

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING @ Town Hall
MARCH 11, 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, and Street Supt. Tom Dolph; Marilyn Jones & Associates videographer and court reporter, Becky Lempa; and ALCO TV; there were approximately 16 audience members present. Councilman Nick Meyer and Fire Chief John Wall were absent.

After the **Pledge of Allegiance** the Town Council meeting minutes of February 11th were approved 4 – 0 with a motion and second by Schmitt and Byvoets.

Reports were Read:

Police Department /Police Commission- Police report for February was read by Sulkowski. He announced Christina Wright and Nick Sulkowski as new assigned reserve officers to Long Beach Police. Pete Byvoets stated the police commission met March 6th. They discussed options for a new squad car; discussed LexiPol, approved for \$2500/year for the department, which will be for updating and maintaining police policies that includes a training component; and the two new reserve officers. Byvoets announced the Chief has been added to the Board of Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police.

Fire Department/Fire Commission – no department report and the commission did not hold a meeting.

Street Department/Street Commission – Tom Dolph reported that all equipment is ready for the spring. He met with members of the park board regarding improvements to the beach stops. The street commission met February 20th at 5:30 p.m. Neulieb stated paving bids would be opened at a meeting by the town council on March 12th at 6:00 p.m.; a notice will be sent to the News-Dispatch. The salt supply is adequate for the season, drains have been cleaned; and plans are in progress to computerize mapping to share with the water department for Long Beach drainage and water lines.

Park Board met on February 26th. Joy Schmitt stated Dave Christopherson of Dave's Decks will apply for permits, approved on March 8th at building commission meeting for work to be completed on stops 14, 16, and 18. Schmitt said Tom Dolph will be removing driveways at stops 14 and 18 under the Park Board's direction and will work with Haas and Associates on these projects; motion by Pete and second by Lemay, approved 4-0. Lemay made a motion for the Park Board to mail letters to the two homeowners indicating the driveways would be removed; second by Schmitt; 4 – 0 approval.

Long Beach Community Center Committee – Joy Schmitt read the new Community Center's mission statement prepared by the committee (copy attached); motion by Neulieb to accept, second by Byvoets; 4 – 0.

She asked if the town knew anything about a "Long Beach Tree Fund"?

Water Board – Nick Meyer was absent – no report.

Budget and Finance – de Funiak said no meeting was held in February.

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

Building Department – Byvoets gave the report that included: work being performed at 1802 LSD without permits. There will be no Certificate of Occupancy until a variance has been obtained and approved through the Board of Zoning Appeals or proper plans submitted for approval. A preliminary review had been done on plans presented by Roger Potratz for a project at 2823 Elbridge Way on a non-conforming lot. Citations have been issued to 1906 LSD homeowner and continue to accrue until paid and if not paid the Town will go to court.

Board of Zoning Appeals met on February 12th. Lemay stated the preliminary hearing took place for 1403 LSD, and was continued to April, for the Jacobsens; the public hearing for M. Applegate, Oriole Trail, was continued until April; and a variance was granted for 1808 Ridgemoor, for the Dunne's residence.

Advisory Plan Commission – Lemay stated the Town's \$100,000 grant had been approved for the Stop 24 project, the agreement will be sent to Attorney Willoughby. The redlining in the sign ordinance was also sent to Willoughby for his review to be discussed again at the March 18th APC meeting.

February 2019 **permit revenue** report:

De Funiak reported fees of \$845.00 on 4 permits with project costs of \$72,400.00.

There were also 3+ electrical permits issued for \$683.00 with town revenue of \$68.30.

Legal Expenses paid in February totaled \$10,383.25: \$5,231.25 to Braje, Nelson & Janes, LLC; \$800.00 to Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis; and \$4,352.00 to Knight, Hoppe, Kurnik & Knight.

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

Old Business –

Schmitt updated everyone on the sewer information to date. The capacity study has been completed and was sent to Michigan City for approval. There was a motion by Byvoets and a second by Schmitt for Haas & Associates to prepare a proposal for another engineer report, at no charge, for a prospective Michigan City agreement with the Town of Long Beach for the possibility of hooking up all of Long Beach to sewers in the future. 3 Ayes, 1 Nay. Byvoets recapped Joy's statements. There were hand-outs of the new cost estimates. (Attached)

The Blue Streak website will be replaced with CIVIC CMS, a website provider to municipalities. Pete made a motion to accept the proposal from CIVIC CMS with an \$11,000 – 3 year service agreement, then \$2,100 a year beyond that with CIVIC servicing of the site. Schmitt seconded; approved 4-0.

Attorney Willoughby stated he spoke with resident Walsh's attorney regarding the fence on town easement. They will file a petition with the APC to vacate, notification will be sent to all surrounding homeowners.

The NIPSCO pole replacement schedule is on the town website.

New Business –

Street paving bids will be opened Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m.; Awards to be announced at a meeting on Monday, March 18th, at 6:30 p.m. by Town Council meeting, and to be posted in the local News-Dispatch.

Lemay announced the council appointment of Anita Remijas to the APC where there was a vacancy.

Byvoets read a prepared resolution: Resolution of the Town Council of Long Beach, Indiana to Address Beach Stop Encroachments, #2019-001. Byvoets motioned to approve and Neulieb seconded, approved 4 – 0. This resolution “gives the Council authorization to take any and all action necessary to address encroachments identified at beach stops owned by the Town” for “the purpose of improving and beautifying the beach stops”.

There were no comments from the public this evening.

Neulieb explained why she was opposed to the LSD sewer project and how the lift stations on LSD would be a disgrace to the lakefront. Byvoets commented how it is not legal for all town residents to pay for services on LSD required to hook up to sewers.

Claims Approval: Motion by Schmitt and second by Byvoets to approve claims #16121 through #16195, totaling \$148,920.83 and salaries for February of \$75,073.51; approved 4-0.

Motion and second to adjourn by Byvoets and Neulieb. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak,
Clerk-Treasurer