

TOWN OF LONG BEACH  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING at TOWN HALL  
August 10, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

Present were Pete Byvoets, Jane Neulieb, Bob Lemay, Joy Schmitt, Nick Meyer; Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Police Chief Bob Sulkowski, Volunteer Fire Chief Dave Albers, Street Supt. Tom Dolph and Town Attorney Ethan Lowe. There were approximately 30 townspeople in attendance.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Jane Neulieb asked that the minutes for July 10, 2017 be amended to include the wording that the tree replacement agreement with NIPSCO had expired. Motion to approve with this addition was made by Bob Lemay, seconded by Nick Meyer, approved 5 – 0.

**Police Department** – Chief Bob Sulkowski presented the July police report.

**Police Commission** – Pete Byvoets reported that no meeting was held in July, but discussed the August 2, 2017 meeting. The sign ordinance was reviewed and submitted to Attorney Lowe. The La Porte County communication system remains in abeyance. Body cameras were discussed but will be on hold until further evaluation is made. Procedures for ordinance citations and collections will be developed with assistance from Attorney Lowe. Jane Neulieb asked why we couldn't implement the police body cameras. Byvoets said more clarity on storage, maintenance and distribution is needed.

**Fire Department/Fire Commission** – Dave Albers made the YTD report through July. He again repeated the need to correct the duplicate address problem that exists on LSD. A suggestion was presented to change Long Beach addresses on Lake Shore Drive to add "East" to the address. This will be discussed at the next Fire Commission meeting.

**Street Department** – Tom Dolph reported that benches were installed near the new backstop in the Community Center park. The Michigan City Sanitary District provided much-appreciated assistance for the drain repair outside town hall. The Avondale clean-up was completed.

**Street Commission** – Jane Neulieb said the new leaf vacuum would facilitate our leaf pick-up project in the Fall. Work was performed on the town-owned triangle at Oriole and Juneway.

**Park Board** – Joy Schmitt reported that Stop 23 drain work was completed. Joy invited interested parties to the August meeting to discuss the 2018 Park budget.

**Long Beach Community Center Committee** – Joy Schmitt reported that the window glazing project is 1/3 completed. The glazing will require a 6 month curing before painting can begin. 2 inoperative heaters have been removed and drywall and patching will follow. She applauded the Higdon family (5K Run) and the LB Bridge Club for their generous donations. Nick Meyer asked about the energy efficiency studies. Jane Neulieb complimented the LBCC volunteers for their contributions to the Center, which was seconded by Pete Byvoets. The Fire Alarm System is still under evaluation.

**Water Board** – Nick Meyer reported that meter and hydrant testing was completed. Some residents have requested, through the Water Department, some clarifications of the new policy as referenced in the recent mailing by the Water Board.

**Budget and Finance** – Pete Byvoets reported that a meeting was conducted with himself, Bill de Funiak and Cender & Co. to discuss the 2018 Budget. Pete stated that a concerted effort to request and obtain grants is underway. Global Engineering, Haas & Associates and David Hoppe will all be engaged in endeavors to secure outside funding.

**Human Resources Advisory Committee** – de Funiak said that the new Employee Handbooks would be available in September.

**Building Department** – Pete Byvoets reported that a Building Commissioner candidate had been interviewed and was waiting for feedback from the interviewers. Bob Lemay made the building report for July.

**BZA Report** – Lemay reported that the Kavanagh petition was deferred at the petitioner's request. The Lazar appeal (2015 LSD) was approved.

**Advisory Plan Commission** – Nick Meyer reported that the beach protection, sign and parking ordinances were discussed and those items needing review were forwarded to Attorney Lowe. He commented about the short term rental ordinance that might be endangered at the state level re-convening.

Nick introduced two representatives from Global Engineering, who provided background on the Stop 24 project and bids to be solicited for the Water Building demolition.

**July permit revenue report:**

C-T de Funiak announced that 3 electrical permits were paid at \$945.00 with town revenue of \$94.50.

**Legal Expenses** paid in July were \$5,780.00 to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann.

Motion by Lemay and second by Schmitt to approve reports and claims; 5-0.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – C-T de Funiak read Resolution 2017-002, closing the Lease for Town Fund and moving \$13,253.99 into the General Fund. Motion by Byvoets, second by Schmitt, approved 5-0.

Nick Meyer made a motion to approve publishing of the request for bids in the newspaper, for demolition of the old water pump house, seconded by Byvoets and approved 5-0.

Meyer made a motion to approve a fee of \$3,000 to Global Engineering to pursue a grant for the Stop 24 project. Motion was seconded by Byvoets and approved unanimously.

**Public Comments** – Mary Lou McFadden asked about lawsuits against the town. President Byvoets suggested that she access the Federal Court web-site with the appropriate Case numbers to view progress.

A resident complained about portable toilets along Lake Shore Drive that were unsightly.

Jim Jaksa spoke about his expenses incurred in gaining approval for connection to the Michigan City Sanitary District (MCSD) sewer system. Attorney Lowe indicated that he had scheduled a meeting with Mr. Jaksa's attorney and the MCSD lawyer.

A resident spoke about the continued need for a deer cull.

A representative from Save the Dunes offered her support and advice to the townspeople of Long Beach.

**Council Comments** – None

**Claims Approval:** Motion by Joy Schmitt and second by Bob Lemay to approve an invoice to Harris, Welsh & Lukmann for \$4,645.00 and check numbers #14678 through #14754 totaling \$116,697.85 and salaries for July of \$79,449.80.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak Clerk-Treasurer