

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING @ Town Hall
JANUARY 6, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Attending tonight's meeting were council members Bob Lemay, Mary Lou McFadden, Nick Meyer, John Kocher, John Wall as council member and Fire Chief, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Police Chief Bob Sulkowski, Town Attorney Chris Willoughby of Braje, Nelson & Janes, Marilyn Jones & Associates videographer and court reporter; and ALCO TV. There were approximately 18 audience members present. Street Superintendent Tom Dolph was absent.

After the **Pledge of Allegiance**, it was noted that all oaths of office for new council members have been tendered and will be sent to LaPorte Circuit Court Clerk, Kathleen Chroback, by Bill de Funiak.

The meeting began with the election of a council president. Nick Meyer motioned to elect Bob Lemay for president; John Wall seconded; Lemay was elected with a 5 – 0 vote.

President Lemay welcomed all new members to the council; John Wall, Mary Lou McFadden, and John Kocher.

He also stated that all future meetings of the council, aside from tonight's, would continue on the scheduled second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall, 2400 Oriole Trail.

Council decided to add committee reports this evening, not noted on the agenda.

Reports were Read:

Police Department /Police Commission- Police report for December was read by Chief Sulkowski. There was no Police Commission report to read this evening; next month.

Fire Department/Fire Commission – John Wall gave the report for December and spoke of a new member, Ann Marie Hayes, members that are in training and the 6 new instructors. The fire commission will be meeting in January. The new fire commission will be in the next couple of weeks. Wall spoke of the Town notifying NIPSCO and holding an hour and a half phone conference with their officials, the Town's building commission and Lemay to discuss the urgency of lakefront remediations if actions should be taken regarding a disaster plan on the lake shore with regards to the town's water main, roads, utilities, etc.

Street Department/Street Commission – Tom Dolph was absent so no reports were given; report will be given at February's meeting.

Park Board – Kendra Bartlett was present to give a report for the Park Board. There will be free Tai Chi classes at the community center on January 13 and January 27 at 3 pm in the gym. Landscaping is being done at Stops 14 and 18. The next Stop for rehab will be Stop 28; public input is welcome. No new money will be spent on rehabbing stairs that have been washed out until assessments are made in the spring.

Long Beach Community Center Committee – de Funiak announced that Joy Schmitt picked up the new plaque delivered to Town Hall for the community center’s historical status; it will be displayed on site at the old Long Beach School, now the Long Beach Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail, Long Beach.

Water Board – Nick Meyer mentioned that no report for December; and the board meets on the 4th Monday at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

Budget and Finance – de Funiak had no minutes for December but January’s meeting will take place Wednesday, the 8th at 8:30 a.m. in Town Hall; discussion to include the priority list for 2020 – Stop 15, Stop 24, Fire Station, road paving, etc.

Human Resources Advisory Committee – Lemay received a survey from A.I.M. (Accelerated Indiana Municipalities) for employee salary positions; he would like the Town to work on a merit-based salary ordinance for Long Beach.

Building Department – Byvoets reported on the December 13th meeting.

Mentioned properties at 1802 LSD, Perry -at BZA level; 1906 LSD, Nash- ticket issued; 3010 LSD, Flando residence- with Atty.; 2010 Juneway, septic system without a permit, contractor Sunset Septic & Excavating-taken to court; 2932 Mt. Claire Way-taken to court; All properties in jeopardy along lakeshore drive were discussed and permitted temporary repairs that were given to residents needing emergency attention. 2310 Lake Shore resident who wanted to build a small structure on his property but cannot because of the Town Code requiring a primary structure on the lot will have to have his 2 lots combined into one through the County in order to be permitted. Next meeting will be January 10th at 1 PM in room 3 at the community center.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Met on December 10th-

1802 LSD, 2027 Oriole Trail, 2809 Lyndale Trail, and 2816 Brentwood Way are all before the Board at this time for variances. Next meeting is January 14th at 7 PM in Town Hall.

Advisory Plan Commission – No December meeting held.

A motion was made by Meyer; second by Wall, to accept all reports as presented. Motion carried 5 - 0.

