

**TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY ROOM**

PRESENT

Bill Gregory
Allen Johnson
Charlie Costanza
Paul Panther
Tom Clouser

MINUTES

Paul Panther moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 regular monthly meeting. Allen Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS

Bill Gregory made the following announcements: Hazardous Waste Recycling on August 8 at Portage High School (more info on website); Gas can exchange at Hebron Middle School on August 15 (more info on website); Requests for 2016 Proposals for Lake Michigan Coastal Program Grants (more info at Town Hall); thanked Duncan Hines for his work on the Little Free Library which is now in use; Army Corps of Engineers & IDNL beach erosion meeting is set for August 5; IDNL received a deadline extension to August 15, 2015 regarding their appeal of the DNR beach permits; OD Women's Club Beach Bash is August 15 at Tamarack Beach (more info on website).

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Street Department – Jim Matthys stated that his Department will be trimming along the roads for the next few weeks. After that, they will begin crack sealing and he cautioned residents not to drive on fresh seal as it will stick to your vehicle's tires.

Police Department – Marshal Reeder stated that the generator donated by Mary Gasser for Town Hall has been installed.

Park Board – Eric Jensen stated that an agreement between the Street Department and the Park Board states that the Street Department will maintain specific grass areas and the Park Department will maintain the Park and beach areas. The Park Board is interested in providing community hours to any student.

Beach Nourishment – Charlie Costanza stated that the National Park's deadline to give their legal brief as to the ownership of the land under the water has been extended to August 15, 2015. LaPorte County had a court ruling that the State of Indiana does own the land under the water rather than the National Park Service. Charlie stated that this ruling should be a plus to our case in Ogden Dunes. Roger Rhodes, Building Commissioner, obtained the services of an engineer at no charge to the Town who did a study

of the eastern end of Town and determined that the rocks are needed to keep the walls in sound condition. The survey is available for public inspection at Town Hall.

Waterworks – Mike Teeling stated that the water bills have been mailed and no penalties will be added if paid by Monday, August 10, 2015.

General Code – Charlie Costanza stated that the Committee did meet. Dick Meister was elected President and Ken Thompson was elected Secretary.

ADA – Sara Anderson stated that they received a monetary contribution from the Ogden Dunes Women’s Club and a grant from the Community Fund thus allowing them to purchase a handicap accessible table for Kratz Field. Tradewinds is currently making signs for the front and back doors of Town Hall to advise visitors of the handicap entrance location.

Environmental Board – Susan Mihalo is recommending that Kristine Sandrick be appointed by the Town Council to replace Sharon Guy who resigned. **Charlie Costanza moved that Kristine Sandrick be appointed to the Environmental Board as Sharon Guy’s replacement. Paul Panther seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.** Susan stated that should a resident notice any pollution on the beach, they should first call the OD Police Department. Susan Adams has volunteered to answer any concerns about pollution on our beach. If the pollution is really severe, you may call the IDEM Spill Hotline at 888-233-7745.

Community Fund – Bill Gregory stated that all grant funds for 2015 have been allocated.

Historical Society – Ken Martin stated that September 19 is the Tour of Lake Michigan Homes (for more information, you can Google “Indiana Landmarks” then click on “Lake Michigan Modern”). September 26 is the program called “Walk in Diana’s Footsteps”.

CLAIMS

Paul Panther moved to approve the July claims as presented by the Clerk. Tom Clouser seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Gregory discussed the proposed outdoor emergency warning signal and stated that the Ski Hill site originally proposed has been ruled out. The County has advised us that the current tower structure near the Street Department is not adequate for the new siren. He stated that he would like a representative from the County to meet with Eric Kurtz to assess the placement of the new siren at the current site or other sites adjacent to the Town garage area. They need to determine the cost to the Town if a new tower is needed. Paul Panther has agreed to pursue this information with the County and Eric Kurtz.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Gregory stated that the Town is in need of an Assistant Building Commissioner to fill in for Roger Rhodes, Building Commissioner, when he is out of Town. Please submit name recommendations to Bill Gregory.

Charlie Costanza moved to approve Joan Machuca as the Town's representative on the Portage Township Education Foundation. She will be assuming the position previously held by Eric Kurtz whose term has expired. Tom Clouser seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Bill Gregory stated that Ken Martin has agreed to chair the Ogden Dunes Life Safety Program Committee (a non-standing Town committee). Bill Gregory has asked the following people to be a member of this committee: Gerald Scheff, Sara Anderson, Steve Coombs and John Wilhelm to serve on this task group. Bill Gregory indicated that he will join this group. He stated that he would like the purpose of this committee to be: what information do residents need if they hear a siren; how to get information to the residents; how do we address other emergencies; what is the chain of command for each emergency. Bill Gregory has asked Mike Teeling, Police Department, and Eric Kurtz, Fire Department, to be resources for this group. The committee should bring their recommendations to the Town Council.

Bill Gregory discussed Ordinance 809, an ordinance amending portions of the text of the Zoning and Subdivision control ordinance of the Town of Ogden Dunes. All proper public notices have been given regarding this ordinance. The ordinance was read by title only at this meeting and will be addressed again at the regular monthly meeting in September at which time a public discussion of the ordinance will occur. The entire ordinance is available at Town Hall for public review. Charlie Costanza objected stating he felt the entire ordinance should be read at this meeting.

Paul Panther discussed the history of the deer management program in Ogden Dunes and other towns along the lakeshore. He stated that the March 2015 flyover showed very few deer in Town and, therefore, he suggests that no deer cull be held this year. Paul stated that he recommends the flyovers continue as the deer population problem will be continuous. Charlie Costanza, Bill Gregory, Allen Johnson and Tom Clouser also agreed that no deer cull will be held in Ogden Dunes in 2015.

RESIDENT REMARKS

Joan Machuca, 1 Skyline Drive, stated that the Ogden Dunes Women's Club Beach Bash will be held on August 15 at Tamarack Beach at a cost of \$40 per person. More information is on the Town website.

Jennifer Wilson, 53 Hillcrest, spoke regarding the "Adopt a Mail Depot" program. She stated that 8 more depots need adopting. Residents can find more information on the Town website.

James Platis, 11 Chrismar, stated he favors the current 12:00 noon siren.

Jon Machuca, 1 Skyline, stated that there is no reason for the current 12:00 noon siren to go off each day. He feels that if a new proposed siren goes off, residents will not know what it means or what to do.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Charlie Costanza congratulated Larry Schell and Roger Rhodes who came in second place in the Chicago Mackinaw Sailboat Race. He also stated that Warehouse 53 has been removed and he stated that Portage has possible plans to make another bridge over the ditch and/or connect a road that would go towards Ogden Dunes that might be an additional exit out of Town.

Paul Panther thanked the Home Association for repainting the Community Room wall due to taping items on the wall. Paul also stated that the proposed siren could possibly save a life.

Tom Clouser stated that the Street Department has a lot of mulch which is available to the residents.

No further business coming before the Council, Allen Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Charlie Costanza seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Bill Gregory, President

ATTEST:

Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer