

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING via Zoom
January 11, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Council members Bob Lemay, John Wall, Mary Lou McFadden, and John Kocher participated in the online Zoom meeting this evening along with Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Police Chief Mark Swistek, Street Supt. Tom Dolph, Attorney Chris Willoughby of Braje, Nelson & Janes, and Marilyn Jones & Associates along with 31 + public viewers in total.

Bob Lemay called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of November 25, 2020 were approved, at this meeting again, by a 4 – 0 vote with a motion by McFadden and a second by Kocher.

With no opening remarks by the president, Chief Mark Swistek gave the **Police Department** report for December. He has been in communication with the LB building commission already and in-service training will begin soon that includes an 8 hr. CPR course.

Police Commission – There wasn't a January meeting to report on, however, John Wall announced and discussed the Town's Infectious Disease Control Policy that expired December 31st. With a motion and second by Lemay and McFadden, it was approved 4 – 0 to extend the COVID-19 policies another quarter, for the 1st quarter of 2021. The town will provide two (2) weeks pay for those affected by it, if an employee is out of work commission.

Fire Department / Fire Commission – Chief John Wall provided the year-end report and YTD numbers for both fire and medical calls. There wasn't a commission meeting to report but annual proficiency tests are ongoing, COVID-19 protocols are still in effect. Most firemen have been vaccinated already. There will be a review of the town contract ready for February's council meeting.

Street Department – Tom Dolph announced they've cleaned up the shop while December was mainly quiet about town. They've maintained the truck and have already plowed and salted the roads as needed. There was not a December **Street Commission** meeting, so no report.

Kocher stated there wasn't a **Park Board** meeting in December. But resident Anita Remijas, also on the Park Board mentioned (in public comments) that November's and December's meetings were combined and held as one on November 30, 2020.

There was no **Community Center** meeting to report.

Mary Lou McFadden stated the **Water Board** met on December 28th. There is an audit still ongoing in the department. A couple of the water board members are working with a few residents to possibly collect charges from them that go back 3 years. Their next meeting is January 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Budget & Finance – Bill DeFuniak met with Pete Byvoets so they could review the town's finances as Bill had promised at the last council meeting. As finances seem to be in good shape, Bill solicited a motion, and Kocher motioned for a study to be performed by Haas & Associates at a cost of \$35,000 to finish

cost studies for the 2021 CCMG. This motion was seconded by Lemay and approved unanimously. The B & F committee meets again on January 12th, tomorrow, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Human Resources Advisory Committee – de Funiak stated the salary study has begun today with the company New Focus.

The **Building Commission** met on January 8, 2021. Lemay spoke of matters pertaining to seawall repairs at 3006 Lake Shore Drive; a deck and driveway on town property at 2300 Lake Shore Drive, Moran residence. The commission is working with the town attorney on this issue. Damage that Pavey Excavating caused while installing a septic at 2915 Loma Portal Way. The town attorney is to write a letter to Pavey Excavating. There was also discussion that the police department would help enforce with required permits by contractors in town.

BZA – No meeting.

The **APC** met on December 21, 2020. Proposed amendments to the Lake Michigan Shoreline Preservation Overlay Zoning District ordinance were being reviewed. A solar ordinance is being discussed by the committee; a Right-of-Way ordinance is in the works also. The topic of maximum house sizes is brought up. Is it possible to say that a house can be no more than 3,500 sq. ft., basement exempt? The APC will meet again on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for more committee input on these subjects. Lemay announced that the APC has appointed their committee member Mike Gorman to the BZA for another 4-year term, expiring December, 2024.

Building Permit Revenue Report for December, 2020:

20 Permits issued with total project cost of \$885,767.00 with Fee Revenue of \$9,935.00

11 Electric permits issued in December - \$1,843.00 with fee revenue of \$184.30

1 Additional November Street Cut Permit w/ \$100.00 revenue

December Legal Expenses paid totaling \$12,620.50: \$2,702.50 to Austgen, Kuiper and Jasaitis, \$9,765.00 to Braje, Nelson & Janes and \$153.00 to Knight, Hoppe, Kurnick and Knight.

These reports and claims were approved 4 – 0 with motion and second by McFadden and Kocher.

Unfinished Business:

There is the need to replace resigned councilman Nick Meyer. Lemay said there were six residents who have interest in being a council member for the Town of Long Beach, Mike Johnstone, Zachary Neff, Anita Remijas, Dr. Stephanos Rizos, Anna Voortmann, and John Hosty. Council member Mary Lou McFadden will have posted to the web-site the cut-off date of Wednesday, January 13th at 5 p.m. for submittal of the prospective candidates' CV's for consideration. A public meeting will require notice and posting 10 days in advance of said public meeting. Town Attorney Willoughby will assist C-T deFuniak in writing up the notice for posting of the Monday, January 25, 2021 7 PM special meeting that will take place for voting on filling the vacancy. Council agreed on conducting a forum of the candidates to take place on Friday, January 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom where they can introduce themselves and the council can ask questions regarding important Town issues.

Lemay announced the executive order update specifically in how it pertains to the opening of the Community Center. It was decided that the YMCA could open with limitations on attendees; the Yoga

could open also with same limitations on attendees; Dehner & Associates by appointment only; Chakra Bliss, Julie Sosa, by appointment only. The executive order is effective indefinitely for the building opening as a whole. The CARES Act is in effect for this next calendar quarter.

John Wall will have an update for the Stop 24 project for the February council meeting.

The Lake Shore Drive sewer project is on target for a fall 2021 initial launch.

The 2nd readings of two ordinances relating to the Storm Water Utility will take place at the scheduled public hearing January 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Those **ordinances** being **#2020-06: To Establish A Storm Water Management Department, A Storm Water User Fee and Storm Water Operation and Maintenance Fund for the Town of Long Beach, Indiana;** and **#2020-07: Establishing the Storm Water User Classes and User Fees to Provide for Necessary Revenue for the Operation of the Storm Water Department of the Town of Long Beach.**

Councilman Wall meets with Long Beach County Club to discuss their ideas and get suggestions that might help in drafting a golf cart ordinance for Town of Long Beach which would go before the town's Advisory Plan Commission. Wall will report back on the matter at February's council meeting.

The Tree Ordinance is under review with the Natural Resource Committee.

The contract between the Town of Long Beach and the Long Beach Volunteer Fire Dept. will be presented to the council by councilman and Fire Chief John Wall in February with the fire department's requested increases from the Town.

The deadline of January 29, 2020 will be met in applying for the 2021 CCMG with the help of the town hiring the engineers, Haas & Associates. John Wall to get specifics on it.

There was no **New Business** to discuss this evening.

Public Comments:

Anita Remijas, Florimond Ave., reiterated the November, December Park Board's meetings being combined and held on November 30th. She suggested the council review "Open Door Law" procedures and cautioned the council with meeting etiquette.

Donna Kavanagh, Avondale Drive, welcomed Chief Swistek to town. Offered her services as volunteering for the Tree Board. She displayed her discouragement with the "war zone" conditions at Stop 21 and asked if the steel pieces would be permanent on the beach; councilman Wall responded they would be pulled after necessary protective revetment is done.

Claims approval: Check #s 17768 through #17796 totaling \$101,453.01. Motion and second by McFadden and Lemay; approved 4 – 0. Salaries for December were approved at the December 28, 2020 year-end meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM with a motion and second McFadden and Lemay; 4 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak, Clerk-Treasurer