

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
COMMUNITY ROOM
JANUARY 4, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Tim Nelson
Kathy Kniola
Mike Webber
Scott Lehmann
Nate Ball

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS

Allen Johnson, outgoing Town Council member, was present and conducted the election for President of the new Town Council. Kathy Kniola moved that Tim Nelson be placed in the position of Town Council President. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Kathy Kniola, yes, Scott Lehmann, yes; Mike Webber, yes; Nate Ball, yes. The motion was passed by a majority vote. Mike Webber moved that Scott Lehmann be placed in the position of Town Council Vice President. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a majority vote.

Kathy Kniola discussed having a “Meet the Council” night where the residents would have an opportunity to give their views as to what the Council should do for our Town. She stated that more information would follow in the next several months.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments were then made to many Ogden Dunes Boards and Committees as follows:

BUILDING CODE REVIEW

Nate Ball made the motion to reappoint Karel Kearn to the Building Code Review Committee. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

Nate Ball made the motion to reappoint Chris Lattimer to the Building Code Review Committee. Mike Webber seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

GENERAL CODE REVIEW

Kathy Kniola made the motion to appoint Julia Hoham to the General Code Review Committee. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

PLAN COMMISSION

Scott Lehmann made the motion to reappoint Herb Craig to the Plan Commission. Mike Webber seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

Scott Lehmann made the motion to reappoint Jill Woodburn to the Plan Commission. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

Scott Lehmann made the motion to appoint Scott Stolarz to the Plan Commission. Nate Ball seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

Scott Lehmann made the motion to reappoint Roger Rhodes, Building Commissioner, on the Plan Commission. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

WATER BOARD

Scott Lehmann made the motion to reappoint Greg Casimer to the Water Board. Nate Ball seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

PARKS & REC

Kathy Kniola made the motion to appoint Doug Cannon to Parks & Rec filling the four-year vacancy on this committee. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

Kathy Kniola made the motion to appoint Carolyn Korba to fill the remaining term of Tim Nelson on the Parks & Rec committee. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Nate Ball made the motion to reappoint John Morris to the Environmental Advisory Board. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Mike Webber made the motion to reappoint Karen Berrier to Animal Control. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

Mike Webber made the motion to reappoint Sono Gryczewski to Animal Control. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

The following Town Council President appointments were made by Tim Nelson and did not require a motion or approval of the Town Council:

BZA - President reappointed Glenn Seerup and Clyde Compton

Community Fund – President reappointed Bethany Jensen and appointed Karen Compton as a new member.

Grant Committee – President reappointed Carolyn Saxton.

Beautification – President appointed Lois Braatz as a new member.

Beach Nourishment – President reappointed all current seven members as follows: Chris Lattimer, Eric Jensen, Jim Combs, Charlie Costanza, Eric Kurtz, Patti Gagliardi, and Steve Coombs.

Bridge and Railroad – President reappointed all current six members as follows: Eric Kurtz, Roger Rhodes, Larry Schell, Bernadette Slawinski, James Doran and Ken Thompson.

Porter County Emergency Management Advisory Council (EMAC) – President reappointed Eric Kurtz.

Porter County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – President reappointed Eric Kurtz.

Tim Nelson announced the following liaison positions:

<u>CATEGORY, DEPARTMENT OR GROUP</u>	<u>TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON MEMBER</u>
Building Commissioner	Scott Lehmann
Postal Department	Kathryn Kniola
National Lakeshore	Kathryn Kniola
Budget and Finance	Nate Ball
Medical & Ambulance	Michael Webber, Nate Ball
Police Department	Michael Webber, Kathryn Kniola
Fire Department	Michael Webber, Kathryn Kniola
Street Department	Michael Webber
Utility Lighting	Michael Webber
Home Association	Michael Webber
Public Relations	Kathryn Kniola
Sanitation Liaison	Michael Webber

Other Committees

Building Code Review-----	Scott Lehmann (Both Scott and Nate will be the Governmental Members on the Bldg Code Review)
BZA -----	Scott Lehmann and Nate Ball
Plan Commission -----	Scott Lehmann (Both Scott and Nate will be the Governmental Members on the Plan Commission)
Water Works Board -----	Scott Lehmann
Parks and Recreation -----	Tim Nelson
NW Ind. Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) -----	Kathryn Kniola (Michael Webber as Fill-In appointee)
Safety Director Liaison -----	Michael Webber and Nate Ball
Environmental Advisory Board -----	Nate Ball
ADA Board -----	Kathryn Kniola
Beach Nourishment & Preservation -----	Scott Lehmann
Town Beautification -----	Michael Webber
Animal Control -----	Michael Webber
Recognition Comm. -----	Kathryn Kniola
Grant Committee -----	Tim Nelson
Community Fund -----	Kathryn Kniola
Cable Advisory Board -----	Tim Nelson
Bridge and Railroad -----	Michael Webber and Nate Ball
General Code Review -----	Nate Ball
Communicating Public Relations Team -----	Kathryn Kniola

Under new business, Mike Webber made the motion to appoint Kathy Kniola as the Ogden Dunes Town Council representative to the Shared Ethics Advisory Commission. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Kathy Kniola made the motion to accept the agreement presented by the Clerk-Treasurer which states that the Clerk-Treasurer and/or the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer may approve expenditures for \$500.00 or less to relieve the Council of incidental motions. This agreement does not eliminate the Council's approval of the subsequent claim for any of these expenditures. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department – Marshal Reeder stated that surrounding towns have experienced burglaries and advised residents to report any suspicious activity to the Ogden Dunes Police Department.

Plan Commission – Mike Falk stated that approximately 100 building permits were issued in 2015. He stated that the Plan Commission will make any necessary member appointments at their next meeting.

Water Department – Chuck Litzkow stated that estimated water bills will be mailed soon.

Environmental Advisory – Susan Mihalo invited the new Town Council liaison to the Environmental Advisory Board at their next meeting on January 20. She stated that they have invited Able Disposal to attend this meeting to discuss the decline in our recycling figures.

Community Fund – Dorothy Kurtz stated that they have received approximately 44 donations since December 10. She reminded residents to please indicate on their donation that it is meant for the Town of Ogden Dunes.

RESIDENT REMARKS

Allen Johnson congratulated the new Town Council.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Nate Ball urged residents to apply for the remaining vacancies on various Ogden Dunes boards and committees. Tim Nelson stated that the vacancies remaining were: Grant Committee – 1 opening; Cable Advisory – 1 opening and Animal Control – 2 openings.

No further business coming before the Council, Scott Lehmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Tim Nelson, President

ATTEST:

Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer