

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
MAY 4, 2020**

PRESENT: Mike Webber
Scott Lehmann
Carolyn Saxton
Doug Cannon
Nate Ball
Attorney Chuck Parkinson, Town Attorney

MINUTES

Scott Lehmann moved to approve the following minutes:

March 2, 2020 – Regular monthly meeting
March 10, 2020 – Emergency meeting
March 10, 2020 – Executive meeting
March 29, 2020 – Special meeting

Carolyn Saxton seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Mike Webber, yes; Scott Lehmann, yes; Carolyn Saxton, yes; Doug Cannon, yes; Nate Ball, yes. All were in favor and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS

Mike Webber made the following announcements: Beach Nourishment Town Fundraiser – please make checks payable to Town of Ogden Dunes and in memo of check write “Restore the Shore”; beach area closed during construction; read letter from resident Boyer.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Street Department – Mark Juszczak stated that the Street Department is currently picking up leaves and brush. Please keep these two items separated. They are also cleaning out dry wells.

Fire Department – Chief Eric Kurtz stated that a second round of donation letters will be sent to residents.

Beach Nourishment – Rodger Howell give an update on his committee. He stated that there was a wall failure at 2 Shore Drive and 16 to 2 Shore Drive are experiencing wash-outs.

Police Department – Marshal Reeder stated that an Ogden Dunes officer was involved in apprehending a suspect involved in a drive-by shooting. It was later determined that the suspect was positive for COVID19; therefore, the officer involved is now self-quarantined for 14 days. Marshal Reeder also

stated that the sale of parking permits has dropped off considerably. Only employees are permitted inside Town Hall. All others are required to communicate via the phone in Town Hall lobby.

Environmental Advisory – Susan Mihalo stated that the IDEM grant will cover two testing areas this season (west end and east end) until Labor Day.

Community Fund – Carolyn Saxton stated that grant applications are available online for those wishing to apply for a grant.

Historical Society – Ken Thompson stated that the Historical Society held a virtual presentation and it was well attended. They are currently working on a virtual activity for Memorial Day.

Plan Commission – Mike Falk stated that the Building Codes are on the agenda for Fire and Building Safety Committee for May 7, 2020 virtual meeting. Attorney Chuck Parkinson gave the Council an update on the property at 25 Hillcrest Road. He stated that if the demolition is less than \$10,000, the Town can use their own employees to demolish the house. If over \$10,000, the project must be bid in the newspaper and the owner must be contacted. The Town will pay for the demolition and this payment becomes a lien on the property. Carolyn Saxton moved that the Council should follow the recommendation of Attorney Parkinson for the demolition of 25 Hillcrest Road. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Mike Webber, yes; Carolyn Saxton, yes; Scott Lehmann, yes; Doug Cannon, yes; Nate Ball, yes. All were in favor and the motion passed. Attorney Parkinson stated that his office would handle all the paperwork and advertising necessary to bid for a demolition.

CLAIMS – Nate Ball moved to accept the February and March 2020 claims as read by the Clerk-Treasurer. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Mike Webber, yes; Scott Lehmann, yes; Carolyn Saxton, yes; Doug Cannon, yes; Nate Ball, yes. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS – Carolyn Saxton reported on NICTD and stated that with the current pandemic, NICTD's passenger revenue has decreased considerably causing a possible halt to the double track project.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Lehmann moved to accept Resolution 2020-01, a resolution transferring funds from MVH Restricted and LIT/CEDIT to Road and Bridge/Road Projects, for the Town's portion of the INDOT road grant. Doug Cannon seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Mike Webber, yes; Carolyn Saxton, yes; Scott Lehmann, yes; Doug Cannon, yes; Nate Ball, yes. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Nate Ball moved to appoint Andrew Gurschick to the Building Code Review. Doug Cannon seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Mike Webber, yes; Carolyn Saxton, yes; Scott Lehmann, yes; Doug Cannon, yes; Nate Ball, yes. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Scott Lehmann moved to appoint Barbara Schultz to the Animal Committee and Doug Cannon seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Mike Webber, yes; Scott Lehmann, yes; Carolyn Saxton, yes; Doug Cannon, yes; Nate Ball, yes. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Scott Lehmann moved to appoint Christine Brack and John Lawicki to the Beach Nourishment Committee and Nate Ball seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Mike Webber, yes; Scott Lehmann, yes; Carolyn Saxton, yes; Doug Cannon, yes; Nate Ball, yes. All were in favor and the motion passed.

RESIDENT REMARKS

Bruce Boyer, 120 Shore Drive, asked the Council when he would have a reply to his recent letter. Mike Webber stated that the letter was sent to the Town Attorney for input.

Chuck Sheaff, 30 Shore Drive, would like an application for the Beach Nourishment Committee. Clerk-Treasurer advised him that the applications are online.

Jim Skish, 8 Shore Drive, wanted to know when the Council would make a decision on the bond issue. Mike Webber stated that the Council is waiting for more information to make a decision.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Nate Ball thanked Rodger Howell, Roger Rhodes, Mike Falk and Mike Teeling for their work with Shore Drive.

Mike Webber thanked all the volunteers in Town.

No further business coming before the Council, Scott Lehmann moved to adjourn the meeting and Nate Ball seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Mike Webber, yes; Scott Lehmann, yes; Carolyn Saxton, yes, Doug Cannon, yes, Nate Ball, yes. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Mike Webber, President

ATTEST:

Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer