

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING @ Town Hall
MAY 13, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Attending tonight's meeting were council members Bob Lemay, Pete Byvoets, Jane Neulieb, Joy Schmitt, Clerk-Treasurer Bill de Funiak, Town Attorney Chris Willoughby of Braje, Nelson & Janes, Police Chief Robert Sulkowski, Street Superintendent Tom Dolph and Fire Chief John Wall; Marilyn Jones & Associates videographer and court reporter, Becky Lempa; and ALCO TV; there were approximately 25 audience members present. Councilman Nick Meyer was absent.

After the **Pledge of Allegiance**, the Town Council meeting minutes of April 8th were approved 4 – 0 with a motion and second by Schmitt and Byvoets respectively.

Reports were Read:

Police Department /Police Commission- Police report for April was read by Chief Sulkowski. Byvoets said there was no April Police Commission meeting.

Fire Department/Fire Commission – John Wall gave the April monthly report and presented the proposed addition to the fire station and new fire truck.

Street Department/Street Commission – Tom Dolph gave his department report that included the conclusion of spring leaf pickup for the spring season; stop 22 improvement progress, maintenance of the street sweeper, and the CCP project will begin soon. The Town has a list of areas being paved; Jane gave a quick reading of all the streets to be paved, hopefully beginning in May. Jane Neulieb gave a big “Thank You” to Healy’s Landscaping for their work with the leaf pick up. The May street commission meeting has been cancelled; next meeting is June 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Paving begins May 14th for the patching/paving at Stop 28 where the NIPSCO/cable underground utility replacements were completed.

Park Board - Joy Schmitt gave the park report for April. The Park Board presented plaques to Bart De La Barre and Mike Szczepaniak for their service to the skating rink in the park. They each spoke, thanking the Town of Long Beach, the Street Department, everyone at the town maintenance garage, the Park Board, the Fire Chief and supporting neighbors. Schmitt gave an update on the “Stops” projects. Stop 30 will need work done on the stairs. The Avondale/Chastleton triangle is complete except for plantings by volunteers. A beach clean-up is slated for May 18th. The information board across from Town Hall will be replaced. The Park Board has hired Cardenas Landscaping for spring cleanup at \$2000, Thursdays only, and P.R.’s Lawncare at \$300 for the season.

Long Beach Community Center Committee – Joy Schmitt reported that Maple Tree Service has been hired at \$3,000 to remove a diseased tree from the courtyard at the community center. The expenditure was approved 4 -0 with motion and second from Schmitt and Byvoets, respectively.

Water Board – Nick Meyer was absent. Lemay appointed Mary Lou McFadden to the Water Board to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Water Board Member Randy Eckley.

Budget and Finance – Byvoets gave the monthly report.

Human Resources Advisory Committee – There was no meeting to report.

Building Department – Lemay reported for the month.

- Regarding the resident Walsh's fence on Town property- Lemay motioned, Byvoets seconded, to do nothing, Town will not vacate. Jane believed and stated the fence should be taken down. Tom Dolph says there is a drain in that alley the Town accesses when necessary. Vote carried 3 – 1. Byvoets commented there are "encroachments a "go-go"". Attorney Willoughby then stated that Mr. Walsh is in the process of petitioning the APC for vacation of that portion of the alley.
- 1802 LSD-A stop work order had been issued, ignored, and violated. Town Council will schedule a hearing to revoke the contractor's town licensing.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Lemay stated variances were granted to Applegate at 2742 Oriole Trail and Jacobson at 1403 Lake Shore Dr.

Advisory Plan Commission – Lemay gave report: Public hearings will be held May 20th for the Sign Ordinance and the Toter Ordinance. The Walsh's, 2015 Somerset, petition to vacate will be heard also.

April 2019 **permit revenue** report:

De Funiak reported 12 permits were issued with fees of \$2,765.00 collected on project costs of \$224,421.00.

There were also 3 electrical permits issued for \$397.00 with town revenue of \$39.70.

Legal Expenses paid in April totaled \$23,997.50: \$4,487.50 to Braje, Nelson & Janes, LLC; \$510.00 to Knight, Hoppe, Kurnik & Knight and \$19,000.00 to Douglas, Koeppen and Hurley.

A motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Byvoets to approve all reports. Motion carried 4 - 0.

Old Business – Joy Schmitt provided an update on the sewer project. Schmitt and John Kocher met with Michigan City Sanitary District (MCSD) officials and received preliminary approval for the sewer project. MCSD and LB attorneys will develop a Memo of Understanding between the 2 organizations. Joy mentioned that an MCSD attendee said that LB was remiss in reporting water shut-offs.

Bob Lemay discussed the meeting with Duneland Beach regarding a renewal of the Fire Protection Agreement with Duneland Beach (DB) and the LBVFD. John Wall provide 2 estimates of amortizing the costs of the new fire station and fire truck; one estimate provided a per household cost of \$162/year and the second represented a suggested cost of \$102/year. Lemay presented the offer from DB of \$100/household/year. Byvoets made a motion, seconded by Schmitt to reject the DB offer; motion carried by a 4 – 0 vote. Lemay will contact Duneland Beach.

Lemay reiterated the intention to enforce the 30 Day Rental Ordinance. Attorney Willoughby assured the Council that letters to violators were being sent.

New Business – C-T de Funiak announced the Large Item pick-up was scheduled for June 3, 2019 for those residents serviced by Republic/Able Disposal. Joy Schmitt made a motion to add a special pick-up on Friday, July 5, 2019, seconded by Byvoets; motion carried 4 – 0.

C-T de F announced that the Independence Day parade, festivities and fireworks sponsored by the LB Civic Association was once again requiring council approval. Motion to approve this function was made by Schmitt, second by Lemay and approval was unanimous.

Motion by Schmitt and second by Byvoets to defer decision on the Parking Ordinance until the June, 2019 meeting was approved 4 – 0.

Bob Lemay announced that he had been approached by the Coastal Grants people to serve on their board. Discussions followed on the proposed ADA access at a LB beach stop. It was agreed that the Coastal Grants commission will provide valuable input as they have funded both plans and construction for ADA beach access.

Public Comments – Joan Blanchard Smith spoke about Stop 14 which she had been maintaining along with her sister, Jeanne Hoyle, for many years. She asked if there were plans for further maintenance, so she could remove plants and trees which she and her sister had planted to beautify the stop. Joy Schmitt provided plans for future actions at Stop 14.

Bob Boyce commented on building performance on LSD at Stop 29.

Anita Remijas complimented the council, clerk's office and volunteer fire department for their service to Long Beach.

Jim Dehner commented on the projected costs of the new fire station and fire truck to Long Beach residents.

Claims Approval: Motion by Schmitt and second by Byvoets to approve claims #16268 through #16367, totaling \$171,267.32 plus the April Braje, Nelson invoice and salaries for April of \$58,084.42; approved 4-0.

Motion and second to adjourn by Neulieb and Byvoets. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak,

Clerk-Treasurer