

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
COMMUNITY ROOM
JUNE 4, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Scott Lehmann, President
Mike Webber
Carolyn Saxton
Tim Nelson
Nate Ball

MINUTES

Nate Ball moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 regular monthly meeting. Tim Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS

Scott Lehmann made the following announcements: Town Hall is now opened Saturdays during the summer from 8 a.m. to noon; parking restrictions effective May 1 to Oct 1; Town Hall will be closed on July 4, 2018. Tim Nelson stated that dogs are no longer allowed on the beach until the day after Labor Day.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Street Department – Chuck Litzkow stated that two miles of roads have been paved as a result of the INDOT grant that the Town received. Tim Nelson asked if the Street Department could clean the beach of debris. Chuck Litzkow stated that they were unable to get equipment down the access ways and any clean-up would have to be done by hand.

Waterworks – Chuck Litzkow stated that all water bills have been paid including those who had shut-off notices.

Park Department – Doug Cannon thanked all those who helped with the Memorial Day race. He also stated that the Park Department is considering some new equipment for the Long Lake playground.

Beach Nourishment – Scott Lehmann reported that he and Rodger Howell, Chair of the Beach Nourishment Committee, attended a meeting in Indianapolis with the Senior Operations Directors for Governor Holcomb regarding a short-term and long-term plan for getting sand on the beach. The short-term plan will bring sand closer to the shore inside the mouth of the outlet at Portage Lakefront. The long-term plan is currently focused on acquiring funding to pay for an \$800,000 study to be conducted by the Army Corp of Engineers. Among other topics, the possibility of getting trucked in sand from the Port of Indiana was discussed. Scott Lehmann and the Beach Nourishment Committee are sending a letter to the Senior Operations Directors to continue discussions and to develop a closer working relationship with the Governor's office.

General Code – Dick Meister reported that there are no immediate items before the Committee at this time.

ADA – Joan Machuca stated that the Committee would be revisiting the transition plan. She also stated that the proposed bike path should be ADA accessible.

Community Fund – Nancy Johnson stated that the Committee has awarded the following grants:

Police Department - \$1,188 for one year demonstration of Leadsonline
Women’s Club – up to \$300 for plaque for mural at Community Room
Home Association - \$2,250 for five trash can containers at Nelson Rec/Kratz
Field/Accessways and \$1,500 for court stripping including pickle ball at Kratz Field

Mike Webber moved to accept the grants awarded by the Community Fund. Tim Nelson seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Mike Webber, yes; Carolyn Saxton, abstain; Scott Lehmann, yes; Tim Nelson, yes; Nate Ball, yes. The motion passed.

CLAIMS

Nate Ball moved to accept the May claims as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Lehmann read Ordinance 837, Disposal of Refuse, by title only for the second reading. Carolyn Saxton moved to approve Ordinance 837. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Cindi Devyak, a Portage resident, requested that the Council allow her to sell ice cream from her truck on “special occasions” in the Town. Scott Lehmann questioned where the truck would be parked for safety reasons. No decision was made by the Council pending a discussion with Marshal Reeder.

Tim Nelson moved that Paul Panther’s request for the Ethics Trainer position be approved. Carolyn Saxton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

NIPSCO will be replacing all NIPSCO owned street lights within the Town of Ogden Dunes in March, 2022. The Town has the option to accept the 4000K or the 3000K LED Light Correlation Color Temperature. The Lighting Task Force has recommended the 3000K option. Mike Webber moved to accept the 3000K option and Carolyn Saxton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Environmental Advisory Board has composed a letter dated June 4, 2018 to be signed by Scott Lehmann as Town Council President and sent to the Assistant Attorney General in Washington, DC. The letter contains comments on the proposed Consent Decree that attempts to resolve the Clean Water Act and Emergency and Community Right-to-Know violations by United States Steel Corporation which occurred in April, 2017. Tim Nelson moved to accept the letter as written and Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Scott Lehmann read Ordinance 838, Container and Receptacle Requirements, in its entirety for the first reading.

Scott Lehmann read Ordinance 839, Simple Trespass/Prowling, in its entirety for the first reading.

Scott Lehmann read Ordinance 840, Crosswalks, in its entirety for the first reading.

The Town is seeking a part-time Assistant Building Commissioner. If interested, please complete the Interest for Appointment form available on the Town website or in the Town Hall lobby.

Clerk-Treasurer questioned who would be responsible for the deductible associated with the Fire Department's recent radio upgrade paid for by the Town. The deductible is \$250 per radio. Nate Ball has been instructed to discuss this with the Fire Department board.

Carolyn Saxton discussed the recent public meeting regarding the Marquette Plan and Bike Path through the Town of Ogden Dunes. She stated that another public meeting will be held on June 20 at 6:30 p.m. at which time Mitch Barloga, Active Transportation Manager, NIRPC, will be answering resident questions and discuss funding options for the Town.

RESIDENT REMARKS

Ed Rooks, 86 Shore Drive, stated that he is unable to comply with the proposed Ordinance 838, Container and Receptacle Requirements, due to the landscape of his property.

Jon Machuca, 1 Skyline, does not feel the proposed crosswalk ordinance is necessary.

Diane Levin, 125 Shore Drive, read a letter from George Svihla, a Duner since 1946 recalling the dunes and Pollywog Pond in earlier years.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mike Webber thanked all the volunteers in Town.

Carolyn Saxton stated that the next bike path meeting would be June 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Firehall.

No further business coming before the Council, Mike Webber moved to adjourn the meeting. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Scott Lehmann, President

ATTEST:

Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer