting minutes are now available on the town website. He commented that the letter had been sent out detailing the change from mid-month to mid-month billing to a calendar month basis.

Budget and Finance – No meeting was held.

Human Resources Advisory Committee – There was no meeting to report.

Building Department – Lemay reported on the department's July meeting. He discussed actions ongoing for 2309 LSD, 2909 LSD and 2943 LSD.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No meeting was held.

Advisory Plan Commission – There was no APC meeting in July.

July 2019 **permit revenue** report:

De Funiak reported 22 permits were issued with fees of \$3,061.00 collected on project costs of \$175,455.00.

There were 3 electrical permits issued for \$355.00 with town revenue of \$35.50.

Legal Expenses paid in July totaled \$7,010.00; \$4,725.00 to Braje, Nelson & Janes, LLC and \$2,285.00 to Austgen, Kuiper & Jasaitas.

A motion was made by Schmitt and second by Byvoets to approve all reports. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Old Business – De Funiak complimented the Higdon family for their donation of \$1,350 to the LB Community Center for the purchase of chairs to be used at the center.

The Parking Ordinance with amendments was approved unanimously with a motion from Schmitt and second from Byvoets.

A motion from Byvoets and second from Schmitt to pass the Sign Ordinance was approved 5 – 0. The ordinance will be returned to the APC before final enactment.

The Toter Ordinance has been published.

New Business – The dates for the 2020 Budget Hearing and Budget Adoption are 9/23/2019 and 10/14/2019, respectively.

De Funiak discussed the Work Order software package from Civic Systems which will be used by both the Water Dept. and Street Dept. A motion was made by Schmitt and second by Neulieb to approve the cost of \$2,362.50 (half of \$4,725) for the package. Motion was carried 5 – 0.

Bob Lemay invited the public to attend a FEMA open house on August 29, 2019 to discuss flood plain areas and issues.

Nick Meyer provided an overview of the proposed new website and promised a projector presentation at the September meeting.

C-T de Funiak discussed the problems that had occurred at Stop 19 relative to garbage pickup. He has received a proposal from Toter Taxi of \$1,000/mo. to move and return toters from all LB public facilities: parks, beach stops and buildings. Jane Neulieb commented that she would prefer that this service be provided by resident teenagers or town employees for additional compensation. No action was taken on this subject.

Bob Lemay mentioned contact from a resident regarding the danger that deer create for residents and the deer themselves. He made a motion, seconded by Schmitt to add signage warning of deer presence. Motion carried by a 3 – 2 vote.

Lemay proposed Rachel Stadler to fill a vacancy on the Land Conservation Committee, seconded by Neulieb, and was approved 5 – 0.

Public Comments – Bob Boyce, Lake Shore Drive, complained about an article in the MC News-Dispatch which quoted President Lemay as saying, "We need to protect our beaches from the politically

connected, and frankly, monied interests that live on the north side of Lake Shore Drive.” Lemay countered that he didn’t say “all”.

Anita Remijas requested more respect and civility for town councilmembers and appointees.

Jane Neulieb commented that debate and disagreement is not unhealthy in town politics.

Mary Kowalski asked about large dogs on the beach. Lemay and Neulieb stated that, while dogs are prohibited at town beach stops, the public trust doctrine does not ban from the public beach. Byvoets said that he would explore the issue with Indiana DNR.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Claims Approval: Motion by Schmitt and second by Neulieb to approve claims #16494 through #16583, totaling \$142,329.86 and salaries for July of \$70,825.38; approved 5-0.

Motion and second to adjourn by Byvoets and Meyer, approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak,

Clerk-Treasurer