New Business – Committee Appointments for 2020: (Complete lists presented by Lemay attached)

BZA – 3 positions open

1. Citizen-president appointed; not on APC – Doug Wickstrom
2. Citizen -president appointed; not on APC - Meg Kanyer
(Both thru 2021)
3. Citizen-council appointed; not APC-Barb Morgan (2021) (removed Kocher who is on town council now)
Lemay nominated Barbara; Meyer seconded- 5-0 approval

Mike Gorman will continue on through 2020

Special BZA- All to be elected by council (No bias):

To be elected pending approval by attorney-

Doug Wickstrom – to be appointed by the APC

Marilyn Reidy

Bill Cusack

Richard Moran

Brian Jensen

Lemay posted on the website, took first 5, interviewed them by specific criteria, pending approval by Town Attorney Willoughby.

Lemay nominated 4 by council-Reidy, Cusack, Moran, and Jensen pending review by attorney; second by Kocher; approved 5-0.

Building Commission – Expand from 4 to 7 members:

Add 1 from Volunteer Fire Dept. – Larry Wall

2 from Council – John Wall and Bob Lemay

Appointed by council- Joe Jogmen, Pete byvoets, and suggest Anita Remijas and Tom McDonald.

McFadden questioned Lemay about the meeting the council members had where they discussed Joy Schmitt sitting on the commission.

Larry Wall

John Kocher

Pete Byvoets

Bob Lemay

Joe Jogmen

These 5 all approved 5-0 by council.

Kocher motioned to accept McDonald; McFadden 2nd; 5-0

McFadden motioned to accept Joy Schmitt; 2nd by Kocher; 5-0

APC – 7 members:

5 with 4 year terms; 2 with 3 year terms:

Council President appointed Mike Gorman (through 2021) and Rich Jercich (through 2020); both from the BZA.

Council President appointed Anita Remijas (through 2021)

Council President appointed Kathleen Beeler (through 2023)

3 from Council appointed by Lemay-nominate through 2023; 2nd by Kocher; 5-0

McFadden, Meyer and Lemay

Police Commission-

President Appointed:

Chief Robert Sulkowski

John Wall

Nick Meyer

Bob Gallagher

Water Board – All President Appointed:

1 from Council – Mary Lou McFadden (2023)

Rick Blank (2022)

Bob Gallagher (2022)

Laurel Kuczynski (2021)

Rick Remijas (2021) replaces Mary Lou who replaced Nick Meyer

Street Commission – all by Council

Lemay nominates Kevin Flemington, John Wall, Dan Tannas, Don Reinke, and Tom Dolph; Nick asked for individual nominations.

Lemay nominated Flemington; 2nd by McFadden; 5-0

Lemay nominated John Wall; 2nd by McFadden; 5-0

Lemay nominated Dan Tannas; 2nd by Nick Meyer; 5-0

Lemay nominated Don Reinke; 2nd by John Wall; 4 ayes, 1 nay

Fire Commission –

To include the Fire Chief, 2 members of Council appointed by the president, a member of the LBVFD appointed by the council president and a member selected by 4 Fire Commission members.

Chief – John Wall

LBVFD by president – Tom Yemc

By council president – Nick Meyer and John Kocher

The 5th person to be chosen by the 4 appointed commission members – to be determined.

Park Board-

4, all with 4-year terms, appointed by council, no more than 2 from the same party, no council members, only citizens:

Bob Lemay nominated Kendra Bartlett-R (2021), Jerry Massey-I (2022), Zachary Neff-I (2020) and Joy Schmitt-D (2023); second by John Wall.

Mary Lou questioned the council's previous meeting where she asked that Mary Kowalski be on the Park Board; Lemay stated he changed his mind and chose Joy Schmitt. The 4 nominated by Lemay were approved by 4 – 1 vote.

Budget and Finance – Annual appointments to include the Clerk-Treasurer and 4 members appointed by council president:

Clerk-Treasurer, Bill de Funiak,
Peter Byvoets,
Laurel Kuczynski,
Robert Lemay
Joe Jogmen

Police Advisory Board- 3 by Council President Lemay and 1 by the Police Chief:

Appointed by Lemay were Dan Moon and Zachary Neff. Joe St. Peter was appointed by Chief Sulkowski. Lemay noted the Advisory Board should meet at least once a year.

