

Town of Ogden Dunes  
Regular Council Meeting  
&  
Pre-Adoption of Budget  
September 7, 2010

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Connie Collins, Bill Gregory, Brad Wood, Eric Haussman, Eric Kurtz. All present

Motion to approval the minutes of the August 2, 2010 meetings was made by Councilman Haussman and seconded by Councilman Kurtz. All were in favor motion passed.

Motion to approve claims #42183 -42988 and checks #2701 – 2743 was made by Councilman Haussman and seconded by Councilman Kurtz. All were in favor motion passed.

**Public Hearing on proposed 2011 budget, levy and pre-adoption.**

Councilman Kurtz explained the budget and levy. November 1, 2010 was set for the final adoption. President Gregory asked for any comments, and it was agreed that a workshop will be set after the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Porter County Council. Councilman Kurtz suggested that the council look at a payout for all the full time employees at that time.

**Old Business:**

Sanitation Fund Resolution #10-01, Councilwomen Collins asked who wrote the language in the resolution. She felt that some of the wording should be changed to read such funds shall be used for periodic replacement and improvement of capital equipment belonging to the Sanitation Department. Replacing such funds shall be used for the benefit of periodic replacement and improvement for the benefit of the Sanitation Department. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Wood. All were in favor except a nay from Councilwomen Collins.

**Updates:**

Councilman Haussmann said that the paving project has been postponed until the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>. Councilman asked if we had a contract, and the answer was yes. President Gregory will authorize the contract.

**Firehouse Task Force:**

Councilman Haussman said they have been meeting with contractors and will have a recommendation by the October Council meeting.

**Short Term Rentals:**

President Gregory said we are still waiting on the last official document that has gone to the Supreme Court. Councilman Kurtz asked about the ordinance and President Gregory suggested that the Town attorney draft an ordinance regardless of which way the outcome of the short term rentals goes.

**New Business:**

Hillcrest road wall repair. Councilman Wood explained the damage and spoke of the cost. Question on whose property is it and if it is not the towns who are the owner. We should look into an if there is a survey of the property. We need to do a little more research before anything is to be done.

Deer and health related issues:

Councilman Wood spoke on the subject. Councilwomen Collins was asked to get in touch with the Animal control committee since she is the liaison for that committee. Much discussion was on this subject. Councilman Kurtz will call the National Park service.

**Branding Leadership Team**

President Gregory appointed a team to work with Lorelei Weimar.

**BZA appointment:**

President Gregory announced that he has appointed Glenn Seerup to fill the empty position replacing Sylvia Griem.

**Community Information/Announcements:**

Street Commissioner Jim Matthys stated that the last day for chipping will be September 27<sup>th</sup>. October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> will be the Town Fall Clean-up. Councilwomen Collins asked if a sign is put up, and what about leaf pick-up. Commissioner Matthys replied that

there has not been a date set for leaf pick-up.

President Gregory said that we appreciate all that Commissioner Matthys does.

Susan Mihalo announced that there will be a there will be dedication/explanation of all that has been done around Long Lake on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. She thanked Jim for his work of cutting the grass in the area. Susan also announced that on September 25<sup>th</sup> is the Costal Clean-up, and this is the 10<sup>th</sup> year. Set up for the event will be at Shore and Diana. She said a dark substance was found on the beach and was checked out. It looked like oil but was fine metal particles and nothing to worry about.

Chief Reeder said the Porter County Community Foundation donated money to the police department for vests for the officers. He thanked the foundation for this donation.

President Gregory told Chief Reeder he appreciates the quad on the beach patrolling. Chief Reeder said that Ravender Singh, a reserve officer has been on that assignment and that we have sponsored him to go to the Academy. He will be staying on and working for us after he graduates.

Karel Kearl from the Lion's club announced that the Lion's club will be having a membership drive, and Matt Rogatz is opening his home at 40 Ski Hill Road and she encourages everyone over the age of 18 to come out and join.

### **Resident Remarks:**

Mike Frankovich spoke on the deer ticks and the results if you are bitten.

Residents Rich Nagy, Lee Hibbs, Al Johnson and Charlie Costanza also spoke on the deer ticks and Lyme disease.

Charlie Costanza spoke on the creditability of the Plan commission and the Building Commissioner and on the new home at 1 The Thumb.

John Ashby mentioned how the majority of the retaining walls in town have been built by Charlie Costanza.

Susan Mihalo said that she discourages a killing of the deer.

Dan Manos asked if everyone read the deer survey and that it should be thrown out and start a new one. Look at it very carefully. There is a dead deer problem.

Street Commissioner Jim Matthys stated that he has removed 16 dead deer since January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Council Remarks:**

Councilman Kurtz mentioned that the deer issued was the topic of the evening and that Burns Harbor and Dune Acres had the same problem and it caused fights in the

neighborhoods. This can only be handled in an effective way.

Councilman Haussman announced that the Beautification Committee needs helping hands.

Contact Kitty Cozza or Gerry Lehmann.

Councilwomen Collins wants to give credit to Fred Hoham for access #14 and Tony Wran for the bench.

**Next Meeting:** Monday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Firehouse.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor, motioned passed.

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President Bill Gregory

ATTEST:

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Donna Smith, Clerk Treasurer