

TOWN OF LONG BEACH  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING @ Town Hall  
FEBRUARY 11, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

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

After the **Pledge of Allegiance** the Town Council Executive Session minutes of January 14<sup>th</sup> were approved 4 – 0 with a motion and second by Schmitt and Neulieb; minutes of Town Council regular meeting of January 14<sup>th</sup> were approved with a 4 – 0 vote and motion and second by Schmitt and Meyer.

Lemay amended the agenda by adding three (3) items to new business: 1) NIPSCO pole replacement program in Long Beach, 2) Meg Applegate request of APC/Council to divide property on Oriole/Floral Trail, and 3) Fence on Walsh property.

**Reports were Read:**

**Police Department /Police Commission-** Police report for January was read by Sulkowski. Pete Byvoets was absent; no commission report was given.

**Fire Department/Fire Commission** – John Wall gave the YTD report through January. He presented a plaque to Dave Albers for his 34 years of service on the Volunteer Fire Department and serving as Chief for 14 of those years; Dave Albers followed with a Thank You speech. Wall announced the Fire Commission had not yet met.

**Street Department/Street Commission** – Tom Dolph reported that all 4 town trucks are back in working order. Drainage issues at Stop 23 and 29 were being addressed. Neulieb stated when the street commission met on January 16<sup>th</sup> it authorized the purchase of a street sweeper.

**Park Board** – Joy Schmitt said there was no quorum at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Park Board meeting held at the community center since the committee could not get in to the Town Hall for the 6:00 p.m. meeting. Because the dispatchers are no longer on station after 3 p.m. each day, Police Chief Sulkowski said he's working on a code system for the front door. Next park board meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2019.

Neulieb asked the Chief if she could get a key to the front door of Town Hall so she could be the "go to" council member when meetings are held and the Town Hall has to be open. Discussion on the subject to continue after council meeting tonight.

**Long Beach Community Center Committee** – Joy Schmitt reported the committee met at 4 p.m. today, February 11<sup>th</sup> but had no real report yet.

**Water Board** – Nick Meyer stated the Water Board met on January 28<sup>th</sup> and discussed normal business.

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

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

**Building Department** – Lemay stated that the building commission met January 11<sup>th</sup> and 2 major issues were: 1) There was a stop work order issued at 1802 Lake Shore Drive; there isn't room on Lake Shore Drive for "3" parking spaces; this hasn't been resolved by the contractor, and 2) The owner at 1906 Lake Shore Drive had a non-licensed plumber working on the job and because work has continued on a stop work order an injunction has been filed.

**Board of Zoning Appeals** – The BZA will meet tomorrow night, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. according to Lemay. Properties with petitions before the board are 1403 LSD, 1808 Ridgemoor, and possibly 2742 Oriole Trail.

**Advisory Plan Commission** – Meyer stated the APC met 7:00 p.m. on January 21<sup>st</sup>. There was discussion of an amendment to the current sign ordinance. When the committee meets on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. they will discuss the language contained in ordinance for clarification purposes. The APC had approved Meg Applegate's request to sub-divide land on Oriole Trail. The council to vote on that APC recommendation in new business.

January 2019 **permit revenue** report:

De Funiak reported Lemay's submitted permits with fees of \$1,750.00 on project costs of \$94,190.00. There were also 3 electrical permits issued for \$628.00 with town revenue of \$62.80.

**Legal Expenses** – Legal expenses paid in January were \$7,065.00 to Braje, Nelson & Janes, LLC and \$1,195.00 to Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis.

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

**Old Business** –

Schmitt reported on the sewer study and commented on the next steps to be conducted.

deFuniak announced the payment of \$13,970.00 was made to Green Demolition Contracting. \$3,000 was withheld for the missing fluoride tank. The attorney mentioned the previous agreement the council had made about reducing the payment by \$3,000. It was confirmed.

Lemay commented on the deer cull. There is no need for such a program at this time in Long Beach. Neulieb said she spoke with many people and 3 out of every 4 are against it. Schmitt agreed.

De Funiak reminded the council to sign the agreement approved last month between the Town and Knight, Hoppe, Kurnik, and Knight for legal fees.

**New Business -**

Lemay announced council committee appointments: Mike Gorman will remain on the APC and says there is one appointment open on that committee. Bob Gallagher was reappointed to the Water Board, and Geri Massey reappointed to the Park Board.

Nick Meyer said he's looking into costs and spoke with Civic Plus regarding the Town's website; more next month.

Nick Meyer agreed with the APC's decision to allow Megan Applegate's request to sub-divide the 3 lots to 2 lots at 2742 Oriole Trail and made a motion for the council to approve; Schmitt seconded the motion and it passed 4 – 0.

Town Attorney Chris Willoughby stated he spoke with Walsh's attorney regarding the fence Walsh put on town property. He said the homeowners are willing to abide by the Town's codes. Neulieb mentioned that the fence, which is at 2015 Somerset, prevents movement by others wanting to use the alleyway. A local resident stated he brought this matter to the council 2 years ago. Attorney Willoughby mentioned an agreement could be written for a gate opening to be added to allow passage at that area. This matter is still under review.

Nick Meyer discussed the NIPSCO pole replacement program that will take place in Long Beach sometime between April and October this year. More information will follow as project specifics become available.

**Public Comment:**

Mary Lou McFadden, resident, asked if the Town would be paying Aaron Tomscheck's legal fees?

Anita Remijas, resident, believes everyone should follow decorum.

Roger Gansauer, resident, congratulated those that worked on improvements to Stop 20.

Julie Sosa, resident, re-iterated her comments from last month regarding her views on a deer cull.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Joy Schmitt announced Brian Kanyer's resignation.

Jane Neulieb requested the subject of a Deer Cull be removed from future agendas.

Joy replied when a resident asked about the Haas & Associates sewer study and where the pump stations might be; no definite locations yet.

**Claims Approval:** Motion by Schmitt and second by Meyer to approve claims #16054 through #16120, totaling \$155,277.31 + Check #16128 to Dave's Decks & Construction for \$2,550.00; and salaries for January of \$91,828.81; approved 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill de Funiak,  
Clerk-Treasurer