

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING via Zoom
February 8, 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, Attorney Chris Willoughby of Braje, Nelson & Janes, and Marilyn Jones & Associates with approx. 40 viewers in total. Street Supt. Tom Dolph was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by John Wall nominating Lemay as council president again this year; second by Kocher and approved 5 – 0.

Kocher made a motion and a second by McFadden to approve minutes for meetings of November 9, 2020, December 14, 2020, December 28, 2020, January 11, 2021, January 13, 2021, January 21, 2021, January 25, 2021 and January 26, 2021. All meetings approved 5 – 0.

With no opening remarks by the president, all committee reports were read for their prospective meetings, if held, for the prior month for **Police Commission, Fire Department / Fire Commission, Street Department /Street Commission, Park Board, Community Center, Water Board, Budget & Finance, Human Resources Advisory Committee, Building Commission, BZA, and APC** . Minutes for these meetings can be found on the town's website.

Building Permit Revenue Report for January, 2021:

9 Permits issued with total project cost of \$191,070.00 with Fee Revenue of \$2,633.00

3 Electric permits issued in January - \$346.00 with fee revenue of \$34.60

1 Street Cut Permit w/ \$100.00 revenue

January Legal Expenses paid to Braje, Nelson & Janes - \$4,668.75.

These reports and claims were approved 5 – 0 with motion and second by Lemay and Wall.

Unfinished Business: There were no changes to the town's executive order. It will remain as is with Lemay's motion and McFadden's second and approved 5 – 0.

The sewer project will begin in the fall of 2021; waiting on Michigan City's plan to move forward.

Construction has been done at Stop 24; the town is now waiting on the arrive of the coastal grant money.

Attorney Willoughby will present, and the council will review, the "reworded" version of the storm water utility ordinance approved at the January 13th council meeting.

After lengthy discussion on the proposed golf cart ordinance, the council approved, unanimously, a \$50 registration fee for golf cart stickers permanently affixed to the front of the cart with a motion by McFadden and second by Kocher. Lemay also made a motion, and it was seconded by Wall, that would require all street legal golf carts to register. This was approved 4 – 1. Attorney Willoughby will add

language of impoundment with costs and have a red-line version of the ordinance again for review at next month's council meeting.

John wall would like to schedule a workshop to discuss the proposed Tree Ordinance. After some discussion about language in it, he will speak with Dr. Annabelle Juhasz about scheduling a meeting.

Wall announced a meeting workshop for Wednesday, February 24th at 5 PM to discuss the Town of Long Beach contract with the Volunteer Fire Dept. All were in agreement.

Wall stated the application was submitted at the end of January by Haas & Associates for the 2021 CCMG with a reduced scope of work this time around for re-surfacing only.

First on **New Business** was council appointments to several boards that have vacancies. Lemay motioned to nominate Zach Neff to the Park Board with a second from McFadden. Unanimous approval.

The council president appointment to the Fire Commission came from Lemay announcing Mike Johnstone replacing Nick Meyer. Motion and second by McFadden and Kocher and approved 5 – 0. Police Chief Swistek announced his appointment, Bob Rose, to the Police Advisory Board.

The council appointed and voted on Mike Johnstone to the APC (Advisory Plan Commission) with a motion and second from Kocher and McFadden; 5 – 0. This term runs through December 2023.

Lemay is to discuss with Chris Willoughby a possible solution to getting council signatures on all documents approved in the 2020 during the COVID-19 shutdown.

Chief Swistek explained the need for better security on the town hall and fire department buildings. He presented an estimate from Sentinel Alarm with installation and equipment. Lemay motioned to approve no more than \$15,000 for a security system, Johnstone seconded it and it was approved 5 – 0. De Funiak stated this fee would possibly be paid from the CEDIT fund even though it wasn't in the current budget.

Attorney Willoughby explained the easement agreement the Town negotiated with the Stop 21 Club regarding work performed by the Town, and having access to maintain the town property at Stop 21. With a motion and second from Lemay and McFadden the council agreed to sign the Stop 21 Easement Agreement. Approved 5 – 0.

De Funiak agreed to send letters to all residents requesting their email addresses to forward to the Water Department.

The council agreed, 5 – 0, to allow the Notre Dame St. Paddy's 5K in town on Saturday, March 20, 2021.

Kocher made a motion to pursue Lemay's request for a job description for a Town Manager's position. Kocher will work with McFadden on this and report to the council as soon as possible. A second came from John Wall and it was approved 5 – 0.

Public Comments:

Anita Remijas, Florimond Ave., questioned the council on whether it is legal or not for Mary Lou McFadden to get paid for working in the Water Department. She also commented on Johnstone's council position and hopes he gets more involved in community matters.

Claims approval: Check #s 17797 through #17867 totaling \$163,990.93. Payroll for January, 2021 was \$31,749.59. Motion and second by McFadden and Johnstone; approved 5 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM with a motion and second by Johnstone and McFadden; 5 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak,

Clerk-Treasurer