

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY ROOM**

PRESENT: Timothy Nelson
Michael Webber
Kathy Kniola
Scott Lehmann
Nate Ball
Julie Paulson, Harris, Welsh & Lukmann Law Firm

MINUTES:

Scott Lehmann moved to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2016 regular monthly meeting of the Town Council. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Kathy Kniola moved to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2016 special meeting of the Town Council. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS

Tim Nelson referenced the following correspondence received:

- Letter from counsel for owner of 5 Locust Place regarding the water billing which is under review by the Waterworks Board and counsel.
- Letter from counsel for owner of 24 Ski Hill regarding water billing which is under review by Waterworks and counsel.
- Letter from Nick Lagura, representative for owner of 114 Shore Drive regarding use by Town of 114 Shore Drive parking area for snow. A representative of the Town has been in contact with Mr. Lagura.

Tim Nelson stated that the Town Codes on the website will be updated as soon as a new CD file is received from our codification company, American Legal. He also stated that the new Building Codes are still under review by Homeland Security for approval. He encouraged dog owners to clean up after their dogs as there have been complaints of dog excrement around the mailbox areas.

Kathy Kniola discussed the proposed "Meet Your Town Council" event. She stated that this would be an opportunity for the residents to discuss their concerns about our Town with the new Council. A date for this event will be announced soon.

COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Street Department – Jim Matthys encouraged all residents who are walking at night to wear reflective clothing. He stated that a near miss accident occurred because of a resident walking in dark clothing at night. Jim also stated that residents should not notify the Street Department that their garbage or recycle was not picked up until the day **after** our scheduled collection.

Police Department – Marshal Reeder approached the Council in regards to the purchase of body and car cameras for the police officers. He requested that the CCD funds be used for this purpose up to the current appropriated balance in this fund which will be approximately \$25,000. Should this purchase exceed this amount, Marshal Reeder will use the Police Donation fund to cover the excess. Scott Lehmann moved to approve this purchase for the Police Department. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Waterworks – Chuck Litzkow stated that the estimated water bills have been mailed. He also stated that the Water Department has contacted an insurance company that will insure a resident's water line from their house to the water meter (which is the responsibility of the homeowner should a break occur). He is estimating a \$5.00 per month charge to the homeowner. More information will be provided when final costs are determined. Chuck stated that the outdoor warning system is in place and is located by the Street Department. Currently, it is not in operation as some of the electronics were damaged during installation.

Environmental Advisory Board – Susan Mihalo stated that the Council will need to approve the IDEM beach grant at a subsequent meeting. Doug Cannon gave a presentation on recycling information which he stated will be available to residents on the website. Doug explained his recent efforts with the ODEAB to create a flyer that will hopefully simplify the recycling process for Town residents and ultimately improve our recycling performance.

CLAIMS

Mike Webber moved to approve the January claims as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The Council made the following additional appointments to the Town committees and boards:

David Hollar to General Code Review committee – Mike Webber moved to appoint and Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion was unanimously approved.

Michael Damiano and Carol Damiano to Animal Control committee – Mike Webber moved to appoint and Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Dick Hutter to Cable Advisory – Kathy Kniola moved to appoint and Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim Nelson announced that an aerial flyover to determine the deer count within the Town will be occurring. Approximately \$1,700 of donated funds will be used for this purpose. The flyover will encompass surrounding towns along the lakeshore with each town paying their portion of the cost. Scott Lehmann reiterated that this was merely a flyover to determine the deer count. Scott Lehmann

moved to approve the flyover using donated funds. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mike Webber introduced the Town Council's Beautification and Clean-up initiative. Mike discussed the complaints he has received from residents regarding the condition of our Town. Residents have complained that many properties, both private and public, are becoming unattractive nuisances and they are urging the Council to take action. Mike encouraged residents to take a hard look at their properties especially the areas viewed from the street and make an effort to improve the look of their properties by removing unsightly items. Tim Nelson stated that this initiative will examine the various methods available to beautify and clean-up the Town, including Code enforcement options, Committee involvement, volunteer efforts and public awareness. Marshal Reeder stated that his police officer has sent out 30-day notices to many property owners who have violated existing Town codes and these 30-day notices are nearing their expiration date.

RESIDENT REMARKS – None

COUNCIL REMARKS – None

No further business coming before the Council, Scott Lehmann moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Timothy Nelson, President

ATTEST:

Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer