

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OGDEN DUNES COMMUNITY ROOM
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Bill Gregory Paul Panther
Allen Johnson Tom Clouser
Charlie Costanza

MINUTES

Allen Johnson moved to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2015 Town Council meeting. Tom Clouser seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS

Bill Gregory made the following announcements: thanked everyone who was involved in the Town Clean-Up Weekend; stated that a letter was received from FEMA regarding flood hazards determination which has been directed to Roger Rhodes; restricted beach parking is effective May 1 to September 30 which includes no dogs on the beach; Town Hall will be opened 8-3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8-12 noon on Saturday until September 30; Lions Club will host the Memorial Day festivities and the Hour Glass will have root beer floats (see Town website for more information); information for November 2015 election can be found at Town Hall and the Town website.

Kallie Bontrager, DNR Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology, gave a presentation regarding the aerial pheromone spray to occur in Ogden Dunes in June for gypsy moths. Residents do not need to take any precautions during the spray. The spraying will not eradicate the moths but will keep them under control. DNR will advise the Town prior to the spraying which will likely occur in late June.

Rich Whitlow, former Chesterton Town Council member, discussed the current State Park development which includes a new building on the lakefront. Mr. Whitlow is speaking at various town meetings in the hopes of stopping this new construction. More information can be found on his Facebook page entitled "Dunes Action".

Ken Martin, Ogden Dunes Historical Society, discussed several events planned at the Hour Glass including a presentation by Dave Larson entitled "Capturing the Beauty of the Dunes" tips on photographing the Dunes to be held on Sunday, May 24 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ogden Dunes Church. On May 25 there will be an ice cream social and a photography exhibit of native plants which was funded by an Ogden Dunes Community Fund grant. September 19 brings us the Ogden Dunes Experience which is a tour of mid-century modern homes in Ogden Dunes as well as Beverly Shores and Long Beach. A walking tour led by Dave Larson of the western portion of town where Alice Mabel Gray (aka Diana of the Dunes) lived while in Ogden Dunes will be held this fall. The exact date will be announced later.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Bridge and Railroad – Charlie Costanza stated that the committee is requesting \$1,000 to fund equipment which would determine how long the gates are down each day. Bill Gregory asked Charlie to obtain more information on this equipment and a quote for the cost.

Ogden Dunes Community Fund - Carolyn Saxton stated that the grant applications are available at Town Hall and on the Town website. Applications should be completed and returned to the Clerk-Treasurer's Office by May 15, 2015 and the committee will have their next meeting on May 27, 2015. Carolyn requested that residents donate to the Ogden Dunes fund which generates approximately a 5% return which funds the projects in Town.

Environmental Advisory Board - Susan Mihalo stated that beach water testing will begin on May 23 through Labor Day every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Waterworks - Mike Teeling stated that there were two major water leaks and both have been fixed.

Home Association - Bill Gregory stated that the community garden is progressing and there are only three lots left for rental. Contact the Home Association if you want a plot.

Fire Department - Paul Panther stated that multiple agencies including the Ogden Dunes Volunteer Fire Department met in the Community Room for training and updating regarding hazardous materials particularly in regards to the oil spill issues that could occur. All agencies will work together should a disaster occur.

Park Board – Tim Nelson, Secretary, stated that a new balance beam will be installed at Long Lake Park. The Memorial Day Race will begin at 8:00 a.m. More information is available on the Town website.

CLAIMS

Paul Panther moved to accept the April 2015 claims as submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer. Tom Clouser seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 808, Waterworks wages, was read in its entirety by Bill Gregory for the second reading. **Paul Panther moved to accept Ordinance 808 and Allen Johnson seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Bill Gregory, yes; Allen Johnson, yes; Paul Panther, yes; Tom Clouser, yes; Charlie Costanza, abstain. The motion was passed four to one.**

Bill Gregory requested that all members of the Council resign Resolution 2015-01 as the original signed and approved copy was unusable due to additional language written on the resolution by a Council member. A new copy was signed and the Clerk-Treasurer has instructions to forward a copy to various State agencies.

Allen Johnson stated that a meeting with A.J. Monroe, Director of the Department of Community Development for City of Portage, was held to discuss the ingress/egress on the east side of Town for an emergency exit which could also serve as a bike and/or walking path. Several options were discussed but no final decisions were made.

Charlie Costanza stated that Jim Combs, Beach Nourishment Committee, has been working on the permits for residents to be allowed to put stone protection in front of their seawalls. When permits are available, residents along the lake will be allowed to begin construction except for the first house on the east end as no permit will be available for that house.

NEW BUSINESS

Charlie Costanza moved that Roger Rhodes' term as Building Commissioner should be extended for one year ending May 31, 2016. Tom Clouser seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Bill Gregory stated that a resident has requested to raise chickens on their property in Town. Since an ordinance would be needed, Charlie Costanza requested that the General Code Review committee be given the task of discussing the ordinance. Bill Gregory agreed and stated that until such time as the General Code Review discusses this matter no chickens will be permitted within the Town.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

Margaret Coleman, 8 Turret Road, stated that a large tree fell and is blocking the entrance to Boat Club Road. She also questioned the water rate increases.

Susan Mihalo, 8 Diana Road, asked if wood chips would be added to the sand tracks. Bill Gregory stated that he would talk with the Street Department.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Charlie Costanza gave his condolences to the families of Maxine Wunder and Evelyn Bulatovich both of whom passed away. He also thanked Kittie Cozza for organizing the recent blood drive.

Paul Panther thanked all residents who participated in the blood drive. He also reminded residents that the Lions Club will be selling tickets for the Memorial Day events. Also he urged homeowners to make sure they have a visible house number on their home which is extremely important for emergency purposes.

Bill Gregory stated that dog tags are now available at Town Hall for purchase.

No further business coming before the Council, Paul Panther moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Clouser seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Bill Gregory, President

ATTEST:

Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer