

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
COMMUNITY ROOM
JULY 5, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Tim Nelson
Michael Webber
Kathy Kniola
Scott Lehmann
Nate Ball

MINUTES

Mike Webber moved to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2016 regular monthly meeting. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS

Tim Nelson made the following announcements: thanked Duncan Hines for building the three new bulletin boards for our Town; thanked Doug Cannon for the new sign he built for Long Lake Park which acknowledges several Town organizations for their part in maintaining the Park; thanked the Ogden Dunes Women's Club for sponsoring the Sandcastle Building Contest and thanked those that participated in the Cardboard Boat Race.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department – Marshal Reeder introduced Dave Fritz who is in field training to become a part-time officer with the Town. Dave has also agreed to take on the position of Code Enforcer for the Town which will be outside the realm of his officer duties. Marshal Reeder discussed a possible agreement between the Town of Ogden Dunes and Railstream.org who installs cameras at various railroad crossings and sells video subscriptions to people who are railroad buffs. By partnering with this company, this would give the Police Department views of Hillcrest Road at the crossings and somewhat north and south of the tracks at no cost to the Town. Railstream.org has offered to provide all necessary equipment and will indemnify the Town from any liability resulting from the use of the equipment both physically and statutorily. Marshal Reeder will supply a contract with Railstream.org for the Town Council's approval.

Plan Commission – Mike Falk indicated that the Plan Commission is currently dealing with two nuisance properties. They have received no response from the house at 25 Hillcrest. The owners of 39 Diana have contacted a dune rehabilitator and will submit plans to the Commission hopefully soon.

Beach Nourishment Committee – Jim Combs stated that the Committee is still dealing with ways to get sand on the beach. They have had various meetings with the National Lakeshore, Army Corp of Engineers, DNR and Portage officials but as yet no solution has been reached.

Environmental Advisory Board – Susan Mihalo stated that the Board has discussed the proposal of allowing dogs on the beach for limited hours during the summer months and the Board unanimously agrees that this should not be allowed and the current ordinance prohibiting dogs from May 1 to Oct 1 should stand as is. Susan stated that the Board would like to form a Dark Skies Initiative Committee to educate the public about the value of controlling municipal and residential lighting. The Committee would consist of 8 to 10 people including members of the Environmental Board and residents of our Town. Any resident who would like to serve on this committee should contact a member of the Environmental Advisory Board. More information on this subject can be found at www.darksky.org.

CLAIMS

Kathy Kniola moved to accept the May and June 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 read Ordinance 816, Internal Controls, by title only for the second reading. Scott Lehmann moved to accept Ordinance 816 and Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

A discussion was held on safe skateboarding within the Town. Tim Nelson indicated that the Council is considering ways to enforce safe use and operation of skateboards within the Town, such as adding rules to encourage safe practices including, for example, obeying all traffic regulations (i.e., stop lights, stop signs, yield signs, etc.).

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held on Ordinance 643 regarding construction hours within the Town. It has been proposed that construction hours should be extended to include all Federal holidays. A draft ordinance will be prepared for a future meeting.

RESIDENT REMARKS

Enzo Costanza, 68 Ski Hill, spoke regarding skateboarding and suggested that hard shell helmets be required. Kathy Kniola asked Enzo to talk with other skateboarders regarding safe practices and report back to the Town Council. Enzo stated that he did not feel other skateboarders would cooperate in this regard.

Barbara Schultz, Matt Cook, Susan Miller, Ursula Henkle and Charlie Costanza spoke in favor of allowing dogs on the beach during the summer months.

Ed Rooks, Dorothy Kurtz and Susan Mihalo spoke against allowing dogs on the beach during the summer months. Ed Rooks also requested that the Street Department clean-up the July 4th debris left on the beach. He also stated that Access 7 has bags of broken concrete which should be removed.

Charlie Costanza, 68 Ski Hill, questioned whether or not the new building codes were approved. Tim Nelson stated that the Town Attorney is reviewing the objections made by Homeland Security.

Doug Adams, 148 Shore Drive, stated that he is working with the ODHA in regards to the proposed deck to be built close to his home.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Nate Ball reminded residents that the Firemen's Ball fundraiser will be held July 30 and encouraged all residents to attend.

Mike Webber thanked all the residents who came in favor of dogs on the beach during the summer months.

No further business coming before the Council, Kathy Kniola moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Tim Nelson, President

ATTEST:

Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer