

Town of Ogden Dunes  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 1, 2009

**Pledge of allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Present - Bob Hicks, Bill Gregory, Brad Wood, Eric Haussman, Eric Kurtz

May 4, 2009 and May 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 Minutes approved, motion by Bob Hicks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Gregory. All in favor

**Claims:** Town Claims # 42010 – 42061 and payroll claims # 1997 – 2044 excluding 2008, 2022, 2023 and sanitation claims for 2008 and 2009 January through May 31, approved, motion by Eric Haussman 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Kurtz.

**Police Report:** Jim Reeder gave monthly activity report. Thanked everyone for cards, get well wishes, extra patrol and donated sick time. He also announced the hiring of new employee, Jim White, giving a little of his professional background. Eric Haussmann brought up the question of speeders on Shore Drive; Marshal Reeder stated that the officers have been requested to do extra Patrol on Shore Drive, Diana Road and Hillcrest. He is also working on getting the loan of a speed board. Bob Hicks asked about the boat and golf cart stickers and was told that they are in. Discussion followed concerning the availability of ordinances for viewing.

**Lorelei Weimer** gave a presentation concerning bike trails in Porter County. She stated they are looking for funding for engineering studies. Most of the area has already endorsed project, however they still need Dune Acres, Town of Pines and Ogden Dunes. Eric Kurtz made motion to approve a resolution endorsing the Dunes-Kankakee Trail Plan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Gregory, the motion was approved. There was also discussion of a possible resolution for a separate Tourism Bureau for Porter County.

**Tony Gaul** gave a presentation on Renewable Energy. During his report, he stated that one wind turbine would provide enough energy to maintain all the Town street lights or provide enough energy for 4 to 8 homes. The State has been given 68 Million dollars in stimulus money however he's still a long way from asking the board to act.

**Street Department:** Jim Matthys gave the report for the street department. He discussed the installation of no parking without permit signs. He stated that during the first two weeks of May they were working on drainage on Diana Road and Diana Court. Town cleanup took a longer time this year they collected 111 tons of chips. They cleaned up the beach and swept the streets for Memorial Day. He also reported the purchase of a new truck and lawnmower. They had one accident that bent a radiator, no injuries. He discussed debris near the home of Betty Wray, stating the responsibility of removal lies with the vender, be it tree trimming, carpeting or other goods. Bob Hicks brought up the ordinance outlining the maximum number of pounds we should pick up, Jim stated that if the amount was not too large he would still pick it up. Bob Hicks asked about a beach cleaning machine, discussion followed.

**ODVFD:** Luke Brennan gave report for the Ogden Dunes Volunteer Fire Department. He reported 1 alarm, 1 false, 1 assist. He also reported on Memorial Day activities and a scheduled CPR class to be held on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Building Commissioner:** Ken Mihalik reported 13 permits no structural, all remodel or repairs, plans for 1 new construction and a retaining wall have been turned in; both will probably have to go through BZA. He also reported 2 stop work orders, 1 for no contractor's license the other for no permit and no contractor's license. He contacted the family whose home recently burned to enquire about their plans.

**Plan Commission:** Frank Stimson reported that Dr. Frank has bought the Ferro property. Bob Hicks questioned whether we would have another series of Driveway paving without a permit this year, Mr. Stimson reported that it was a onetime event in conjunction with the paving project.

**BZA:** Frank Stimson reported that the plan commission did meet; they elected officers and they expected a request for a variance however the request was not made.

**Water Board:** Jim Kopp reported 19 shut off notices. The water dept. has been in the process of flushing fire hydrants. He received 2 letters from the DNR concerning sand which will be dumped in the lake. It was reported that they will be doing Hydraulic dredging rather than barges. The culvert at Shirley Heinze Land Trust was put in on County Line. He talked about Shore Sox BioSolutions stating that this would be a new cheaper solution for controlling the water around long lake. A motion was made by Eric Kurtz to set aside \$5,000.00 for emergency bank restoration at Long Lake; the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Gregory, all in favor.

Bill Gregory said he received a letter from the Park Service stating many things we cannot do. He will post a copy of letter in the Town Hall Lobby.

**Burnham & Flowers Insurance Group and Anton Insurance** gave presentations concerning the Town insurance needs. The council will review both before making a decision. Bill Gregory suggested we make decision in 30 days. Representative from Burnham & Flowers stated that the cost was generally only good for 30 days.

**Park Board:** Charley Costanza thanked Al Mussman for setting up Memorial Day race. There were 100 runners in race. He reported that the water fountain at the tennis court is now functional. Thank Jim Matthys for clean up.

**Cable Board:** no report

**EAB:** Susan Mihalo reported that the beach monitoring has begun and tests will be done on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, our E-Coli levels have been low. New informational signs will be posted concerning the quality of water, Green for o.k. and red for significantly high. Town recycling is significantly higher at 32%. She also stated that the dredge project will not be done until July due to fish spawning.

**Beautification Committee:** Gary Lehmann reported the Memorial Day dedication of the memorial stone for the Rock Garden on Hillcrest. They are giving considering to painting the welcome sign at the fire station.

**ODHA:** Frank Moran also thanked Memorial Day participants. They have finalized the summer programs and will have them posted this week end. Fall signups will be posted in a couple of weeks.

**Woman's club:** No report

**Dog Committee** Karen Berrier reported there were 338 responses to the Deer questionnaire. She will leave a copy at Town Hall and also send a copy to Webmaster.

**Beach Nourishment Committee:** No report.

#### **Old Business:**

Ordinance #735: Eric Hausmann made a motion to suspend the rules and accept on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Bill Gregory 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. A motion was made to pass ordinance 736 by Eric Hausmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Gregory, all in favor of acceptance.

#### **New Business:**

Ordinance #737: Eric Kurtz made a motion to approve ordinance #737 with the following corrections: (1) Change salary/wage to read 28.37/per hr max and (2) change the word retroactivity retroactively. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Gregory. All in favor.

Resolution 2009-01: Eric Kurtz made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-01 with clarification stating Park and Recreation Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Gregory. All in favor.

#### **Other business:**

Fire Department roof: Discussion of the project postponed until fire dept. personnel has opportunity to study proposal.

Mail Box racks: Eric Hausmann brought up the subject of moving mail box racks. A resident who wishes to move a rack must have (1) approval of Police Department, (2) approval of street department, (3) approval of Postmaster, (4) Person wishing to move boxes must find new location w/written signature and agreement from adjacent property owners, (5) will pay entire cost associated with moving boxes, and (6) send notice to mail box users so they will have opportunity to have input. (majority of rack users should agree)

Resident remarks: Lynn Hicks questioned if the Town has a mosquito control policy. She had heard of a tablet you put in ditches etc. and she will get more information.

Nort Jensen brought up the subject of Lyme disease, discussion followed.

Nort Jensen brought up the subject of short term rental stating the house next door at 118 Shore Drive been has renting on a weekly basis and that the renters often have more than one family throughout the week as well as additional guests over the weekend and become rather loud, he's hoping we can start issuing citations. Discussion followed.

Alec Mackenzie also talked about lime disease, Bill Gregory volunteered to investigate any information on tick control.

Larry Bornstein talked about water problems on Diana Road stating it would cost about \$6,000 to do a study (site visit). Information pertaining to Christopher B Burke Engineering, LTD was given to Council by Larry Bornstein and Aggie Moran who highly recommended this company. Bob Hicks agreed to head a committee to study situation. Residents of Valerie Rd. complained about the aesthetics of the area around the Indiana American Water. Eric Kurtz stated he would like to see the project completed quickly then approach Indiana American about the Aesthetics.

Eric Kurtz mad a motion to adjourn , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Hausmann , all agreed, meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM

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Brad Wood  
Town Council President

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Donna Smith  
Clerk Treasurer