

Town of Ogden Dunes  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
July 6, 2010

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Bill Gregory, Brad Wood, Eric Haussman, Eric Kurtz

All present. No replacement council member from Ward I has been selected as of yet.

Minutes: May minutes are to be approved at the August 2 council meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2010 was made by Councilman Haussman and were seconded by Councilman Wood. All were in favor motion passed.

Claims: Motion to approve claims #0442814 – 042869, 42053 & 42069-42071 including

checks 2609-2629, was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor motion passed.

Old Business:

Ordinance # 743 and Ordinance #744

Motion to pass Ordinance #743 Stop Signs was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor motion passed.

President Gregory asked Councilman Kurtz to explain this ordinance and opened for public hearing, asking if anyone had questions. Alec Mackenzie asked if this was being done in order to construct a new firehouse, or what capital improvement will it be used for? Councilmen Kurtz explained the fund and replied about using for Home Association and Park Board joining together. Motion to pass Ordinance #744 Re-establishment of cumulative capital development CCD fund was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Wood. All were in favor motion passed.

Updates:

Beach access #1 has been reopened, #2 has a new railing and stairway, and access #3 sand has been put there. Thanks to Fred Hoham, Bob Hicks and Jim Matthys for all their work on the access ways.

Nourishment:

We are waiting on Federal interest, but do not expect anything until September. Nothing solid yet. Nipsco is waiting for permits needed from in front of Bailey Generating Station. President Gregory commented that there is more beach on the east end than a year ago. President Gregory asked about the Ski Hill project and asked if it could be done this summer and if additional appropriation for funds will be needed.

Fire House Task Force:

Councilman Haussman said they have had one meeting. There were a lot of questions and feel they may need a structural engineer to look at the building, funding, and etc. They will have a second meeting tomorrow July 7<sup>th</sup>. They have no authorization to spend money and they need to talk about dollar amount and options.

President Gregory asked if the building could support a truss roof. It will take about \$2500 for for studies. Councilman Haussman motioned for up to \$2500 be made for studies and was seconded by Councilman Wood. All were in favor, motioned passed.

New Business:

Sanitation Fund Resolution 10-01

President Gregory said it was not clear why this was needed, and asked that Umbaugh give us an explanation. Clerk Treasurer said she would contact them.

Question on the replacement for Bob Hicks, Frank Moran said the Republican party is working on finding someone.

Couple of dates will be selected for a budget meeting.

Waterworks new hydrant;

John Hannon from the Ogden Dunes Waterworks concerning the fire hydrant said that it is an ongoing project. Jim Kopp has been encouraged to put one in and they have one on hand. The cost is \$15,000 for the hydrant and supplies. At present they only have \$30,000 on hand. President Gregory said that there is a lot of equipment in that area and it would be safer to have one there and he is pleased to know that a fire automatic pump switch is being considered. Councilman Wood asked of the direction of where the fire trucks will go. Mention of a hydrant at Hillcrest, and Luke Brennan said a hydrant there would shut down Hillcrest . Councilman Haussman agrees with Councilman Wood that it is not important to do this today. Can it not wait until next year? Councilman Kurtz said that the automatic pump switch has been asked for several times, and all the equipment is in this area. This is the time to do it. We can loan the Water department money. It is a good addition when you look at what the town has in equipment. President Gregory suggested the water department to take the money from their account.

Ogden Dunes/Porter County Tourism branding project;

President Gregory has spoken with Lorilei Weimer on some suggestions they have for a different logo for the town for a better image. Councilman Kurtz commented that we need a better foot forward for a better image. Destination Development will work with us on communication for \$1000 for new logo and website. He motioned that a \$1000 be available for this project and was seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor, motion passed.

Replacement for the open position on the BZA

It is not a political position. Not sure on how often they meet.

Community announcements and information:

Fireman's Ball is Saturday July 31, 2010. The tickets will be in the mail soon.

Resident remarks:

Al Johnson, said that during and after the fireworks on the fourth, there was a lot of glass on the beach, and there were also dogs on the beach and no police patrol was seen. There were cars with no tags and the garbage cans were overflowing.

Council remarks:

Councilman Kurtz said that Nancy Van Santen no longer wants to head the  
Reggae Party and they need someone.

Census rate 84% in Porter County

Next meeting: Monday August 2, 2010 at 7pm firehouse.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Kurtz.  
All were in favor meeting was adjourned.

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President Bill Gregory

ATTEST:

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Donna Smith Clerk Treasurer