

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
MARCH 2, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mike Webber  
Scott Lehmann  
Carolyn Saxton  
Doug Cannon  
Nate Ball

**MINUTES:**

Doug Cannon moved to accept the February 3, 2020 regular monthly minutes as presented. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Carolyn Saxton moved to accept the February 18, 2020 special meeting minutes as presented. Doug Cannon seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mike Webber made the following announcements: Beach Nourishment fundraiser checks should be made payable to the Town of Ogden Dunes and in the memo of the check please write "Restore the Shore". The beach area will continue to be closed during construction.

**COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Plan Commission – Mike Falk stated that the Building Codes are on the Homeland Security agenda for March 2020 for approval.

General Code Review – Dick Meister stated that the committee will discuss standing committees, fines and penalties and the personnel manual at their March 17, 2020 meeting.

Environmental Advisory – Susan Mihalo stated that the fish kill at Burns Waterway was the result of natural causes which was a drastic change in temperature. Susan Adams spoke regarding the lights to be installed by NIPSCO. She asked the Council for permission to contact NIPSCO to have them install a test light at the corner of Diana and Hillcrest across from the Town bulletin board in order that the residents have an opportunity to see what type of lighting is planned. No Council members objected to her request.

Historical Society – Ken Thompson, President, discussed the upcoming programs.

**CLAIMS**

Nate Ball moved to accept the January claims as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer. Carolyn Saxton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Carolyn Saxton reported on the NICTD double track project. NICTD was interested in having an engineering study done on the property located on the south side of Rt 12 between Stagecoach Road and the electrical transformer area. Originally we thought there was going to be a public hearing so NICTD could come and give a presentation on what they were planning to do. The meeting was scheduled for this week but has been cancelled. Instead Mike Webber, Jean Manna and myself will be going to a meeting with representatives from the City of Portage, RDA and NICTD because they do not

have their full plan yet and are only at 60% completion. Before we present anything to the residents, we feel we should have a full idea of exactly what is in the plan. I will report back to the Council next month as regarding results of this meeting. As far as we know, NICTD is interested in the south side of Rt 12 and have been in touch with some residents in that area with the possibility of purchasing their property.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance 859 was tabled until the Town Attorney reviews this ordinance. Doug Cannon will follow-up with the Town Attorney.

The personnel manual was tabled until General Code Review has an opportunity to review the manual and report back to the Council.

Mike Webber discussed the aggressive turkeys in Town. He urged residents not to feed the turkeys or any of the wildlife. The Clerk-Treasurer has been instructed to have two large signs made saying "Do not feed the wildlife". One will be placed on the main bulletin board of Town and the other at the mailbox area at Diana and Locust.

The Council approved Leigh Sierra's request (resident in Ogden Dunes) to have a food truck parked on the north side of the Community Room for a graduation party in July 2020.

Mike Webber appointed Doug Cannon as the Plan Commission Town Government Member to replace Scott Lehmann.

The following committee appointments were made by the Council:

**PLAN COMMISSION** - Mike Webber as President appointed the following members. Doug Cannon moved to accept the President's appointments. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Anthony Bytner  
Roger Rhodes  
Scot Stolarz  
Arman Sarkisian

**GENERAL CODE** – Nate Ball moved to appoint the following members. Doug Cannon seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Lynn Toomey  
Mike Schafer

**ANIMAL COMMITTEE** – Scott Lehmann moved to appoint the following member. Doug Cannon seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Kathy Hinton

## **RESIDENT REMARKS**

Wally Sampson, 9 Ogden Court, stated that there are several potholes on Hillcrest Road that need fixing.

Mike Falk, 61 Ski Hill, thanked Jill Woodburn for serving on the Plan Commission.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Nate Ball thanked Mike Falk for his service on the Plan Commission.

Doug Cannon stated that residents going to the beach area should go by way of the Pump House. He also stated that residents should stay away from the beach during the construction.

Carolyn Saxton thanked the Plan Commission for solving a problem years ago that she had at her personal residence.

No further business coming before the Council, Scott Lehmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Mike Webber, President

ATTEST:

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Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer