

Town of Ogden Dunes
Regular Council Meeting
October 4, 2010

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Connie Collins, Brad Wood, Bill Gregory, Eric Haussman, and Eric Kurtz All present.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes from the regular Town Council Meeting on September 7, 2010, and was seconded by Councilman Kurtz. An additional sentence was to be added in the short term rental section stating that President Gregory suggested the attorney draft an ordinance regardless of the outcome in court on the short term rentals.

Claims:

Motion to approve town claims #42249 – 42300 & 42989 – 43043 was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Wood. Motion to approve checks #2744 – 2784 was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Wood. All were in favor motion passed.

Motion to approve Sanitation claim #407 was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Wood. All were in favor motion passed.

Old Business:

Street Commissioner Matthys said that street paving will be start on Monday October 5th and will be completed on Tuesday. They will be starting on Ski Hill, then Cedar Court, The Ledge and end on Beach Lane Court.

Fire House Task Force has met and Councilman Haussman said they are two meetings away from a recommendation to the council. It will be either at the November or December meeting.

Short Term Rentals:

At the Executive meeting at the end of September the Attorney Lukmann told the council that it would possibly be 60 to 90 days and we may have word. We are having the attorney exploring a change in the ordinance.

Retaining wall on Hillcrest:

It has been determined that the wall is owned by the Town. Discussion on the material that Jim Matthys looked into seemed to be the way to go. Dogan's on Shore Drive had the same type of wall put in behind their house ten years ago and has maintained well.

President Gregory asked of how it is installed and asked Commissioner Matthys to explore a little more. Menards in Valparaiso can get the same product and we need to get a price from them. Charlie Costanza said he would install it.

Branding Leadership Team:

President Gregory said that he is trying to get a meeting with Lorelei Weimar.

Deer Management:

President Gregory said we send a note to Bob Porch from DNR and asked if he will come back in November. Most communities and towns use a culling. There was a successful meeting with the president of Dunes Acres and mention of the deer will double every two years. Councilman Kurtz said that Indiana National Lakeshore has not had a cull in ten years. President Gregory said that when the survey was done two years ago the deer were not an issue then. More discussion on health issues.

New Business:

Clerk Treasurer Donna Smith showed the plaque that the town received from the Census Bureau acknowledging the town for helping make the 2010 census a success.

President Gregory spoke of the Executive Session and said that personnel issues concerning the Building Commissioner and his contractor's license were discussed. Motion to revoke Ogden Dunes Contractor Registration #10-102 license was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Wood. The second item in discussion was

the wording concerning contractors licensing. The town attorney suggested that it be redone it is a mess, and it be reworded by the end of the week.

Discussion on beach erosion and the Corp. of Engineers. Councilman Kurtz spoke of the letter of intent, non binding and financing; he recommends that we sent it to the Corp of Engineers. President Gregory understands that they want to meet on October 13th. Councilman Kurtz said they are flying people in to come to our area. Councilman Wood asked if we will go to other stakeholders for money. President Gregory agreed that we need to send the letter to keep moving forward. Councilman Kurtz also agreed. Councilman Haussman motioned to move forward and Councilman Wood seconded. All were in favor motion passed.

Community Information/Announcements:

Street Commissioner Matthys said the last day for chipping will be Monday September 27th, and leaf pickup will start this week.

Discussion on taking the steps out for the season and how long do we leave them in on access 1 and 2. Councilman Kurtz suggested someone should talk with Dr. Hoham. Also we should block off with a snow fence like before.

Susan Mihalo wanted to thank the 22 people who showed up and helped to remove 65 pounds of garbage off the beach.

Water Superintendent Kopp said flushing will be done on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and two times a year they exercise the hydrants. He spoke to the council about investing some money into certificate of deposit accounts. He will have information for the next meeting.

Luke Brennan said the Fire Department will join in efforts to do a prescribed burn in November.

Bill Kelly from the animal committee said they have 7 doggie waste stations up.

Resident remarks:

Al Johnson, said that he was bitten by a tick and has been on antibiotics for a month. He would like to see action taken. He said an article in Wildlife magazine said that a cull is the only alternative.

Charlie Costanza had questions on revoking the building commissioners license. How can he be Building commissioner and work. He feels it is not enough. He feels that he should

resign. President Gregory answered that the council feels that they have done what they needed to do.

Bill Kelly mentioned that a study on ticks and lyme disease and that killing the deer is not the right approach.

Councilman Wood said that an action date needs to be set after hearing from Mr. Porch. President Gregory reminded everyone of the program by Dan Manos from the Historical Society at the Church starting at 3:30 pm.

Next Meeting will be November 1st for regular meeting and adoption of the 2011 budget. 7 pm at the Firehouse.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor motion passed.

President Bill Gregory

ATTEST:

Donna Smith Clerk Treasurer