

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING at TOWN HALL
May 14, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Present were Pete Byvoets, Joy Schmitt, Bob Lemay, Jane Neulieb; Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Police Chief Bob Sulkowski, Long Beach Volunteer Fire Chief Dave Albers and Town Attorney Chris Willoughby of Braje, Nelson & Janes. Councilman Nick Meyer and Street Superintendent Tom Dolph were not present. There were approximately 25 townspeople in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Committee Reports in the March 12, 2018 meeting and Council Meeting of April 9, 2018 and Special Council Meeting of April 27, 2018; motion made by Byvoets, second by Neulieb for approval, were approved 4 – 0.

Police Department – Chief Sulkowski presented the April, 2018 police report. He mentioned that this was Law Enforcement Appreciation Week and that the dedication of the monument for Chief Kautz was scheduled for Monday, May 28, 2018, Memorial Day, at 1 P.M. on the Town Center front lawn.

Police Commission – Pete Byvoets reported that a decision was made to proceed with body cameras for the police staff. Attorney Willoughby will develop the legal aspects related to storage and availability of records for public reporting. C-T will provide details on financing for a replacement police car for the part-time and reserve officers. This car would replace a 2006 vehicle. Procedures have been developed for collection of outstanding citations, which will be conducted with the assistance of law firm, Braje, Nelson and Janes.

Fire Department/Fire Commission – Dave Albers read the YTD report through April. Dave mentioned that an ISO audit is upcoming. LBVFD is currently rated as a 4, which is exceptional for a volunteer fire department. The Fire Commission met on April 16th to discuss the Duneland Beach Fire Protection contract with 3 representatives from Duneland. Chief Albers will prepare an agreement for continuing the Duneland Beach fire protection.

Street Department – No report was given.

Street Commission – Jane Neulieb reported that the Kubota repair was completed at a cost of \$1,500. Spring Leaf Pick-up has been completed. Road salt for the winter stands at 650 tons, which should be sufficient for the upcoming winter. Duneland Beach and Michiana Shores have been informed that Long Beach will no longer store and provide winter salt for their use. Remediation of the drain pipes at the stop 16 residence and the dry wells on Moore Road are ongoing. The tennis court fence damaged by a tree has been repaired by Street and Water Department employees. Jane read an INDOT e-mail, discussing the process for obtaining Community Crossing grants.

Park Board – Joy Schmitt reported that 4 applicants had applied for the Activities Director position and that coordination for interviewing would be made with Jerri Massey and Pam Krueger. Stops 18 and 30 have encroachments by residents on the town's beach stops and Joy asked that the town attorney send

letters to the residents, requesting that they vacate the town property. Park Board meetings have been changed from the 4th Wednesday to the 4th Tuesday at 6 P.M. Jane Neulieb mentioned that a resident mentioned that a kayak had been removed from his empty lot on Lakeshore Drive a few years ago, and cautioned that we be careful to distinguish between town and private property.

Long Beach Community Center Committee – Joy Schmitt mentioned that a repair had been made to a broken water pipe in the basement. The Indiana Historical Register group has asked for an opportunity to tour the Old School and that will occur on Saturday, August 18th. There will be about 100 people, but they will arrive at different times.

Water Board – No report was filed.

Budget and Finance – Pete Byvoets reported that, at the last meeting, the committee discussed the sewer system under consideration. Haas & Associates have targeted the end of May for the completion of the sewer flow capacity study. Pete indicated that the CCD increase was approved by the DLGF and would be in effect in 2019.

Human Resources Advisory Committee – de Funiak indicated that the installation and training for the new version of the administrative software had been completed and was operating successfully with the normal bumps along the way.

Building Department – Bob Lemay reported on Building Commission meetings in the month of April.

BZA Report – Lemay reported that the variance for an enclosed porch at 2302 Grassmere was approved.

Advisory Plan Commission – Bob Lemay reported on the APC meetings held in April.

The Toter Ordinance and the View Protection Ordinance will be the subject of public hearings at the next regular APC on May 21, 2018.

The Beach Protection Overlay Ordinance will be discussed at a Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 7 P.M. in the Community Center Gym.

April permit revenue report:

Bob Lemay reported that 28 permits were issued with total project costs of \$873,736.80 with town revenue of \$7,500.00.

C-T de Funiak announced that 3 electrical permits were issued for \$458.00 with town revenue of \$45.80.

Legal Expenses – Legal expenses paid in April were \$9,553.75 to Braje, Nelson & Janes, LLC, \$865.50 to Knight, Hoppe, Kurnick & Knight.

Old Business –

C-T de Funiak reported that positive discussions were continuing with Duneland Beach regarding the police protection agreement. Duneland Beach continues to pay monthly at the 2017 fees. De Funiak stated that Duneland paid a fee representing \$50/household for 2018 Fire Protection.

New Business –

Large Item pick-up dates are June 4 and June 11 and have been the subject of e-mails, advertisements and web-site postings.

Healy Landscaping required part of a third day to successfully complete the Spring Leaf Removal. Motion by Neulieb, second by Byvoets, for an additional \$600, was approved 4 – 0.

Stop 24 Water Pipe – additional work required by Woodruff was not able to be evaluated. It will be deferred until the June meeting.

Police Car – Discussion of the purchase of a new police car and whether 3,4 or 5 -year financing would be appropriate. A decision was deferred.

Hydrant Accident – Town cost of repairs was in excess of \$13,000. The driver's insurance limits have been exceeded. Town will write a letter requesting payment from driver for these expenses.

Beach Property for sale at Stop 31 – Joy Schmitt discussed the proposal from Shoreland Hills to share in the cost of purchasing 100' of beachfront property at Stop 31. Action was deferred.

Proposed Revetment at 2214 LSD – Lemay read a document submitted by the DNR, which essentially stated that the DNR would not be involved in the evaluation or oversight of this revetment. Motion by Lemay and second by Byvoets to appeal the DNR's ruling. Motion carried by a vote of 4 – 0.

C-T de Funiak expressed concern over the performance on the Stop 24 Demolition project. He has contacted the IDEM staff involved in the evaluation of the fuel tank removal and associated environmental impact. As of the morning of May 14, 2018, no report had been received and it had been over 30 days since the tank had been removed. He told Pete Byvoets that he had sent the forms to Nick Meyer and Jeff Oltmanns in April or March.

Public Comments –

Mary Lou Mc Fadden, Duffy Lane, asked about the sprinkler system being installed at Melrose Park and its costs. Joy Schmitt said she would research that information, but that the expenses had been budgeted.

Bill Hazelgrove, Oriole Trail, commented on the difficulty of entering the beach at stops 14 and 20 because of the hills and valleys created by Lake movement, seconded by Tina Keltz. He also mentioned the debris which has washed up and needs to be removed.

Doria Lemay, Oakenwald Dr., mentioned that some of the beach debris was too heavy for human removal (logs, etc.) and would require equipment.

C-T de Funiak mentioned that he had just received another 8 land disturbance permits from Lake Shore Drive residents, who wish to move/remove sand blown up over the winter. He said several of these homeowners knew that no land disturbance permits had been issued for the Stop 24 project.

Council Comments – None.

Claims Approval: Motion by Schmitt and second by Byvoets to approve check numbers #15378 through #15464, totaling \$184,410.63 and salaries for April of 65,259.90; approved by a vote of 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM. with motion and second from Schmitt and Byvoets.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak Clerk-Treasurer