

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 6, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
ZOOM MEETING**

PRESENT: Mike Webber
Scott Lehmann
Carolyn Saxton
Doug Cannon
Nate Ball

MINUTES

Carolyn Saxton moved to approve the minutes of June 1, 2020 regular monthly meeting, the June 1, 2020 executive meeting and the June 10, 2020 special meeting. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Scott Lehmann, yes; Carolyn Saxton, yes; Doug Cannon, yes; Nate Ball, yes; Mike Webber, absent for this vote. The motion passed.

Scott Lehmann and Doug Cannon made the following announcements: Beach Nourishment Town Fundraiser – checks payable to the Town of Ogden Dunes and in the memo of the check please write “Restore the Shore”. Beach area is closed during construction. The Historical Society Art Exhibit is July 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. See info on Town website.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department – Chief Eric Kurtz thanked the Lions Club for donating 70% for the purchase of a rescue line with extends 450 feet out into the water. He also stated that 6 people completed the Emergency Medical Responder Program two of which are from Ogden Dunes. The Fire Department will be holding their fundraiser on July 25 at 8 p.m. at which time they will practice social distancing.

Beach Nourishment – Carolyn Saxton discussed the resident overpayments on the West Side and East Side projects. She stated that residents wanted the actual cost on their tax receipt in order to avoid a 1099 at year end. She also stated that residents want a comprehensive accounting of the work that went into each home and how many times will the marine engineer come to inspect each house.

Community Fund – Carolyn Saxton stated that the Committee will be meeting Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. to review the finances from the Porter County Community Fund.

CLAIMS

Nate Ball moved to accept the May 2020 and June 2020 as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer. Doug Cannon seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Mike Webber, yes; Scott Lehmann, yes; Carolyn Saxton, yes; Doug Cannon, yes; Nate Ball, yes. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Carolyn Saxton gave an update on the NITCD Double Track project. She stated that a public virtual meeting was held but she felt that some questions went unanswered. She also objected to the fact that NITCD was taking 50% of the Town’s commercial properties which is a tax loss to the Town. She stated that she is still urging NITCD to explore extending the current parking to the east rather than pursuing the current parking plan.

Mike Webber opened the only demolition bid received by the Town which was from GE Marshall, Valparaiso, for the demolition of 25 Hillcrest Road at a bid of \$23,450. The Council opted to reject the bid received only because it was the only bid received and again place the ad for bids.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Lehmann moved to reappoint Patrick Smith as Building Commissioner effective May 30, 2020 for a term of one year ending May 30, 2021. Nate Ball seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Mike Webber, yes; Scott Lehmann, yes; Carolyn Saxton, yes; Doug Cannon, yes; Nate Ball, yes. The motion passed.

The Council opted to table the warranty extension for the police body cams as they are awaiting more information from Marshal Reeder.

Scott Lehmann moved to accept the recommendations presented by the General Code Committee regarding noise regulations and RV parking. Nate Ball seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Mike Webber, yes; Scott Lehmann, yes; Carolyn Saxton, yes; Doug Cannon, yes; Nate Ball, yes. The motion passed. The Clerk-Treasurer has been instructed to put the recommendations into ordinance form for the August Town Council meeting.

A discussion was held on the pending personnel manual. The Clerk-Treasurer has been instructed to supply the Council with the manual used by the General Code for their recommendations to the Council.

RESIDENT REMARKS

Adam Lavey, 3 Cedar Court, discussed the water run off problem he has and said he was very unhappy with the recent paving done by Reith and Riley. Mike Webber stated that he would address this problem and see if it can be resolved.

Chuck Sheaff, 30 Shore Drive, discussed the pending bonding issue. He stated that he will send an email to the Town Council recapping everything he discussed tonight. The Council will then decide if they want a special meeting to discuss the possibility of a bond issue.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Nate Ball thanked all those involved in providing a beach accessway for the Fourth of July.

Doug Cannon stated that Moe's food truck will be in Town tomorrow.

Carolyn Saxton stated that the Police Department is not issuing permits for parties on the beach.

No further business coming before the Council, Scott Lehmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Mike Webber, President

ATTEST:

Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer