

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

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

**MINUTES**

Tim Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 regular monthly meeting. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS**

Tim Nelson discussed the letter received from the National Park Service stating that overnight camping fees will be increasing from \$18.00 per night to \$25.00 per night. Residents may forward their comments to the National Park Service by February 23, 2018.

**COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Street Department - Chuck Litzkow stated that some residents were confused as to which holidays pertain to "no garbage pickup". For clarification, please see a listing of the holidays on the Town website or call the Street Department to confirm pickup days. Chuck also requested that residents call the Street Department when their road does not get plowed. Chuck also discussed the water main break that occurred in January 2018 at East Hill and Shore Drive and cost the Water Department approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Police Department - Marshal Reeder stated that the common area of Town Hall which includes the Police Clerk, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and Police officers' areas is in need of new furniture. The wood furniture which is there now is splintering. He indicated that all the metal file cabinets would not need to be replaced. Marshal Reeder indicated that he would forego replacing a police vehicle in 2018 in order to save funds for new furniture. The Council agreed to let Marshal Reeder get quotes for the furniture and present these quotes to the Town Council for approval.

Beach Nourishment - Scott Lehmann stated that a conference call was held with Arcelor Mittal, a State Judge, Ogden Dunes residents and the City of Portage in regards to putting sand on the beach as per the dredging permit. Arcelor Mittal has 60 days to respond to our letter justifying the need for sand on the beach. Senator Tallian has introduced legislation indicating that any dredged sand must be placed directly on the beach. This bill has passed the Senate and is now in the House.

General Code - Dick Meister, Chair, stated that the committee will meet on February 6 at the Hour Glass and will discuss the littering fines.

Animal Committee - Karen Berrier thanked the Council for allowing dogs extra time on the beach. The Committee had a drive in September 2017 for Hurricane Harvey and collected three truckloads of items which were taken to the Portage Pet Smart. The Committee has also contacted the Wildlife Rehab in hopes of getting a speaker to discuss the coyotes in Town.

Environmental Advisory - Tim Nelson reported for Susan Mihalo who stated that the consent decree with US Steel has not been entered or filed with the court. The EPA, Department of Justice, and IDEM are

working with US Steel to enter into a settlement agreement and consent decree which eventually will be filed with the Federal court. At that time, we, as interested parties, will have a chance to comment during the public comment section of the proceeding.

Community Fund - Carolyn Saxton reported that the Town website lists the people who collectively contributed approximately \$10,000 to the Fund during 2017. The committee will be meeting in May 2018 and will be presenting the grant applications to the Town Council for approval in June 2018. Tim Nelson stated that all Town Council liaisons should inform their committees that funds are available through the Community Fund for Town projects.

## **CLAIMS**

Nate Ball moved to approve the January 2018 claims as read by the Clerk-Treasurer. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Tim Nelson stated that NIPSCO has consented to allow communities to have a choice of 3000K or 4000K lighting for their street lights. The Lighting Task Force would like to have 3000K lighting. NIPSCO has stated that the new LED lighting upgrade for Ogden Dunes will not occur until 2022. Carolyn Saxton and Tim Nelson thanked NIPSCO for modifying its original plans to allow the 3000K lighting option.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Scott Lehmann read Ordinance 836 by title only (Parking of Recreational Vehicles). The Council suggested some language changes to this ordinance and suggested that the General Code make some revisions.

Scott Lehmann read Ordinance 835 (Watercraft Identification Stickers) by title only for the first reading.

## **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mike Webber moved to appoint Jim Slawinski to the General Code Committee as an additional member. Tim Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Nate Ball moved to reappoint Julia Hoham to the General Code Committee. Tim Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tim Nelson moved to appoint Carolyn Saxton as the Town's representative for NIRPC. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tim Nelson moved to reappoint Karel Kears and Chris Lattimer to the Building Code Review Committee. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mike Webber moved to reappoint Scott Lehmann and Nate Ball to the Building Code Review Committee. Tim Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tim Nelson moved to appoint Bill Gregory to the vacant position on the Building Code Review Committee. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **RESIDENT REMARKS**

None

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Tim Nelson stated that two Town Council positions (Ward 1 and Ward 5) will be up for election in November 2018. Senator Tallian has prepared an informational sheet on candidate election rules which appears on the Town website.

Carolyn Saxton stated that the Legacy Foundation is currently offering a grant for college tuition in the amount of \$10,000 per year. To date, there have been no applications received from Portage High School. Information is available through the Legacy Foundation website.

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 7:50 p.m.

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Scott Lehmann, President

**ATTEST:**

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Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer