

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
Town Council Meeting/Public Safety Building Forum
at LB Community Center Gymnasium
via In Person / Zoom
December 27, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Council members Bob Lemay, Mary Lou McFadden, Mike Johnstone, John Wall and John Kocher, Police Chief Mark Swistek, and Attorney Chris Willoughby of Braje, Nelson & Janes were present, Clerk-Treasurer Perry was on Zoom with approximately 32 others. ALCO TV was present to record this meeting for television access. Becky Lempa and Marilyn Jones of Marilyn Jones & Assoc. attended in person with a full house of firefighters, their families, friends and supporters along with general public attendees. Karl Cender of Cender & Co. was also present. This meeting is being recorded for the record.

Lemay called the meeting to order with roll call at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Town Council Executive Session minutes of November 17, 2022 that were amended by Perry were approved 5 – 0 with a motion and second by Lemay and McFadden.

Unfinished Business:

With a motion and second by Lemay and McFadden council approved the signing of the agreement between the Town and the Long Beach Holdings/Country Club.

The Public Works **Ordinance #2022-17: Increase the Number of Appointed Public Works & Safety Advisory Board Members** was presented with a motion to approve the ordinance by Johnstone and McFadden; a motion and second to suspend the rules; 5 – 0 vote, and approved on 2nd reading with motion and second by Lemay and Kocher and a 5 – 0 vote.

The Golf Cart **Ordinance #2022-18: Amending #2021-04 Regulating Golf Cart Usage (bi-annual registrations)** was presented for approval with a motion and second by Lemay and Kocher and a 5 – 0 vote. A motion to suspend the rules and approve on 2nd read was made by Lemay and seconded by Kocher; passed 5 – 0. The ordinance passed with a 5 – 0 with a final motion and second by Lemay and McFadden.

Lemay requested Tim's explanation of the discrepancy in the Park Board's 2023 budget numbers where \$100,000.00 is missing from their submitted budget. Tim responded and explained. Lemay asks Joy Schmitt to go to the Park Board and correct the correct numbers and meet with the budget and finance committee for a resolution.

New Business:

The ALCO (Access La Porte County) 2023 service agreement of \$3,000 was presented for approval by council. Their fee had been at \$2,000 year for at least the last 10 years so the slight increase to \$3,000 was approved for payment 5 – 0 with a motion and second by Lemay and McFadden. It was mentioned that all Town meetings will be available and on Youtube forever.

The Haas & Associates LLC service agreement for establishing 2023 consulting rates was presented for approval, and was, with a motion and second by Lemay and McFadden. Passed 5 – 0.

Councilman John Wall gave an overall lengthy design/build presentation to the public of the proposed Public Safety Building the Fire Department desires. Megan Applegate, LBVFD member, addressed the council and Alex Pollack, another volunteer member used the overhead projector to show pictures of the current building problems. Wall gave a list of Long Beach "needs". The Design/Build 30%, \$2,500,000.00 proceed design was what John Wall stated is necessary right now. Blake Applegate, LBVFD Treasurer, spoke on affordability. Karl Cender was present to address and answer questions from the council and the public. Wall mentioned that the 6 man review team of Kurt Earnst, Tom Yemc, Dan Sells, Doug Wickstrom, Chief Mark Swistek, and John Wall had worked together for months putting together numbers, projections, and such. They talked of several options for the financing of the building. 1) 15 – 20 year GO Bond paid with property taxes, 2) A Building Corporation that could be formed and lease the building from the Holding Corporation, 3) LIT (Local Income Tax) money could be used. Karl Cender mentioned the Town, currently, has a \$1,000,000 GO Bond that will be paid off in 2026. Wall announced the Design Build Team and Mr. Clay Trueblood for the project.

Public Comments: Two members of the LBVFD read over 50 letters of support/opposition to the project. Others present In the audience addressed the council with their comments.

Lemay makes a motion, not to exceed the \$2,500,000, to proceed with the 30% as presented. Kocher seconds the motion and it passes 5 – 0. Copies of all the letters are on file for reference.

Councilman John Wall thanked council members and spoke on public service and his appreciation for the council.

Perry entertained a motion to approve Claims for Town checks 19417 – 19502 totaling \$271,155.52 and December payroll - \$75,137.01. A motion to approve by Lemay; second by McFadden; 5-0 vote to approve.

Motion and second to adjourn by Lemay and second by McFadden, approved 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Carlson, Deputy Clerk