

Town of Ogden Dunes
Regular Meeting of the Town Council
September 12, 2011

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Connie Collins, Brad Wood, Bill Gregory, Eric Haussman, Eric Kurtz.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilwoman Collins motioned to approve the minutes of **July 5th, 2011**, Councilman Haussman seconded all were in favor motion passed.

Councilman Haussman motioned to approve the minutes of **July 28th, 2011**, Councilman Wood seconded all were in favor motion passed.

Councilman Haussman motioned to approve the minutes of **August 1st, 2011**, Councilman Kurtz seconded the motion all were in favor motion passed.

Councilman Haussman motioned to approve the minutes of **August 25th, 2011**, Councilman Wood seconded all were in favor motion passed.

Correspondence:

President Gregory read a letter from the Porter County Health Department on the condition of the Firehouse meeting room. Further discussion will come in old business.

A petition was received on September 1, 2011, from 232 Ogden Dunes homeowners who object to the proposed ordinance #754 (bond ordinance). This petition was received by the Clerk Treasurer and has been put in the files for future reference.

Presentation of claims: #43041 through 43584-43637 and payroll checks # 3261-3308. Motion to accept the claims as presented was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor motion passed.

Old Business:

Recap on town paving. Several complaints of a drop off now the paving is done. Street Commissioner Matthys asked if you would come to him and he will see what he can do. President Gregory read a letter from Hank and Manda Kazmier. They feel they now live on the magnificent mile. Thank you for the exceptional job.

Establishment of town policy/procedure on short term rental violators:

Clerk Treasurer said we received the check for \$28,000 for the fine and it has been deposited in the general fund. There are residents that are still not abiding by the band and we have asked the town attorney for advice. He has been in discussion with the town marshal and believes there are two things we should do, one is a letter to go out to the people who we suspect and ask them to

cease or be fined and we may proceed with actions against those violators. Councilman Kurtz explained that it is a violation and said that if a resident is aware of a violator that they should be aware that they will be held accountable. President Gregory said we have received complaints from some homeowners and we should take some action against the violators. Councilman Wood said that marshal Reeder should be aware of what the fine is so that he may take action. President Gregory asked for a motion for Marshal Reeder to send out letters, the motion was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Wood. All were in favor motion passed. Councilwoman Collins asked if we should have this on our web site. President Gregory said we can put up anything that our attorney suggests we do.

Maintenance/improvement of the firehouse and community room:

We have received pressure from the health department on the mold issues. Next is the maintenance and improvements on the firehouse and meeting room. President Gregory received the petition and at the July 28th meeting we did do the first reading of ordinance #754. President Gregory read the letter that he sent out to the residents that this is not a good time to take a bond out for \$450,000 or \$800,000, and we agreed not to do and the second reading. He said that we have to address the following, 1. Roof repair & replacement \$45,000, 2. Mold remediation \$28,000, 3. Septic systems relocate to outside of building \$12,500, 4. Air conditioning for town meeting room \$28,000, 5. Masonry Repair & tuck pointing \$12,000, 6. Painting (exterior, kitchen and bay, 7. Relocate natural gas line feed \$1,000 8. Meeting windows & door replacement \$13,000 and 9. Meeting hall remodel allowance \$3,500. Motion was made by Councilman Wood to authorize President Gregory to be the project manager and oversee the project, second was made by president Gregory, all were in favor motion passed. Totaling \$150,000 and not to exceed this amount. Councilman Kurtz motioned that we waive the building permit and inspection fees, but still have permits and ask that the contractors still be registered with the town. All were in favor motion passed.

Deer Management Plan:

President Gregory had forwarded on to the council the latest letter from Bob Porch DNR. He proceeds to read the letter. We have submitted a plan and have requested that we be able to use silencers on the weapons and Mr. Porch said that there have not been any permits for silencers and said that Ogden Dunes would be the first that the DNR would be to give permission for silencers. President Gregory said he is not willing to go ahead without a permit in hand. We need in place an ordinance before we get the permit for a cull and we need to amend the ordinance #676 section 130.04, of discharging firearms and also an amendment concerning the feeding of the deer. With the permission of the council I will proceed with the ordinance and the other two. Councilwoman Collins asked if we need a motion and President Gregory said he did not believe so. Councilman Kurtz asked if we could proceed if we passed the ordinance on first reading. Or shall we introduce it in October and pass it in November. President Gregory said we may want to do it on first reading.

Hillcrest Wall Repair:

President Gregory asked Street Commissioner Matthys if we are still waiting. Mr. Matthys said he is still waiting on the elevations from the surveyor.

New Business:

Second reading ordinance #755 by title only on the 2012 budget all in favor motion passed.

Water emergency contingency plan:

It has been delayed from last month.

Street lane marking:

Councilman Kurtz requests that as we do the street striping we do the fire hydrants again. President Gregory said we would ask the water department if they could provide the money to do this since the street department is short of funds, and to ask Jim Matthys to check on reflectors.

Tentative 2012 council meeting calendar and there is some question of the budget timeline but just a tentative schedule;

Monday January 2, 2012	regular meeting	7 pm Community room
Monday February 6, 2012	regular meeting	7 pm Community room
Monday March 5, 2012	regular meeting	7 pm Community room
Monday April 2, 2012	regular meeting	7 pm Community room
Monday May 7, 2012	regular meeting	7 pm Community room
Monday June 4, 2012	regular meeting	7 pm Community room
Monday July 2, 2012	regular meeting	7 pm Community room
Monday August 6, 2012	regular meeting	7 pm Community room
Monday August 20, 2012	budget workshop	6 pm Town Hall
Tuesday September 4, 2012	regular meeting	7 pm Community room
Monday October 1, 2012	regular meeting	7 pm Community room
Monday November 5, 2012	regular meeting	7 pm Community room
Monday December 3, 2012	regular meeting	7 pm Community room
Thursday December 27, 2012	year end wrap up	6 pm Town Hall

Ogden Dunes Community Fund:

The Community Fund received a grant request from the Beautification Committee for \$500 to clear the area around the welcome sign to plant bulbs this fall. The committee has granted them the funds and the final bills will be received by them by December 1, 2011. Councilman Kurtz motioned to approve the committee to grant the \$500 to the Beautification committee and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Collins and all were in favor motion passed.

Community Information/announcements:

Street Superintendant Jim Matthys announced that chipping will end on September 26th, 2011 and leaf pick-up will begin on October 3rd, 2011. Town Clean Up is Saturday October 1st, 2011 and Sunday October 2nd, 2011.

Susan Mihalo announced that beach testing has ended and the reports are due at the end of the week. This coming Saturday is International Beach Clean-up, and everyone will meet at Diana and Shore Drive. She encourages everyone to look for grants. They are out there you just have to look for them. She encourages the Town Council to look for energy saving items. The Environmental Advisory Committee is moving their meetings from Tuesday to the second Monday of the month at 8:30 am.

project. I am willing to offer my assistance if you need to, and talk to the mold deviation people and find out what kind of mold is here, how they intend to get rid of it and what chemicals they are going to use. I know you have it because I can see it and smell it. There are about 300,000 molds and there are ten that are very dangerous to your health. Councilman Kurtz said that Green Tree was hired by the town to identify what mold was present but not to remove it. The County Health Department was in charge. President Gregory asked for his name again and for a phone number. Mr. Bols said his number is 773-725-2039. Address again is 87 Shore Drive.

Council remarks:

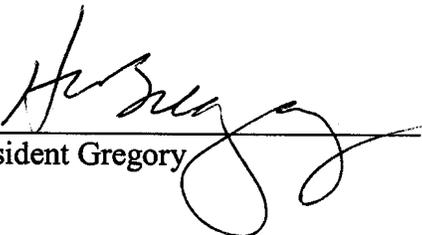
Councilman Wood, I just want to thank Eric and the Task Force for all the work that they put in. Hopefully all the ideas that you guys came up will not go by the way side.

Councilwoman Collins, I just wanted to know if anyone attended on September 6th did anyone attend that Construction Wage committee and if so what happened. President Gregory and Nancy Johnson and I attended and the lowest wage rates were adopted. We went and came out with the lowest and best rates. So you will have to go back for our next project. Mr. Gregory replied no it is good for three months. The other issue is that we have not voted on if we are going to do a cull. Councilman Kurtz we have voted on to secure a permit.

President Gregory, I just have two comments and that is thank you to the people who did another beach party before it rained. And I have a reminder that dogs are still not allowed on the beach until after October 1st. Just to remind you that section 91.04 of the ordinances is that you can be fined up to \$100.

Next meeting will be October 3rd, 2011 at 7pm at the firehouse.

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



President Gregory

ATTEST:



Donna Smith Clerk Treasurer

Resident Remarks:

Ed Rooks 86 Shore Drive, thanks the council for reading the letter on the petition, The Council should take action to cancel the bond issue. President Gregory answered if it pleased him it is not going forward there is a new plan. Mr. Rooks then asked why silencers for the deer cull. You should send a letter to all residents on the short term rentals. President Gregory said he would gladly write the letter, and some projects on the firehouse will have to be done next year.

George Vann 80 Shore Drive, this is a lame duck board, and we are paying for two lawyers and no hearing.

Walter Sampson 9 Ogden Road, we should consider talk about the air conditioning and get quotes on this.

Joan Mikol 87 Shore Drive, are we looking at a cull for three months? How many will be killed? President Gregory responded that we would approximately kill up to 40 and it would be two days a week, ½ hour before sunrise. If you get the 40 deer will you not continue in December and January? President Gregory replied that if that is what we applied for. Is the permit for the cull \$500 a year and can you make sure that we will not get a bill for \$20,000. I am asking for the animal committee.

James Pletka 126 Diana Road, I moved here for the wildlife and the tranquility. In the last couple of years we have lost so many geese what did you guys kill them? All the do gooders that go out and break eggs and whatever else they do. How do you come up with a count of the deer? I have only seen 20 or 30 deer for three months, where are all these deer. You took a poll and it was not in favor of killing the deer, but you guys turned around and did your own thing. President Gregory, we are in the process of doing a deer cull yes sir. If you would come to the town council meetings you would know why we are doing it. Mr. Pletka well I think a lot of it is stupid because they don't use deet. They don't put a hat on and long sleeve shirts on. These people are senile. President Gregory I don't appreciate those remarks. Most of the people and the people in this room do not appreciate that you are calling them stupid and dumb. You guys are doing your own thing and it is like fun time. I have another question, what happens if someone does get killed do you have insurance you better have it. It won't just be he said they said, you are going to have to worry a lot. President Gregory anything else.

Al Johnson 15 Diana, there was a conversation earlier this year about opening that section to the town here the channel to the west for kayaking. I haven't seen or heard anymore about it. Councilman Kurtz replied we have a new park superintendent that has prohibited any boats on Long Lake. They made all watercraft on Long Lake illegal. I think that might be a good think to ask the Park board to draft a letter to the Park superintend, asking him to reconsider non motorized watercraft on Long Lake. What about the people that were out there on ice boats? President Gregory ice is water and I think the least we can do is ask him to review it. Mr. Johnson what is his reason?

Ed Bols 87 Shore Drive, I am semi retire but still hold a current contracting and restoration license in the city of Chicago and a State of Illinois mold technician . Was Greentree the contractor on the house that was torn down on Cedar? Well it was totally handled wrong. No offense to you but I do not think you are qualified enough to supervise the mold deviation