

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
COMMUNITY ROOM
AUGUST 6, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mike Webber
Carolyn Saxton
Nate Ball

ABSENT: Tim Nelson
Scott Lehmann

MINUTES

Carolyn Saxton moved to accept the minutes of the July 2, 2018 regular monthly meeting. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Nate Ball moved to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2018 executive session meeting. Carolyn Saxton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS

Beach parking restrictions are effective from May 1 to October 1, 2018.

COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Street Department – Chuck Litzkow stated that illegal dumping of old building materials occurred on Boat Club Road. He stated that this has happened in the past. To curb this problem, the gate which now exists farther down Boat Club Road will be moved closer to the west end of Boat Club Road thus blocking the area where illegal dumping normally occurs. Chuck Litzkow stated that residents should report illegal dumping to the Street or Police Department.

Beach Nourishment – Rodger Howell, Chairman, presented three motions for the Council's consideration. Please see "New Business" below for an explanation of these motions.

General Code – Dick Meister, Chairman, stated that the General Code Committee will no longer rewrite their original recommendations. The Committee feels that their purpose is to write the first recommendation for ordinance changes and submit to the Council for their consideration. Should the Council disagree with their recommendation or desire changes, the Council should go forward on their own with changes to the General Code's recommendation. Dick Meister stated that the Committee will review porta-potties and fireworks at their September meeting.

Environmental Advisory – Susan Mihalo, Chairman, requested that the Council approve a letter to Patrick F. Kuefler, Chief, EPA Region V, Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance in Chicago which the Environmental Advisory Board has written under Scott Lehmann’s signature regarding the Proposed Consent Decree, United States et al. v. United States Steel Corporation. Carolyn Saxton moved to accept the letter as written subject to approval by Scott Lehmann, Town Council President. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Historical Society – Dick Meister stated that the Historical Society’s new website address is www.odhistory.org. He also stated that on September 16, 2018 at the Firehall will be a program featuring the 80th Anniversary of the Women’s Club.

CLAIMS

Nate Ball moved to accept the July claims as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer. Carolyn Saxton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Carolyn Saxton moved to appoint Patrick Smith as the new Assistant Building Commissioner effective August 8, 2018 with a term ending August 8, 2020 with the condition that should his firm perform a project in the Town of Ogden Dunes, the inspection of same will be done by another Ogden Dunes inspector. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Council agreed to table the General Code Committee’s recommendation for amending 51,32 Container/Receptacle Requirements till the September Town Council meeting or which time Marshal Reeder returns to work.

The Council agreed to table Ordinance 840, Crosswalks, for possible changes to language and sign locations till the September Town Council meeting or which time Marshal Reeder returns to work.

A letter from NICTD dated July 13, 2018 was discussed. This letter addressed the Town’s concerns in regard to additional parking planned by NICTD which would have an impact on the Hillcrest Road traffic flow. This letter is available for review at Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

The following are three fund requests from the Beach Nourishment Committee presented by Rodger Howell, Chairman of the Committee, for Town Council consideration. The majority of these expenses would come due in September, 2018 or later.

1. Beach Nourishment:

Background: Helping to place sand on our neighboring Portage Lakefront beach. We conducted a non-bidding RFP with the major dredgers on Lake Michigan on behalf of Ogden Dunes and the City of Portage. The USACE is going to dredge 70,000 CY of sand from the port channel and place the sand in 1000-1500 ft front of the Portage Lakefront. We have quotes from dredgers for \$500,000 for 70,000 CY. Mayor Snyder will call the Governor’s office for funding support but he feels that Portage and Ogden Dunes should fund a portion of the cost to show

our support for this effort. Senator Karen Tallian is also following up with the Governor's Office and the DNR. The Town of Ogden Dunes will follow up with Porter County. Portage has allocated \$200,000 for beach related items. Given that Portage has 36,000 residents and a business tax base and Ogden Dunes has 1,100 residents, the Beach Nourishment Committee is recommending \$7,500 as a show of our support and willingness to work with the State and others. Proportionally, based on residents compared to Portage we would pay \$6,111. This will serve our self interest in that the sand from the Portage Lakefront beach generally flows to the Ogden Dunes beach and 70,000 CY is a lot of sand. The year 2000 Burns Harbor dredging placed 143,000 CY of sand on the beach. Likely the sand will flow down in front of the east end of the Ogden Dunes seawall and help to bring some protection this winter. This is not enough sand to entirely restore the entire beach.

The City of Portage or the State of Indiana would do the final contracting. The USACE said they would share their typical terms and conditions with us for these types of projects. We can then decide what portions of their contracts we would use in ours.

Motion: Move to approve the above mentioned request made by the Beach Nourishment Committee and authorizes them to spend a maximum of \$7,500 for dredging and sand placement on the Portage Lakefront beach to be spent at the discretion of the Committee. Funding will be taken from the Dredge Settlement Fund 270.

2. Beach Measurement:

Background: The Beach Nourishment Committee would like to professionally measure the rate of change on the Portage Lakefront beach in order to present our case to the State during the next year if the need arises. The Portage Lakefront beach feeds sand to the Ogden Dunes beach. Falk PLI Engineering & Surveying has laser scanning measurement technology that can measure the erosion at the Portage Lakefront. Rodger Howell, Chairman of the Beach Nourishment Committee, spoke with Steve Davis at the Indiana DNR who stated that we should perform 3-4 measurements over the season to show the seasonal affect. Falk PLI has stated they would perform the measurements at their cost of \$500 per scan. Rodger Howell stated that he has procured surveyors in the past and this quote is on the low end. Given the small amount of funds, the Committee would like to move forward with this without additional quotations. The Committee feels that 3 to 4 scans would be needed over the next year to show what is happening. The Committee feels that these scans would help our case if this goes into next year.

Motion: Move to approve the above request for funds made by the Beach Nourishment Committee. This will authorize the Committee to spend up to \$2,000 between now and next July 15, 2019 utilizing Falk PLI to laser survey the Portage Lakefront beach. The funds will be spent at the discretion of the Beach Nourishment Committee. Funding will be taken from the Beach Nourishment fund 271.

3. Beach Restoration Preliminary Engineering and Cost Estimate:

Background: This expenditure is for estimating the cost to restore the beach for Portage Lakefront and Ogden Dunes. Currently the Committee is discussing that we have an erosion problem but has not sized what the restoration effort cost will be. We need to have a well-defined proposal to the State and the funding agencies (NIRDA, Ports etc). The Committee feels

that the Town will be regarded more credibly once we have a tangible solution to discuss. John Davis, Deputy Director at the Indiana DNR, stated that the DNR would support this effort and would likely co-sponsor. We have asked the City of Portage to co-sponsor and expect the two parties to share in the cost. We think the effort will be \$10-20K to do the cost estimate report which would include a water depth survey so that we can have a defensible estimate. I am soliciting non-binding quotes from three coastal engineering firms.

Motion: Move to approve the above request for funds made by the Beach Nourishment Committee and authorizes the Committee to spend up to \$7,500 as our share of a co-sponsored cost estimate report with the Indiana DNR and City of Portage to be spent at the discretion of the Beach Nourishment Committee. Funding will be taken from the Dredge Settlement Fund 270.

Carolyn Saxton moved to approve the above three Beach Nourishment motions. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motions passed.

RESIDENT REMARKS

Dorothy Kurtz requested that additional drop boxes be installed on the west side of the Town Hall building which could be stacked on top of the existing drop-boxes. This is necessary due to the fact that residents may no longer leave unstamped envelopes or parcels in the existing committee and department mailboxes located by Town Hall due to a new Post Office regulation. Chuck Litzkow volunteered to research this suggestion.

Kris Bailey, 67 Diana Road, stated that her contractor missed an inspection when building her wall and would like the matter resolved.

Dan Manas, 4 Pine Trail, stated that the Town siren did not go off to warn residents about the July storm.

Susan Mihalo, 8 Diana Road, suggested that residents check their black lotus trees to make sure they are not rotten which could easily come down during a storm.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Nate Ball thanked the Street Department for cleaning up after the recent storms.

Carolyn Saxton stated that many cars have been speeding through Town and asked that the Police Department watch for speeding vehicles.

Mike Webber thanked all the committee volunteers in Town. He, too, has received many complaints of people speeding through Town. He also stated that he has received complaints of dog waste throughout the Town and requested that residents please pick up after their dogs.

No further business coming before the Council, Carolyn Saxton moved to adjourn the meeting. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Mike Webber, Vice President

ATTEST:

Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer