

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
COMMUNITY ROOM
JUNE 1, 2015**

PRESENT: Bill Gregory Charlie Costanza
Allen Johnson Paul Panther

ABSENT: Tom Clouser

MINUTES

Paul Panther moved to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2015 meeting. Allen Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS

Bill Gregory made the following comments: thanked all residents who are involved with the Community Garden; thanked the Lions Club and the Ogden Dunes Historical Society for their work during the Memorial Day services; congratulated Kyra Ball, who is now the regional champion for the 1600 meter and set a Portage High School record at 5:06:19 minutes; reminded residents of the November 2015 elections and advised that forms were available at Town Hall and online; read notice of complaint from residents of Ski Hill Road regarding the proposed siren to be placed in Town; read letter from Lou Gagliardi regarding the current beach issues.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Beautification Committee – Dorothy Kurtz spoke and requested volunteers for Thursdays to help with the Town gardens.

Police Department – Marshal Reeder stated that Officer Ed Clapp has resigned and he is in the process of replacing him with a reserve officer who needs to complete the police academy. Marshal Reeder also stated that the officers have found numerous vehicles in Town parked outside and unlocked at night. They also spotted many garage doors which were left opened at night. Marshal Reeder urged all residents to lock their cars and close garage doors. He also stated that many homes were still in violation of “no visible house numbers”. He stated that these residents may soon get a letter advising them of this violation. Visible house numbers are imperative for emergency vehicles.

Fire Department – Eric Kurtz addressed all the questions set forth in the “Notice of Complaint” letter from residents on Ski Hill Road regarding the proposed new siren. At this point, Bill Gregory allowed residents to comment on the siren. Several residents spoke regarding their objections to the siren being placed on Ski Hill Road. After hearing all the resident remarks, Charlie Costanza stated that he felt the Council should reconsider their position on the new siren. Bill Gregory asked Ken Martin of the Ogden Dunes Historical Society to form a committee to research other means of notifying residents of tornadoes. The new siren is expected to be installed within 45 days; therefore the new committee would have to move quickly with their recommendations.

Plan Commission – Mike Falk stated that code 152.204 was reviewed by the Plan Commission at their last meeting. The Plan Commission is proposing that this Town code be rewritten to conform to the State codes regarding the BZA appeal process. The Plan Commission is working with the Town Attorney to make sure our Town code is in compliance with State code. Next Plan Commission meeting is June 18, 2015 at which time they will vote on this ordinance.

CLAIMS

Paul Panther moved to accept the May claims as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer. Allen Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Panther moved that Mike Teeling be appointed to the General Code Review Committee. Allen Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously passed.

Allen Johnson moved that the following Community Fund grants as presented by Dorothy Kurtz be approved:

- ADA Committee – ADA compliant picnic table for Kratz Field or Nelson Park for \$600**
- Animal Control – New dog kennel for the Town for \$165**
- Book Club – Little Free Library for \$500**
- Cable Advisory – new equipment for streaming Town Council meetings for \$2,500**
- Sandpiper Preschool – sand and water table for \$340**

The Ogden Dunes Community Fund will have a balance of \$2,100.15 after funding the above grants. Applications for new grants should be submitted by August 1, 2015.

Paul Panther seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

A discussion was held on the current beach issues including the permits submitted by Jim Combs to various agencies. Charlie Costanza reported on his meeting at Prophetstown State Park and stated that no final decisions were made regarding the beach erosion.

Charlie Costanza moved that Lou or Patti Gagliardi and Steve Coombs be appointed to the Beach Nourishment Committee as additional appointees. Paul Panther seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

RESIDENT REMARKS

Bernadette Slawinski announced the Sand Castle contest for July 4th and stated that the beach party at Tamarack Beach would be held on August 15 both of which are sponsored by the Women's Club. She also stated that the Women's Club will be donating to the ADA for the ADA compliant picnic table.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Charlie Costanza stated that the Council should work with the National Park Service and accept their offer to give the Town Boat Club Road in exchange for a bike path through our Town.

Allen Johnson stated that the Council is working with National Park Service regarding the bike path and alternative exit routes.

No further business coming before the Council, Paul Panther moved to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Allen Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Bill Gregory, President

ATTEST:

Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer