

**Town of Ogden Dunes
Regular Council Meeting
August 3, 2009**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Bob Hicks, Bill Gregory, Brad Wood, Eric Haussman, Eric Kurtz. All Present

Minutes: Motion was made by Councilman Kurtz to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting on July 6, 2009. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gregory. All were in favor of accepting the minutes, motion was passed.

Claims: Motion to pay Town claims #42137 through 42209 and claims #2094 through 2151 was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Gregory. All in favor motion passed.

Motion to pay Sanitation claims #344 through 347 was made by Councilman Haussman and seconded by Councilman Kurtz. All were in favor motion passed.

Reports:

Police Dept:

Chief Reeder reported that everything went smooth on the fourth and there were no problems. There were 2 robberies, and he reminded everyone that they have to remember to lock your houses and cars. If you see anything unusual call the Sheriff's Department at 477-3000 and they will dispatch one of the officers. There was 1 Accident, 9 traffic citations, 62 town ordinance violations, 22 warnings. There were 158 calls for assists to other jurisdictions, and town residents, and the three police cars travelled 5874 miles. Councilman Gregory asked Chief Reeder if the burglary's were related. Chief Reeder answered that they were not but they did have a lead on the one. They are looking for a mustard yellow work truck.

Street Dept:

No Report

ODVFD:

Fireman Luke Brennan reported they had 1 EMS call, 2 mutual calls, 1 accident, 1 Structure fire, and 1 lost child. He mentioned the Gary Air Show and about the Fireman's ball. Ken Milalik asked about the if the winners were posted from the Fireman's ball.

Building Commissioner:

Building Commissioner Mihalik reported there were 13 permits issued. Demolition Permit was issued for 20 Hillcrest, and 29 Aspen had permits.

Plan Commission:

Frank Stimson reported that they still have 5 to 6 questions for 16-18 Skyline.

BZA:

Frank Stimson reported that last month they met on a height variance for 58 Diana, and on the 13th they are to meet and discuss the setbacks for 16-18 Skyline.

Water Dept:

Water supervisor Jim Kopp reported that they are working on hydrants and changing water meters. The Core of Engineers and IDEM has accepted our proposal they will be starting on permits. Dr. Erin Argyilan and Kathy have installed 19 wells for ground water for testing. There was a bad bearing on the sprinkler system at the town hall and the lights on the building also need replaced and will be done.

Park Board:

Charlie Costanza reported that the Park will plant evergreens at Long Lake, they will be wind screens. Town Attorney has the papers on the property on Summit that was donated to the Park department.

Cable Board:

No report

EAB:

Report was given by Gerry Lehmann, we had 3 days of beach closures and 6 advisory's this year. Trash on the beach is coming from the lake. It keeps washing up. August 22 at 9:30 am will be Beach Clean Up. Also Costal Cleanup Day will be September 19th. Notices will be put on the bulletin board.

Town Beautification Committee:

The committee is always looking for volunteers. Lime grass is an invasive plant and everyone should learn what it is. Reminder September 5 is the Reggae Party.

ODHA:

Frank Moran said that this is the last week of the summer programs, and soccer will start later this month. September 12th will be the last movie for this year. The movie will be "Cars".

Women's Club:

No report

Animal Committee:

Joan Mikol reported that there was no meeting in August. The committee is working on the litter ordinance.

Beach Nourishment Committee:

They are working on permits.

Old Business:

Motion to accept ordinance #736 was made by Councilman Haussman and seconded by Councilman Kurtz. Ordinance #736 will be retroactive to June 1, 2009.

Any other business that may come before the council:

Dr. Erin Argyilan has put in 13 of the 19 wells. The remaining 6 will be installed on Friday. Her and Kathy will be here every month starting in September to measure the surface-ground water. Erin will make an updated presentation at the September Council Meeting.

Resident Remarks:

Frank Moran 70 Diana Road: had a question on the watercraft stickers.

John Morris 1 Diana Court: Gave the council a copy of a letter he received from US Representative Visclosky regarding the US Geological Survey study of groundwater and surface-water in the Long Lake basin near Ogden Dunes.

Mark Coleman 9 Locust Place: Stated that we have the highest garbage fee in Northwest Indiana. He also commented on permits for sand on the beach.

Norton Jensen 120 Shore Drive: He is appealing to the council on renters. Every week there are 3 to 5 families that are renting the house next to him. They are not bad people, but they sit out on the patio late into the evening, and it is not pleasant.

Councilman Wood commented that if there is a violation to contact the police department.

Mark Coleman 9 Locust Place: Can you call on a long time renter also?

Council Remarks:

Councilman Kurtz : The US Army Corps of Engineers was asked by Senator Lugar's office to meet with IDEM, IDNR, NIPSCO, Town of Ogden Dunes, City of Portage and the National Park Service to discuss the Burns Small Boat Harbor and Burns NIPSCO dredging projects.

Councilman Wood asked that everyone remember the Beach Clean-up on August 22nd. Everyone should continue to keep the beach clean.

Councilman Hicks: We have had success against short term rentals. But an appeal has been made, and a motion to correct errors. Some of the other rental owners are getting together.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Gregory and seconded by Councilman Kurtz. All in favor.

Next Council meeting will be September 14, 2009, 7 pm at the Firehouse.

Brad Wood Town Council President

ATTEST:

Donna Smith Clerk Treasurer