

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 5, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY ROOM**

PRESENT Tim Nelson
 Mike Webber
 Kathy Kniola
 Scott Lehmann
 Nate Ball

MINUTES

Kathy Kniola moved that the minutes of the May 1, 3, and 15, 2017 meetings be approved. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

Tim Nelson announced the upcoming Town Clean-Up Weekend and July 4th weekend hours at Town Hall.

Speaker Therese Haller, Executive Director, Porter County Recycling & Waste Reduction, gave a presentation on recycling. Informational materials are available at Town Hall and the Town website.

Nate Ball announced the “Race the Region” 10K Run/Walk in West Beach and Ogden Dunes to be held on June 10, 2017. Information and maps regarding this race are available on the Town website.

Tim Nelson announced that the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore has announced a boundary change. This change will not affect the Town of Ogden Dunes as the change is occurring south of Stagecoach Road.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Street Department – Chuck Litzkow reported that they are in the process of cleaning out drywells and also cleaning up the beach when weather permits. The drywells on Valerie will be cleaned out and hopefully this will suffice as opposed to moving the mailbox rack.

Water Department – Chuck Litzkow reported that 10 residents will get “door hangers” due to unpaid water bills. They will have five days to pay the bill.

Police Department – Marshal Reeder urged residents to stay away from raccoons. He also stated that he will have extra patrol on duty for the July 4th weekend.

General Code – Dick Meister stated that the Committee is discussing recommendations to change ordinances which will affect the parking of boats and trailers and the placement of garbage cans.

ADA – Sara Anderson stated that the guardrails are now in place in the ADA bathroom in the Community Room. She also thanked the Lion’s Club, Women’s Club and ODHA for their monetary support of the Community Room bathroom renovation project. She also announced the Annual Outdoors Adaptive

Escapade to be held on July 15, 2017 in Miller which will present recreational activities for the aging and disability impaired.

Animal Committee – Dick Hutter urged the Council to pass Ordinance 828 allowing dogs a longer period during the year to be allowed on the beach.

Environmental Advisory – Susan Mihalo sent a letter to the EPA regarding the recent chromium spill. This letter and the EPA’s response will be on the Town’s website. Water testing is being done weekly and all testing has been “NR” meaning it is below the detection range.

Community Fund – Nancy Johnson requested that the Council approve the following grants:

Historical Society	\$640.00	Display at Community Room
Park & Rec	\$1288.00	Ring swing & digging crane Long Lake Park
Beautification	\$1182.48	Replanting of sun loving native perennial plants by railroad tracks

Mike Webber moved to approve the three grants as presented. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Women’s Club – Joan Machuca, past President, announced the Sand Castle Contest and the August 12 Summer Sunset Bash to be held at Kratz Field. Please see Town website for more information.

ODHA - Mike Webber announced that the ODHA will hold the “5th Annual ODHA Cardboard Regatta Race” to be held July 1, 2017 at Tamarack Beach. Sign-up material is available at Town Hall and on the Town’s website.

CLAIMS

Nate Ball moved to approve the May 2017 claims as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Nelson stated that the Council is requesting modifications to the 2017 Fire Protection contract specifically to amend No. 7 to read as follows: “The Town will **use its best efforts** to have public works/street department employees be certified at the Firefighter II, Hazardous Materials First Responder-Operations, and Technical Rescuer-Awareness level by the State Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education”. Nate Ball moved to authorize Tim Nelson to forward this new language to Chief Eric Kurtz. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Scott Lehmann moved to appoint Mike Falk as Assistant Building Commissioner which term will expire on June 30, 2018. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Tim Nelson read Ordinance 819, Skateboarding, by title only for the second reading. Nate Ball moved to pass Ordinance 819 as read. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Tim Nelson read Ordinance 828, extending period dogs are allowed on the beach, in its entirety for the first reading.

Dick Meister, Historical Society, requested that the Council approve his letter to Dr. Mark J. Bouman, Chicago Region Program Director, stating that the Town of Ogden Dunes supports designating Southeastern Chicago and Northwest Indiana as the Calumet National Heritage Area. Kathy Kniola moved to approve this letter being sent on behalf of the Town of Ogden Dunes. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

RESIDENT REMARKS

Joan Mikol, 87 Shore Drive, spoke in favor of Ordinance 828.

Sara Anderson, 4 Skyline, spoke in favor of Ordinance 828.

Nancy Ashby, 5 Ogden Court, opposed the skateboarding ordinance but is in favor of Ordinance 828.

John Ashby, 5 Ogden Court, opposed the skateboarding ordinance but is in favor of Ordinance 828.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mike Webber thanked all the Town committee volunteer members.

No further business coming before the Council, Scott Lehmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Tim Nelson, President

ATTEST:

Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer