

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
COMMUNITY ROOM
NOVEMBER 5, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

MINUTES

Tim Nelson moved to approve the October 2, 2018 regular monthly minutes. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Tim Nelson moved to approve the September 27, 2018 Executive Session minutes. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS

Jim Metros, Republic Services, spoke regarding China and the current recycling problem.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Street Department – Chuck Litzkow stated that they are currently picking up leaves and will continue to pick up twigs and branches. Due to weather conditions, crack sealing of roads has been put on hold.

Waterworks – Chuck Litzkow stated that 80 shut off notices have been sent to residents.

Police Department – Mike Webber spoke for Marshal Reeder and stated that residents should lock all doors to their home and vehicles.

Beach Nourishment – Rodger Howell stated that the committee is currently working on: (1) getting sand for beach restoration, (2) a long-term feasibility study, (3) stone toe protection for the wall. He indicated that a \$50,000 contribution from the Town of Ogden Dunes may be needed for the feasibility study.

General Code – Dick Meister stated that the next meeting will be November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hour Glass at which time they will continue to discuss fireworks and the Town wards in conjunction with the 2020 census.

Environmental Advisory – Susan Mihalo stated that she will be asking for Town Council approval in December for the 2019 beach grant. She also stated that the Committee may consider using Microbac for water testing in 2019.

Community Fund – Karen Compton stated that the Community Fund is interested in funding a Barber machine for cleaning the beach. This machine was discussed in detail at a previous Town Council meeting. Karen stated that a new machine costs between \$21,000 to \$23,000 and a used machine is between \$13,000 to \$16,000. In either case, the Community Fund is willing to fund one-half of the cost of this machine with the remaining funds contributed by other Town committees, individual residents, and the Town of Ogden Dunes. She stated that a donation request will be included with the January 2019 water bills. She also stated that the Council would need to appoint a person to be responsible for purchasing this machine. Nate Ball moved to approve the Community Fund request to fund up to \$10,000 for a Barber beach cleaning machine. Tim Nelson seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Mike Webber, yes; Tim Nelson, yes; Scott Lehmann, yes; Nate Ball, yes; Carolyn Saxton, abstain. Four members were in favor and the motion passed.

Historical Society – Dick Meister announced that on November 18 at 4:00 p.m., they will hold a reception to thank those who contributed to the Historical Society Endowment Fund. The Historical Society raised \$26,000 and matching funds of approximately \$28,000 will come from the Porter County Community Foundation. The Historical Society Annual Tea will be held on December 2.

Historic Preservation – Jenifer Wilson gave an update on this committee. The Council requested that the Town Attorney be contacted to review the establishment of this Committee and advise whether we should adopt an ordinance for the creation of this Committee. Carolyn Saxton will be the contact person for the Town Attorney.

CLAIMS

Mike Webber moved to approve the October claims as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer. Carolyn Saxton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Roger Rhodes, Building Commissioner, presented a one year contract for Hodge Tree Care for a cost of \$5,500 per year. Carolyn Saxton moved to accept this contract and Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Carolyn Saxton moved to approve David Snyder as the Town's Assistant Electrical Engineer and Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ordinance 844, Animals, has been tabled until the December meeting pending changes.

Ordinance 843, Employee Health Insurance, has been tabled until the December meeting pending changes.

Carolyn Saxton moved to approve Resolution 2018-02, MVH Additional Appropriation, and Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Nate Ball moved to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to proceed with a 16-month CD in the amount of \$165,000 from Rainy Day funds through Horizon Bank at an interest rate of 2.55% with no penalty for early withdrawal. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Nate Ball moved to approve the Anthem employee health insurance renewal as presented by Anton Insurance, the Town's agent. The new plan will have a premium increase to the Town of 12.92%. Carolyn Saxton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mike Webber moved to approve Marshal Reeder's request for his extra matching Town funds for his HSA while on sick leave and also approved the request from the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to enlist the services of a CPA to help with the W-2 in her software at year end for Marshal Reeder. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

RESIDENT REMARKS

Kathy Kniola stated that she is 100% behind the Historic Preservation committee.

Wally Sampson discussed the number of committees in Town which he felt was excessive and also stated that he disagreed with the hiring of an arborist.

COUNCIL REMARKS

None

No further business coming before the Council, Tim Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Scott Lehmann, President

ATTEST:

Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer

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