

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
DECEMBER 3, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.  
COMMUNITY ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Scott Lehmann  
Mike Webber  
Carolyn Saxton  
Tim Nelson  
Nate Ball

**MINUTES:**

Carolyn Saxton moved to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2018 regular monthly meeting. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Nate Ball moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2018 budget adoption meeting. Mike Webber seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Nate Ball, yes; Mike Webber, yes; Carolyn Saxton, yes; Scott Lehmann, yes; Tim Nelson, abstain. The motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS**

Scott Lehmann stated that applications will be accepted for various Town Council volunteer committee members. A list of the opening positions will be on the Town website.

**COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department – Marshal Reeder is seeking Town Council approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Portage Police Department and the Ogden Dunes Police Department. This MOU will assist with the evaluation and correction of any issues that may arise with the two agencies interoperability on the same dispatch frequency. This MOU is not a commitment to supply funding. If the need arises for assistance with funding of the radio system both agencies authorized official will meet and determine a solution. Tim Nelson moved to authorize Marshal Reeder to sign the MOU on behalf of the Ogden Dunes Police Department. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Beach Nourishment – Steve Coombs stated that the Committee is requesting that the Town submit a letter to the National Park Service requesting details on the permit appeal process with the National Park Service. Mike Webber moved to approve the letter and Tim Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Water Works – Brad Wood stated that Indiana American Water is seeking a 28% water rate increase. The Town of Schererville is soliciting partners for Intervention Defense of these rate increase requests. Brad Wood stated that the Water Board is still considering whether or not they will join this intervention and asked that the Council approve the Water Board to make a Board decision in the next several weeks. Carolyn Saxton moved to allow the Water Board the final decision in this matter. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mike Teeling stated that 42 water shut off notices will be sent this week which is the highest number they have had.

General Code – Dick Meister stated that the Committee will meet on January 8 to continue discussions regarding fireworks and Town Wards.

Environmental Advisory – Susan Mihalo discussed the recent foamy discharge which was seen near the Burns Waterway. As a result of this unknown discharge, both the National Park and Portage Lakefront have closed their beaches as a precaution. Ogden Dunes will follow. Susan stated that the Town needs a procedure to speed up the closing of the beach when necessary. Mike Webber moved that the Town Council President should be contacted first to make that decision and should the President not respond within two hours, the decision will go to the Town Marshal or the official head officer on duty that day. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Susan is also seeking Town Council approval for the 2019 IDEM beach grant. Carolyn Saxton moved to approve the grant and Tim Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Historic Preservation – Jenifer Wilson submitted two proposals for Town Council consideration as follows: (1) Repair and Maintenance of Mailbox Shelters for the Town of Ogden Dunes and (2) Street Signs in the Town of Ogden Dunes. Both proposals can be viewed at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office. Mike Webber moved to accept the mailbox proposal as written and Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. The Council opted to wait for Marshal Reeder's input regarding the sign proposal before taking action. Mike Webber and Jenifer Wilson are to meet with Marshal Reeder to discuss the proposal.

The Committee has requested the following members be approved by the Council:

Jenifer Wilson, Co Chair – 5 year term  
Kathy Kniola, Co Chair – 5 year term  
ODHA representative – Aaron Burkhart – 2 year term  
ODHS representative = Marie Englehart – 2 year term  
Beautification representative – Lois Braatz – 2 year term

The Council felt that the five-year term was too long based on discussion and recommendations from the Town Attorney. Mike Webber has been assigned to work with the Town Attorney to structure a Town ordinance to establish this Committee and set the number of members and terms. Tim Nelson moved that Mike Webber contact the Town attorney to discuss and prepare a draft of this ordinance. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tim Nelson moved to approve Kathy Kniola as Co-Chair on the Historic Preservation Committee. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **CLAIMS**

Mike Webber moved to approve the November claims as read by the Clerk-Treasurer. Tim Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Scott Lehmann read Ordinance 842 (2019 Salary Ordinance) by title only for the second reading. Tim Nelson moved to approve Ordinance 842 and Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Scott Lehmann read Ordinance 843 (Employee Health Benefits) by title only for the first reading.

Mike Webber moved to approve the "Race the Region 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Race" to be held on Sunday, May 19, 2019 which will pass through Ogden Dunes as it did in past years. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Council instructed the Clerk-Treasurer to put in ordinance form the porta-potty ordinance change recommended by the General Code Committee.

Roger Rhodes resigned as Building Commissioner and his position will be filled by Patrick Smith, Assistant Building Commissioner, who will complete Roger's term which ends May 30, 2019. Roger will assume the role of Assistant Building Commissioner which term ends August 6, 2020. Mike Webber moved that Roger Rhodes and Patrick Smith switch positions effective January 1, 2019. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **RESIDENT REMARKS**

None

## **COUNCIL REMARKS**

All Council members thanked Tim Nelson for his service on the Town Council.

No further business coming before the Council, Tim Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Scott Lehmann, President

## **ATTEST:**

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Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer