

TOWN OF OGDEN DUNES  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
March 7, 2011 7 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

Council members Connie Collins, Brad Wood, Bill Gregory, Eric Haussman and Eric Kurtz. were all present.

**Minutes:**

Minutes from February 7, 2011 Councilman Haussman motioned to approve and was seconded by Councilman Wood.

**Treasurer's claims:**

Motion to approve the claims for January and February #43228-43313 was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor motion passed.

Motion to approve Payroll checks 2956-3034 excluding #2955 was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor motion passed.

Sanitation claims#425-433 Motion to approve was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Haussman.

**Old Business:**

**Firehouse/Community Room Task Force Public comment**

Some of the main comments on the proposed Firehouse were that the community room should be increased and how are we going to pay for this project. It was recommended that we get an update on all of the recommendations. President Gregory felt we should have a formal hearing. Councilman Haussman said he would like to see this happen, and would bring everything up at the next task force meeting on the March 15<sup>th</sup>. They may have possible funding. We will have to check with the Town Attorney to make sure we are doing everything correctly. Councilwoman Collins asked if there was an alternative of doing part of it. It seems like it is all or nothing. Councilman Haussman said he will have a

presentation for everyone to hear.

Deer Management survey results:

Councilwoman Collins read the results and said they would get posted on the web page. President Gregory asked the council how they felt. Councilman Wood wants some form of management. Councilman Kurtz commented that a cull is the only thing that works, and that was what the National Park found. He did not feel that enough people agree. Where and who will do the cull? Councilman Haussman agreed with Councilman Kurtz and hesitates to move forward, President Gregory said he anticipated that there would be a 50/50 response, and nothing works other than a cull, process is what needs to be decided. We got to this point because of Lyme disease. If we do nothing, then what? Councilman Kurtz moves that we apply for a DNR permit. Councilman Wood seconded, regarding a motion, just go through the steps for a permit. We have done the first step, this is the second step. Councilwoman Collins asked if the reason for doing a cull was to maintain the forest. President Gregory said we have done the first step, this will be the next step. He asked the Clerk Treasurer if she would contact DNR and find out what we need to do for a permit. All except Councilwoman Collins were in favor of moving on to our next step.

Hillcrest Road Wall Repair:

Councilman Haussman said that the Street Commissioner has gotten 3 bids for the wall on Hillcrest and by the fire station welcome sign. It was recommended that we go with boulders that can be replaced easier. Councilman Kurtz asked if the bids included moving the wall back, and Councilman Haussman replied yes, it would be moved back 5 feet. President Gregory said the wall should not exceed \$28,000 and not exceed 5 feet. Councilman Kurtz said we should get engineering drawings if that is what would be required of a resident but we will since this is a Town roadway project a permit should not be needed. The town has done many projects that have never gotten permits before. Councilman Kurtz moved that we approve an amount not to exceed \$28,000 for the wall projects and to waive any permitting requirements, and inspection/permit fees, the motion was seconded. Councilwoman Collins said discussion should be done in Plan Commission meeting and that the Street Commissioner would inspect if we go without fees and the Plan Commission should review.

Street Commissioner Matthys said the representative from Reith & Riley said our roads are in pretty good shape, and we should go with ¾" overlay for all the streets that need to be

paved. The price that they quoted was \$217,800. Street Commissioner said he did not advertise because he would be attending the Purdue Road School on the 8<sup>th</sup> and he would learn more about the ¾" overlay. Hopefully the decision we make will be the right decision. He is leaning towards the ¾" overlay.

**Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees to be sworn in.**

Building Code Review Committee:

Kenneth Thompson, Alec Mackenzie, Herb Craig.

Waterworks:

Luke Brennan

Park & Recreation:

Jennifer Fraga

Beach Nourishment Committee:

Jim Combs, Jim Kopp, Charlie Costanza, Noreen Mitchell, Ed Rooks

Cable Board:

Eric Kurtz

Councilman Kurtz motioned to appoint all of the above people to the committees. Councilman Haussman seconded the motion, and all were in favor motion passed. Councilman Kurtz motioned that the town council should appoint 1 addition to the Beautification Committee being Gerry Lehmann. The Home Association did not know that they were not aware that they had to make the decision. All were in favor.

**Reorganization of Code of Ordinances Chapter 152 Zoning Building & Subdivision Control:**

Al Johnson said there was no deadline and the town attorney did not know how long it would take, but he will look into it for next month. They have 2 recommendations. They have to maintain the open door policy and advertise their meetings.

**New Business:**

Ordinance #750 amending Seasonal Restricted and Handicapped Parking

1<sup>st</sup> Reading and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to be at the April Meeting

The following streets or portions shall be included in the restricted parking from May 1st to Labor Day are as follows:

Beach Lane All

Cedar Trail From Shore drive to Ogden Court

Diana Road From Sunset Trail to Shore Drive

East Hill Rd From Turret Road to Shore Drive

Hillcrest Rd First two lots on the south side beginning from the Diana Rd.-Hillcrest Rd intersection

Locust Place From Diana Rd. south to the end

Ogden Rd. From Ogden Court east to the end

Shore Drive All

Tamarack Rd. All

Turret Rd. All

Handicapp parking shall be reserved at the following;

2 Studio 5 Building @ 72 Hillcrest Rd.

North-side Shore dr. @ East Hill Rd( in front of 18 Shore)

North-side Shore Dr. East of Cedar Tr. (in front of 54 Shore)

South-side Shore Dr. W of Diana Rd. (at approximately 115 Shore Dr)

South-side Shore Dr. far west-end (at approximately 157 Shore Dr.)

Town Hall @

115 Hillcrest Rd. west-side of Hillcrest Rd

1 Firehouse @ 111 Hillcrest Rd

**Prescribed fire management plan:**

Luke Brennan, from the Ogden Dunes Fire Department, with approval would like to do a controlled burn and the same time of the Park Service. West of Hillcrest, Long Lake Marsh, and the east entrance of Hillcrest to Pre Coat Metals. Home Association agreed the previous week and he hoped the Park & Recreation Committee will also agree. The last burn was 3 to 4 years ago.

Community Information/Announcements:

The Ogden Dunes Community Fund Committee is accepting applications for any proposed projects. Noreen Mitchell will be heading this up.

Park Board will be having a meeting on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>, and asked if someone from

the fire department could attend.

Gerry Lehmann said the Beautification committee was in support of the tri-angle at the fire department. If you expand the parking are more signs needed. Councilman Kurtz commented that there would be a relocation of a couple of the signs.

Luke Brennan announced the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's day party and encouraged everyone to attend

**Resident Remarks:**

None

**Council Member Remarks:**

President Gregory announced that the Historical Society will be having guest speakers on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Ogden Dunes Community Church 2pm on the Steel Industry.

The Homeowners on Shore Drive received post cards from a company asking if they would be interested in renting their homes as vacation rentals.

Henry and Manda Kazmier of 141 Shore sent a letter to read to the Street Department on how much they appreciated all the snow removal that our Street Department did during the big storm. They are an older couple with medical problems which restricts them from doing all the shoveling. Thank You

Next Meeting: April 4, 2011, 7pm at the 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 Gregory

ATTEST

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Donna Smith Clerk Treasurer