Human Resources- To be appointed annually by Council President Lemay and to include the Clerk-Treasurer and the police chief:

Appointed by Lemay were Georgetta Cox, and Mike Konicek and Mary Lou McFadden from the council; the other 2 members are Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak and Police Chief Robert Sulkowski.

Community Center- To be elected by the council, annually:

Lemay felt he want to add a sixth person to the already 5 members working successfully for the community center. Kocher motioned to elected all 6 together of Lemay's nomination of Mary Carol Lombard, Doug Wickstrom, Joe Jogmen, Horst Bauchrowitz, Joy Schmitt, and the sixth added member, Bob Gallagher. Nick Meyer seconded the motion and all approved 5 – 0.

NIRPC -Northern Indiana Regional Planning Commission- Nick Meyer nominated Lemay; seconded by John Kocher, approved 5- 0.

Land Conservation/Tree Board- Annually appointed by Council:

Lemay nominated Annabelle Juhasz, David Hoppe, Martha Maust, Paul Fithian, Rachel Stadler, and Joy Schmitt, Liason to the APC. He made that into a motion, seconded by Kocher, and approved 5 – 0.

Nick Meyer made a motion to eliminate the Town Beautification committee, second by Lemay, 5 – 0. De Funiak asked for someone to get the contact information for the members of each committee and submit to the office.

The Committee Lists Submitted by President Lemay are attached to these minutes.

Public Comments –

Council Comments – John Kocher asked that the council members be given a status report, by Attorney Willoughby, of all litigations still on the books with legal fees; Lemay made a motion that it be a monthly report, second by McFadden, approved 5 – 0.

Clerk-Treasurer de Funiak noted to the new council the check register he sends to them each month noting major expenditures so they can familiarize themselves with the reports before the month council meetings take place.

John Wall spoke of the one day conference the three newly elected council members attended in Crown Point.

Claims Approval: Checks #16948 through #16957 totaling \$30,774.93; motion to approve by Lemay, second by Wall; 5-0.

There was a question by Kocher on check #16957; de Funiak said it's an invoice by the building commissioner, not always submitted monthly, but sporadically, sometimes more than one a month, but he invoices on a monthly basis.

Motion and second to adjourn by Meyer and McFadden, approved 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak,

Clerk-Treasurer

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

2020

Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals (5) - All 4 year terms staggered- meets 2nd Tues, 7:00 pm in Town Hall

3 CITIZEN MEMBERS BY PRESIDENT - 1 FROM THE APC, 2 NON APC

1 CITIZEN BY APC

1 CITIZEN BY COUNCIL

1. Citizen - Doug Wickstrom- Pres appt not from APC - Term thru 2023
2. Citizen - Rich Jercich - Pres appt from APC - Term thru 2020
3. Citizen - Meg Kanyer - Pres appt not from APC - Term thru 2023
4. Citizen – Barb Morgan - Council appt not from APC - Term thru 2021
5. Citizen - Mike Gorman - APC appt from APC - Term thru 2020

Building Commission - not annual - no specified term- meets 2nd Fri, 1pm in room 3 in Community Center

1 MEMBER FROM LBVFD

NOT LESS THAN 3 MEMBERS 2 OF WHICH ARE COUNCIL MEMBERS

ALL APPOINTED BY COUNCIL

1. Council – John Kocher
2. Council - Robert LeMay
3. LBVFD - Larry Wall

4. Citizen - Joe Jogmen
5. Citizen - Pete Byvoets
6. Citizen – Tom McDonald
7. Citizen – Joy Schmitt

Advisory Plan Commission (APC) (7) - 5 four year terms, 2 three year terms- meets 3rd Mon, 7:00 pm in Town Hall

3 ELECTED, APPOINTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES BY
COUNCIL

4 CITIZENS NO MORE THAN 2 FROM THE SAME PARTY AND 2 MUST BE
FROM THE BZA BY PRESIDENT

1. Council appt from Council – Mary Lou Mc Fadden - 4yr term thru 2023
2. Council appt from Council - Robert LeMay - 4yr term thru 2023
3. Council appt from Council - Nick Meyer - 4yr term thru 2023
4. Pres appt – Kathleen Beeler - 4yr term thru 2023
5. Pres appt – Anita Remijas - 3yr term thru 2021
6. Pres appt/BZA - Mike Gorman - 3yr term thru 2021
7. Pres appt/BZA - Rich Jercich - 4yr term thru 2020

