

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.  
COMMUNITY ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Tim Nelson, President  
Mike Webber  
Kathy Kniola  
Scott Lehmann  
Nate Ball

**MINUTES:**

Scott Lehmann moved to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2016 regular monthly meeting. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Kathy Kniola moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2016 budget workshop meeting. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS:**

Tim Nelson thanked the Ogden Dunes Women’s Club for their successful Kratz Blues Bash event. He also thanked the Ogden Dunes Home Association for sponsoring Family Night and the Labor Day games.

Susan Rhodes reported on the status of the proposed Sports Resort. She stated that the company has not yet submitted final plans to the City of Portage; however, they have updated their website which shows they are considering expanding their initial plans to include additional areas of the venue.

**COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department – Marshal Reeder stated that the Town’s Code Enforcer has made progress during the first month and will continue to cite those residents who are in violation of Town property codes.

Plan Commission – Mike Falk stated that progress has been made on 39 Diana Road and this property should be finalized within the next two weeks.

Waterworks – Chuck Litzkow stated that the waterline insurance should be finalized soon. He stated that all residents will be included in the initial offering; however, they may opt out directly through the insurance company. Do not call the Water Department to opt out.

General Code – Dick Meister stated that this committee is in the final stages of proposing recommendations to the Town Council regarding the sign codes, dogs on the beach and skateboarding within the Town. They plan to have their proposals ready for the October Town Council meeting.

Environmental Advisory Board – Susan Mihalo stated that the “Living in the Dunes, a Homeowner’s Guide to Landscaping in Indiana’s Dune Communities” published by Saves the Dunes is available free at Town Hall. This booklet will help homeowners identify ten of the most problematic invasive species found in this region and understand which plants to use instead. Susan announced that Saturday, September 17, 2016 will be International Beach Clean-Up Day. All volunteers are welcomed. It was

noted that there have been no beach closures for the past two years. She also stated that September 19-23, 2016 is Septic Smart Week. Septic tanks should be pumped every three to five years.

## **CLAIMS**

Nate Ball moved to approve the August claims as read by the Clerk-Treasurer. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Tim Nelson stated that the Life Safety Program Committee will resume. He stated that Gerry Scheff will be charged with setting up the first meeting. Members of this committee are as follows: Gerald Scheff, Sara Anderson, Steve Coombs, John Wilhelm. Mike Teeling and Eric Kurtz will serve as advisors for this committee. Mike Webber will be the Town Council liaison.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Tim Nelson read Resolution 2016-01, a resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$197.43 from Levy Excess to the General Fund per the Department of Local Government Finance. Mike Webber moved to approve Resolution 2016-01 and Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Tim Nelson read Resolution 2016-02, a resolution establishing a fund for the Special LOIT Distribution. Scott Lehmann moved to approve Resolution 2016-02 and Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance 820 amending the quarterly water usage rates for homeowners was discussed. Tim Nelson read Ordinance 820 and requested that the Council vote on this ordinance on the first reading. All were in favor. Nate Ball moved to approve Ordinance 820 as read and Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mike Webber moved to approve the new Community Room cleaning contract with Anna Smith dated September 6, 2016. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Tim Nelson read the Town Council Proclamation regarding Septic Smart Week from September 19-23, 2016. Kathy Kniola moved to accept the proclamation as read and Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

## **RESIDENT REMARKS**

Joan Mikol, 87 Shore Drive, urged the Council to consider approving minimum summer hours for dogs on the beach.

## **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mike Webber thanked the band, The Ticks, for performing at the Homeowners' event held recently.

Nate Ball stated that the Prime Timers have submitted their recommendations for updating the Master Plan. Nate requested that residents send their ideas for long-term plans to him. He also stated that members of the Ogden Dunes Volunteer Fire Department are being recognized tonight by the City of Gary for their mutual aid support at the Gary Air Show.

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

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Tim Nelson, President

ATTEST:

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Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer