

Town of Ogden Dunes
Regular Council Meeting
November 1, 2010

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Minutes:

Motion to approval minutes of the October meeting was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor motion passed.

Claims:

Motion to approve claims #42318-43109 excluding 43076-43076-43082-43087-43106 was made by Councilman Haussman and seconded by Councilman Wood all were in favor motion passed.

Motion to approve checks #2785-2829 was made by Councilman Haussman and seconded by Councilman Wood. All were in favor motion passed.

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

The 2011 budget, Ordinance #746 was introduced to the public and there were no comments from Council or public. Motion to approve the 2011 budget was made by Councilman Kurtz and was seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor motion passed.

Guest speaker Bob Porch from the DNR said the roll of the district wildlife is to assist and guide.

He spoke of the deer problem and said the first line of defense is a hunt. Ogden Dunes bears the brunt of the deer population. Mr. Porch said that if we were going to have a Cull we have to file for permits and they need to know who will be doing the shooting, where. Mr. Porch said that late winter is the best time and if we want to do this we must get the ball rolling. He said that there are no other options than killing. President Gregory asked if he had people that do this. How long does it take to get the permits? Mr. Porch replied six weeks, and he feels that it would not get denied.

Old Business:

Town Deer Management

Jay Lauritzen, 3 Diana Court – Is there a contraception that can be used. Mr. Porch replied no, none that he knows of.

David Morris of 21 Woodland Trail said he read that in Will County it did not work.

Councilman Kurtz replied that it was too costly.

Alec Mackenize 5869 Dunes Highway, commented that we are 1 square mile and the fawns are born and raised around Ogden Dunes radius of 2–3 miles.

Adam Zosso of 112 Diana, said he is a new resident in Ogden Dunes and is there an opposition on this. President Gregory commented that it is a health issue.

Bill Kelly of 109 Shore, is the cull for year after year, and is there a fixed number to kill.

Mr. Porch said the permit is only good for one year.

Margaret Coleman of 9 Locust Place asked if eliminating the deer will it take care of the tick problem. She was told no.

Mike Falk of 61 Ski Hill asked if there has been any change in Beverly Shores? Reply was yes.

Mark Coleman of 9 Locust Place asked what the cost will be and does the town assign the people who do the shooting.

Dan Manas of 4 Pine Trail, said that we need to stop people from feeding the deer. Mr. Porch said he does not encourage this.

President Gregory asked Councilwomen Collins to speak on what she has found out by talking to the other communities. She said she has done a lot of research on the subject.

Dune Acres started doing a cull in the late 1990's and they do one every year. Burns Harbor has an ordinance for no hunting. Beverly Shores uses bow and arrows within the town limits and has a cull every year for the last seven years. Dune State Park has done a cull since 1993 and continues to do one every year to keep the environmental system in balance. Councilwomen strongly suggests a referendum and to have a public discussion and vote on this, and whatever way it goes that is what should be done.

President Gregory asked if there were any suggestions on how this should be done here.

Councilman Wood replied that if we are going to do this it should be done sooner than later.

Councilman Haussman agrees that we should have a meeting.

Councilman Kurtz said we should get a plan drafted, and that we need to attach to the permit, the Ogden Dunes Home Association, Ogden Dunes Park Board, and the Town.

President Gregory said we do need a plan of a timeline and resident influence. He and

Councilwomen Collins would work on it.

Councilman Kurtz asked if we need to do an ordinance on against feeding the deer.

Short Term Rental suit:

The Supreme Court has agreed to take the suit and make a decision. Councilwomen Collins said that she received a call from the resident that had agreed to work with and pay for the Attorney in Indianapolis. This resident said that they can no longer pay due to financial problems and asked if the town would pay the remaining \$16,000 balance. President Gregory said that we need to contact the town attorney.

Branding Leadership Team:

President Gregory said that he had a meeting on November 18th with Lorelei.

Beach Preservation /Nourishment:

Councilman Kurtz said that the Corp of Engineers has been finally working with us. Time line is on the horizon. It is slow moving but moving. There is concern in the movement of the sand and they are working on a long term solution. Ogden Dunes will benefit.

New Business:

Plan Commission recommendation re: Ordinance # 745 amending Ordinance #697 section 152.099. Contractor Registration first reading to be posted in the town hall. The Building code review committee, Bza, Plan Commission, are asking for comments. Please respond in writing. There is a 45 day deadline of December 20th.

Community information/announcements:

President Gregory announced that he has seen people going around the gates when they are down. For your own personal safety do not do this call 477-3000 and let the county know.

Park Board Meeting will be November 4th, 7 pm Town Hall.

Beach Preservation & Nourishment Meeting November 4th at 5:30 pm Town Hall.

Women's Club Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts fair is November 6th 9 to 3 pm.

Diana of the Dunes will be presented at the Ogden Dunes Community Church 1:30 refreshments and program at 2:00.

December 5th is the Historical Society's annual Holiday Open House.

Tuesday is voting. Please come out and vote.

Porter County Community foundation of Ogden Dunes is looking for projects to fund in 2011.

Street Commissioner Jim Matthys announced that the road on Ski Hill has been moved four feet and paved. Please when putting leaves out for removal take the sticks out, it causes a problem.

Resident remarks:

Cordelia Swanson of 41 Aspen, commented on the size of a deer tick. She said that you would have to get rid of all the animals and take out all of the deer. The female doe always has multiple births.

Jay Lauritzen of 3 Diana Court, asked if National Lakeshore was going to have a cull. Councilman Kurtz said he did talk to them and they have studied for 15 years and will do the earliest next year in September.

Richard Nagy 89 Hillcrest, said that 80 years ago West beach was a blow out with no vegetation and not the same as today. He encourages an ordinance on not feeding the deer. Adam Zosso of 112 Diana, Portage has done a hunt in the last few months, North of I94. They have more deer than ever.

Margaret Coleman of 9 Locust Place, If you kill the deer what will you do about the ticks. Councilman Kurtz told her to go to the Center of Disease Control site and read the studies there.

Bill Kelly of 109 Shore, said the Center of Disease Control said the cull had no effects on ticks. It is an excellent report.

Mark Coleman 9 Locust Place asked who was the resident that asked the town to pay the \$16,000, and why?

Ed Rooks of 86 Shore, had questions on the agenda, minutes and the website. It has been a long time since anything has been changed and up dated. Needs to be improved.

Concerning contractors there are many loop holes. Building commissioner's punishment was not handled correctly. There should be a higher standard, and he should have known better.

Dave Larson Jr. of 4 Hillcrest Road made comments on the Building Commissioner and the last Plan Commission meeting.

Council Member Remarks:

Councilman Kurtz appreciates Mr. Larson's comments but he feels the council handled it appropriately.

Councilman Wood asked that everyone stack the chairs since there will be voting tomorrow.

Councilwomen Collins asked at the next council meeting that we hear from the committees and that we have a chance for the residents to reply on the deer and that we go with the majority.

Next Meeting: December 6, 2010, 7 pm Firehouse

Councilman Kurtz motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Hausman seconded. All were in favor meeting was adjourned.

President Bill Gregory

ATTEST:

Donna Smith Clerk Treasurer