

# Ogden Dunes

## General Code Review Committee Meeting Minutes

November 13th, 2013 - 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM - Fire Station

### Members

Jim Slawinski, Chair (Present)	Connie Collins (Present)
Mike Schaefer, Co-Chairperson (Present)	Ed Hewitt (Present)
Ken Thompson, Secretary (Present)	Ed Rooks (Present)
Bill Gregory, TC Member (Present)	Lynn Toomey (Absent)
Charles Costanza, TC Member (Present)	

- **Meeting called to order at 734p**
- **Approval of Committee Minutes** from October 9th, 2013 GCR Meeting were approved as written. Approved by voice vote.
- **Extension of Restrictive Parking** from May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup> submitted and approved by Town Council. Minor change to language made by Town Council (May through September) in lieu of the May 1 through Sept 30<sup>th</sup> which made the dog restriction on the beach language the same as the parking ordinance related to dates in effect.
- Discussion from last Town Council Meeting involving **GCR becoming a permanent committee**, number of members, length of term, staggered terms, liaisons voting members etc. – Discussion related to making this committee a standing committee. There was a discussion of the term of members. Terms of current members will end Dec 2014. Terms will be for two years. We also discussed how many members in the committees (9) including the two liaisons. The two liaisons are voting members.
- **Election of GCR Officers for 2014 and 2014 Meeting Schedule** – Jim S, Mike S, and Ken T were elected to Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary for a term from now until Dec 31.
- **Recommendation for Staggered Terms** for the Town Council Members. We gave input into how the staggered terms are enacted such as how to stagger the terms for the first time to align the new board to create the selection procedure of who would run for one year and who for 3 years (Secretary-Treasurer would be for one of the three year terms). This would align the town election to the general election years, which would save the town some costs.
- **Speeding and/or sign violation fines** within Ogden Dunes to be collected within the town. Ed R. explained his conversation with Chief Reeder and Ed R's understanding of the current process and revenue stream. We get \$3 if the offender goes to prosecutors diversion fund and \$10 at most for each ticket. We discussed the benefits and downsides of taking the responsibility of collecting fines, appealing citations, how to handle scofflaws (etc.) versus the current process. Ed R. will check to see how the Portage process works.
- **"Junk Car"** definition change submitted to Town Council and to be incorporated as a new ordinance. (TC has approved and are now working on the final wording)
- **Garbage Container Ordinance Revision** – We discussed and asked Mike S. to put the current language on the proposal form so we can discuss.
- **Continued discussion on expenditure limit** approval process for Town Council Members. Connie C. is looking for a model.
- **Two new proposed GCR Recommendations** briefly explained and discussed. We will consider at the next meeting.
  - Parking of recreational vehicles, boats, RV..... – Charlie advocated construction trailers should be exempt.
  - Violation Bureau and splitting fines.....
- **Residents' Remarks** - none
- **Committee Member Remarks and review of assignments** - done
- **Next scheduled meeting date December 11th, 2013**
- **Adjourned** at 855p - approved by voice vote

Please review wording of below and send edits or comments to Jim S.

# Current Code Language

“The terms of office for Town Council Members elected on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November shall be four years and each shall serve from January 1<sup>st</sup> following the election as provided by law.”

Note:

1. All terms, including that of the Clerk Treasurer, will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (No Change)
2. The next Ogden Dunes Town Council will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 (No Change)

# Proposed Code Language

Town Council election to be held in November 2015 as scheduled.

Three of the five Town Council Ward Positions will be elected for a one time, one year term that will expire at the end of 2016 but with the option to run again if so desired. The determination of the three Town Council Ward Positions that will serve for a one time, one year term will be made by a random selection at a regular Town Council Meeting.

The remaining two Town Council Ward Positions, along with the position of Clerk Treasurer, will be elected for a one time three year term that will expire at the end of 2018. They will also have the option to run again if so desired.

Starting in November of 2016, A Town Council Election will take place every two years with half of the Town Council Positions, including that of the Clerk Treasurer, being filled every two years for a four year term.

# General Code Review Rationale for Proposed Change

1. Staggered Terms for the entire Town Council would allow a constant minimum of three experienced Town Council Members to remain on the Town Council after any future Town Council Election.
2. By having Town Council Elections during General Election Years (2016, 2018, 2020, etc. the County Election Board would be responsible for all election cost rather than the Town Of Ogden Dunes. This will result in a significant cost savings to the Town of Ogden Dunes
3. An initial one year/three year Town Council Term would heighten resident's interest in running for an Ogden Dunes Town Council Position since the initial term that they would have to serve would be three years or less. It should be noted that two of the six candidates that ran for positions at the last Town Council Election ran unopposed and not all parties (Democrat, Republican) so much as slated a Candidate.