

Town of Ogden Dunes  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 4, 2011

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

Connie Collins, Bill Gregory, Eric Haussman, Eric Kurtz. Absent was Brad Wood.

**Minutes:**

The minutes for March were not approved; some corrections had to be made.

**Treasurers Claims:**

Motion to approve Claims #42698-43361 and checks #3035-3074 was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Haussman. All in favor motion passed.

**Old Business:**

Motion to approve Second reading of Ordinance #750 amending Title VII, Chapter 73, Schedule I Seasonal Parking Restrictions and Schedule III Handicapped Parking by title only was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor motion passed. Councilman Kurtz commended that the ordinance restricts areas not time. This was recommended by Chief Reeder and he received feedback from the residents. Chief Reeder said this being done because of all the problems we had last year. Councilwomen Collins asked when the signs will be put up and Street Commissioner Jim Matthys said on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Firehouse Community/Community room:**

Had a meeting on findings, also met with the attorney. At this point we have to make plans, and contact an architect putting together.

If the council approves 1. Resolution –bond 2. Bond ordinance & public hearing. 3.

Additional appropriation to apply to the bond. Decision Councilwomen Collins suggested Bob Gerometta. She said he worked with the Town of Porter. Councilman Haussman said if we got a loan from a local bank it would be treated as a bond.

**Deer Management:**

Mr. Porch requested a letter stating that he needed to know how we would handle the cull. He needed how we planned it, when and what type of weapon. He agrees that we have issues.

The last email contact was read. We planned to have him come to the May meeting.

#### Correspondence with Mildred Tracht:

Councilman Kurtz went to Mrs. Tracht's house to speak with her. She told him that her project was \$1950 yet she spent \$1900. She showed him all of her receipts and invoices. It was determined by the Building Commissioner that the job was over \$2500. Councilman Kurtz said the Ordinance states value and that does not mean price. Mrs. Tracht paid \$200 for a building permit (\$50 for the permit and \$150 for inspections). The concrete cost was \$243, with everything she was still under the \$2500. Councilman Kurtz does not understand why we do this to a resident. Councilman Haussman said this was discussed at a Plan Commission meeting. President Gregory stated that it was not discussed.

Councilwomen said that they were discussing the dollar threshold and should there be a cap or a limit. President Gregory said there is a \$2500 threshold. Councilman Haussman stated the threshold is \$2500 at the moment and the contractor is a separate issue. You have to look at the whole picture. It is his belief that she should be refunded the \$200 permit fee and that we should reimburse her for the additional \$245 that she was charged for the concrete. Councilman Haussman made a motion to refund her the money and was seconded by Councilman Kurtz. Mrs. Tracht shall receive a letter with the town's intent. The Town Council is saying that our Building Department has made a mistake.

Councilman Kurtz motioned that Greg Deporter and Dave Anderson should direct the Building Commissioner to do price, meaning cost or price. The Town Council, Building Commissioner and the Plan Commission need to interpret the value to mean price or cost of a project Councilman Haussman seconded, and Councilwomen Collins voted nay.

President Gregory said this is a two to one extension.

#### Prescribed fire management plan:

People in the area have received a letter concerning the burn. President Gregory said this was an excellent notification. Councilman Kurtz said they have to have the proper weather conditions and some burns will be done together.

#### 2011 Paving plans:

Street Commissioner Jim Matthys he learned about the ¾” overlay, and the cost is \$88 a ton. He said that at road school they explained the overlay using the example of the brakes of your car. He said that the other Commissioners recommend the 3/4”. Councilman Kurtz recommends that we prepare for bids. President Gregory suggested that they pick a day and time to go with Jim Matthys to see what streets need to be done. Let the Clerk Treasurer know next week.

#### Nixle Status:

Chief Reeder spoke of the emergency changes and that we are staying with what we have it is text only. If we go with the other it will cost \$2000.

#### New Business:

##### Sanitation Resolution #02-11:

President Gregory read the resolution and asked Water Manager Jim Kopp if there was anything to add. He said that we have been charging \$25 for any extra pickups that the town has to make for trash, and that is same that Able charges. Councilman Kurtz says that he feels this should be an ordinance and not a resolution. President Gregory thought that is reasonable and it will be changed to an ordinance and this will be the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. A homeowner called and questioned the charge of the \$25. Nate Gagliardi of 75 Ski Hill asked who gets the money. He was told the Sanitation Department.

#### Community Fund proposal:

Carolyn Saxton explained how the Ogden Dunes Community Foundation Fund works. She said that there was \$98,000 in the fund now. Last year they gave money to the Environmental Advisory Committee, the Police Department and to the Animal Committee. This year’s applicants. The Historical Society asked for \$1200 for archival equipment, the Beautification Committee asked for \$3700 for the sign area by the fire station. Carolyn encouraged everyone to donate the funds go back to the community. She said the committee will have a new way of tracking the awardees’ will have to fill out a report of how they used the funds. If the fund’s are not used within one year whatever is not used will go back into the fund. Councilman Kurtz motioned to approve and Councilman Haussman seconded. All were in favor. Councilwomen Collins asked were the record is kept. President Gregory said he will see we have a copy of the minutes. Councilman

Kurtz commented on the nice job they are doing.

Steel hauling trucks:

Chief Reeder said that we have a problem with the trucks that should be going to the steel mills, they are getting lost in Ogden Dunes. The ordinance does not provide for this, is this something we should look into? He suggested signs that provide for no access and weight limit on streets when they come in they have to get a permit. The new signs for the water department should help. President Gregory stated that if we have an ordinance on the books we should utilize, and the Street Department should be in charge.

Beach Monitoring:

Susan Mihalo said that there will be a new monitoring system this year and it is only in Ogden Dunes. The same people, Polly Costanza, and Karen Berrier will be doing it. The results will be much faster, and we will know the same day instead of the next day. She asked if the council would approve this method. Councilman Kurtz motioned to approve and Councilman Haussman seconded. All were in favor of accepting motion passed.

Street Commissioner Jim Matthys announced that chipping would start on Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> and continue until fall. The Town Clean Up will be on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. He reminded everyone of no railroad ties. There will be one leaf pickup the Monday after the cleanup until the fall. Call the street department for any large items to be pickup. Chief Reeder asked if there will be someone stationed at the dumpster for e-waste like last year.

Susan Mihalo announced that Jennifer Wilson will be organizing a workshop on rain barrels, the first week of May in the evening. She must have a minimum of 20 people.

Resident Remarks:

Jim Slawinski of 33 Aspen, asked if the restricted parking could be extended into September since a lot of times the weather is still nice.

Chief Reeder said that he would look at it this year.

How do you determine the area for a deer cull?

President Gregory said that Mr. Porch from DNR will give his opinion and it is the Town Council that makes the decision.

Charlie Costanza 78 Ski Hill, commends Eric for bringing up the Mildred Tracht building permit and problems involved. He believes that we need another survey on deer and fire

house.

Council Remarks:

Councilman Kurtz would like to setup a date in April or early May for an Executive Session with

Department heads on personal matters.

Councilwomen Collins asked a question concerning the ¾" overlay on the streets, and how much traffic does our town have. She also wanted to know why the town is getting involved with the garbage pickup.

President Gregory wanted to remind everyone of the Town Cleanup and the Beautification Committee meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 am.

Next Meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 at 7pm Firehouse

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor meeting was adjourn.

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President Gregory

Attest:

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Donna Smith Clerk Treasurer