

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 7, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY ROOM**

PRESENT: Tim Nelson, President
Mike Webber
Scott Lehmann
Nate Ball

ABSENT: Kathy Kniola

MINUTES

Nate Ball moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2016 regular monthly meeting. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All four members were in favor and the motion was approved.

Scott Lehmann moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 special meeting. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All four members were in favor and the motion was approved.

Tim Nelson thanked the Street Department and Police Department for their work during the recent snow storm. Tim introduced Jack Hazan, Independent Meeting & Event Coordinator, who summarized the upcoming informal event called "Meet the Town Council". This event will be held on May 22, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room and will give residents the opportunity to address their needs and priorities for the community with the Town Council members.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Street Department – Jim Matthys stated that he will not be picking up branches as yet even though many residents have placed them in the front of their homes due to the recent storm. He thanked all his employees for their hard work during the recent snow storm.

Police Department – Marshal Reeder stated that the body cameras have arrived and will be installed soon. He also urged residents to sign up online for Nixle (nixle.com) and Smart 911 (smart911.com). Both of these services are free and can be very beneficial to residents. Nixle provides emergency notifications, road closure information among other pertinent announcements. You may receive email notifications or text messages. Smart 911 is a free service used by public safety agencies across the country to enhance communication and response for their community. It can be used by 9-1-1 agencies to quickly send first responders to the location of an emergency with more information. Residents are encouraged to sign up for both of these services. Marshal Reeder also stated that if any resident gets a door to door solicitor, please call the Police Station immediately. There have been several problems lately with people going door to door.

Plan Commission – Mike Falk stated that the Plan Commission has requested the Building Code Review Committee to review how building permits are calculated for fees. He indicated that they were not looking to increase fees but just wanted information on how the fees are calculated. Mike Falk also reported on the BZA meeting to be held on March 10 at which time two property variances will be discussed.

CLAIMS

Nate Ball moved to accept the February claims as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All four members were in favor and the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Susan Mihalo discussed the 2016 IDEM grant for beach water quality testing. The grant will once again cover the entire cost of water testing for the 2016 season. Testing will be done on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at four sampling sites. Again this year, the beach will be divided into the west and east ends; therefore, possibly allowing one section to remain open should the other section fail the water quality testing. The grant was signed by Tim Nelson and returned to Susan Mihalo for process through IDEM. (Clerk-Treasurer notation: Inadvertently, no motion or vote was taken at the meeting to provide Council acceptance of the IDEM beach grant. Therefore, the Clerk-Treasurer has prepared a separate motion for Council signature which will be attached to the 2016 IDEM grant and filed in the Clerk-Treasurer's office.)

Mike Webber moved to accept Attorney Lukmann's (Town Attorney) letter dated March 3, 2016 outlining his fee schedule for 2016. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All four members were in favor and the motion was approved.

Mike Webber moved to appoint Dick Hutter to the Animal Control Committee. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All four members were in favor and the motion was passed.

Scott Lehmann moved to approve payment of the Emtor invoice dated February 11, 2016 in the amount of \$820.00 which work will bring the Town Hall building up to electrical code compliance. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All four members were in favor and the motion was passed.

Nate Ball moved to accept the 2016 cleaning contract with Anna Smith which states that she will be responsible for bi-weekly cleaning of all rooms within the Town Hall building at a rate of \$15.00 per hour and will receive a 1099 from the Town of Ogden Dunes. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All four members were in favor and the motion was approved.

Mike Webber moved to recycle two unusable Town assets:

HP Printer Color Sphere Laser Jet 2605dn
Brother Fax Machine MFC 4800

The Clerk-Treasurer will be responsible for recycling these two pieces of equipment. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All four members were in favor and the motion was passed.

Tim Nelson read Ordinance 815 by title only which sets forth new travel reimbursement rates for Town officials and employees on Town business. The second reading will occur at the April regular monthly meeting. The ordinance is available for review by residents in the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

RESIDENT REMARKS

Tim Cahillane, 5 Boat Club Road, questioned the Council regarding the snow plowing of the road leading to Grandin Court. Tim Nelson stated that the Town Attorney is looking into this matter and the Council will contact Mr. Cahillane.

Joan Machuca, 1 Skyline Drive, spoke for the Women’s Club as their President. The new phone directory will be available within two weeks at Town Hall at a cost of \$15.00. Membership to the Women’s Club is \$25 and a free phone directory is included with the membership fee. Events that are being planned by the Women’s Club for 2016 are: Blood Drive in April, ballroom dancing which is in progress, nature hike in May, the annual shrimp boil in August and the sandcastle building contest in July.

Susan Mihalo, 8 Diana Road, urged all residents to remove their watercraft from the beach during the winter. She stated that several watercrafts have drifted to the National Park at West Beach during a recent storm.

Paul Panther, 10 Aspen, reminded residents that the St Pat’s Party for the Fire Department will be held soon. He also stated that the Lions’ Club Kids Animal Night was very successful. The Lions’ Club will also be sponsoring a pancake breakfast and the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please watch the Town website for more information.

David Hooper, 39 Sunset Trail, discussed the current problem with skateboarders in our Town. He stated that the teenagers are coming to Ogden Dunes from other cities and towns and the skateboarding has become a dangerous problem. One person was injured. He urged the Council to address this problem.

COUNCIL REMARKS

None

No further business coming before the Council, Mike Webber moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All four members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Tim Nelson, President

ATTEST:

Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer