

Town of Ogden Dunes  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
April 6, 2009

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Present: Bob Hicks, Bill Gregory, Brad Wood, Eric Haussman, and Eric Kurtz

**Minutes:** Minutes from regular council meeting of March 2, 2009. Councilman Kurtz motioned to approve and was seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor motion passed.

**Claims:** #41862-41940 and 1936-1963 were presented to the council for approval. Councilman Hicks motion to approve and was seconded by Councilman Gregory.

A five minute presentation updating the town on the construction was given by Ken Buzec from Indiana American Water.

A presentation by Suzy Barnhart from the Census Bureau was given.

Reports:

**Police Dept:** Report was given by Chief Reeder. He reminded everyone that next month the beach rules go into effect, and dogs are not allowed on the beach at this time. Chief said he will be having reserve officers working the beach this year. We are looking for a new officer. Looking for gate person and the salary is approximately \$10.81 an hour. Councilman Hicks asked about signs that state no access to Portage Beach.

**Street Dept:** Street Commissioner Jim Matthys reported we had an ice storm and rain storms that flooded Diana Road and it had to be closed. Councilman Hicks and Councilman Gregory helped with sand bags to get the water off the road. They had to put up a sand dam to hold the water back. They also spent 2 weeks cutting trees down on County Line Road. Ray used the street sweeper to clean a lot of stones off the road. Chipping will start April 13 and every Monday thereafter. Spring clean up is April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and the one and only leaf pickup will be April 27<sup>th</sup>. No railroad ties. Put large items out and they will be picked up on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>, or you can take to the dumpster at the street department.

**ODVFD:** Report was given by Luke Brennan. For the month they had 3 EMS calls, 3 Brush fires and 2 open burns. The St. Patrick's day party was a success and they are looking for new members. Councilman Hicks asked if they could have a CPR class.

**Building Commissioner** reported that it has been slow, and the start of the new house began at 17 Turret.

**Plan Commission:** No report

**BZA:** No report

**Water Board:** Water superintendant Jim Kopp reported that water bills will go out on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Residents should get their backflow devices tested. They will be doing water hydrant testing. Two houses are having septic problems. INDOT wants to get Senator Tallian to help. He should have engineering drawings in the next couple of weeks.

**Park Board:** Charlie Costanza reported they are looking into a wind generator. Portage was given our Beach Rules. Tony Gaul has been working on getting the town a wind generator and it could possibly be placed across from the police station. It would have to be tested to where the best place to place it would be. Councilman Hicks commented that Portage and Valparaiso have studied this and he should talk with the other communities. Councilman Gregory asked if we could join the other communities, and to keep going with his research. Charlie said we will not know when we would be getting sand from the dredge. We just have to wait until it is approved.

**EAB:** A report was given by Dr. Erin Argyilan on the water levels in Ogden Dunes. Susan Mihalo reported that precipitation has been unusual for the land and ground water. DNR is not dredging. Please do not forget that National Geographic will be studying the plant life at West Beach next month and this is a big deal for this area. Gerry Lehmann of 12 Skyline said in 2008 the rainfall we had was 55" when the normal is 37".

**Town Beautification Committee:** No report

**ODHA:** No report

**Animal Committee:** Lynn Hicks reported the committee did not meet in March. The committee received 188 responses back on the deer survey. Lynn asked if they could use the money from the dog tags to pay for the printing of the surveys and maybe to purchase bags for dog waste if approved. They are also looking into next year's projects. Councilman Hicks had a cd on the deer, and he would give to the Clerk Treasurer if anyone would like to it pickup, it is very informative.

**Women's Club:** No report

**Beach Nourishment Committee:** Maggie Tolliver spoke on the beach erosion on the east end. There are no rocks in front of the pilings. Councilman Kurtz said we need to get sand. Councilman Gregory spoke on an article that he received from resident Duncan Hines. Jim Kopp commented on the rocks. Councilman Hicks thinks that this is the town's problem. Councilman Gregory asked if Councilman Kurtz would be willing to get a meeting.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Councilman Wood stated that we need to address policy of airs of omission.

**Any other business that may come before the Council:**

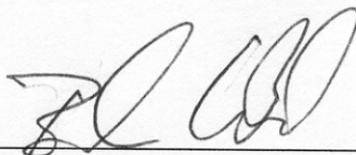
Councilman Hicks stated that the Grant Committee needs to become more active.

**Resident remarks:** Jay Lauritzen of 3 Diana Court commented on the trains and how he had to wait for 20-25 minutes. He also mentioned about the flooding in 2007 and 2008.

**Council Remarks:** None

Next Meeting: Town Council Workshop on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Haussman and seconded by Councilman Hicks and were in favor.

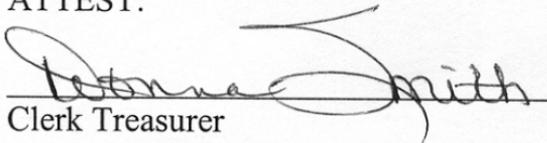


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Brad Wood

Town Council President

ATTEST:



Clerk Treasurer

Donna Smith