Police Commission (4) – Annual- meets 1st Wed, 8:30 am in Town Hall

TO INCLUDE POLICE CHIEF, 3 APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT

1. Chief (by ordinance) - Chief Sulkowski
2. Council member by Pres – John Wall
3. Council member by Pres - Nick Meyer

4. Citizen by Pres – Bob Gallagher

Water Board (5) - All 4 year terms- meets 4th Mon, 9:00 am in Town Hall

1 FROM TOWN COUNCIL - ALL BY PRESIDENT

1. Council – Mary Lou McFadden - Term thru 2023
2. Citizen - Rick Blank - Term thru 2022
3. Citizen - Robert Gallagher - Term thru 2022
4. Citizen - Laurel Kuczynski - Term thru 2021
5. Citizen – Rick Remijas- Term thru 2021

Street Commission - Annual – Advisory- meets 3rd Wed, 5:30 pm in Town Hall

ALL BY COUNCIL

1. Kevin Flemmington
2. John Wall
3. Dan Tannas
4. Don Reinke
5. Tom Dolph

Fire Commission - (5) – Annual-

TO INCLUDE THE FIRE CHIEF, TWO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BY
PRESIDENT, A MEMBER OF LBVFD BY PRESIDENT, AND A MEMBER
SELECTED BY 4 FIRE COMMISSION MEMBERS

1. Chief - John Wall
2. LBVFD by Pres – Tom Yemc
3. Council by Pres – Nick Meyer
4. Council by Pres – John Kocher
5. By 4 members of FC - TBD

Park Board - (4) - All 4yr Terms- meets 4th Tues, 6:00 pm, Town Hall

ALL APPOINTED BY COUNCIL, NO MORE THAN 2 FROM SAME PARTY
NO COUNCIL MEMBERS, ONLY CITIZENS

1. Kendra Bartlett - Term thru 2021
2. Jerri Massey - Term thru 2022
3. Zachary Neff - Term thru 2020
4. Joy Schmitt - Term thru 2023

Budget and Finance Committee - (5) - Annual – Advisory- meets 2nd Wed , 8:30 am in Town Hall

TO INCLUDE CLERK TREASURER AND 4 MEMBERS BY PRESIDENT

1. Clerk - Bill deFuniak
2. Pres appt - Peter Byvoets
3. Pres appt - Laurel Kuczynski
4. Pres appt – Robert LeMay
5. Pres appt - Joe Jogmen

Police Advisory Board - (3)

2 BY PRESIDENT, 1 BY POLICE CHIEF

1. Pres appt - Dan Moon
2. Pres appt – Zak Neff
3. Chief appt – Joe St Peter

Human Resources – Annual

ALL BY PRESIDENT, TO INCLUDE CLERK TREASURER AND POLICE CHIEF

1. Clerk - Bill deFuniak
2. Pres appt – Georgetta Cox
3. Pres appt - Mike Konicek
4. Chief - Chief Sulkowski

5. Pres appt – Mary Lou Mc Fadden

Community Center - Annual – Advisory- meets 1st Mon, 4pm Community Center Rm 12

ALL BY COUNCIL

1. Mary Carol Lombard
2. Doug Wickstrom
3. Joe Jogmen
4. Horst Bauchrowitz
5. Joy Schmitt
6. Bob Gallagher

NIRPC - Advisory

1 ELECTED OFFICIAL BY COUNCIL

1. Bob LeMay

Land Conservation/ Tree Board - Annual - Advisory - Subcommittee of APC- meets 1st Wed, 4:30 pm in the Community Center Rm 2

ALL BY COUNCIL

1. Annabelle Juhasz
2. David Hoppe
3. Martha Maust
4. Paul Fithian
5. Rachel Stadler
6. Joy Schmitt - Liaison to APC

Special BZA – elected by Town Council

1. Dr. Dick Houck
2. James Salmon
3. Bill Cusack
4. Richard Moran
5. Brian Jensen