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OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL- TOWN MEETING January 8, 2024 – 7:00 P.M. Community Room & via Zoom

PRESENT: Karl Krizmanic
John Hannon
Scott Kingan
Bernadette Slawinski
David Snyder—via ZOOM

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Scott began the 1st meeting of 2024 by opening the floor to electing the officers for Town Council this year. Dave made the motion to appoint Scott as President. Bernadette seconded. Before the vote was taken, a broad discussion was had among the council members regarding the number of terms as officer and the heavy load of responsibilities placed on the role of President. It was agreed that more discussion regarding these concerns should occur going forward, in 2024. The vote was taken. **Roll Call:** Dave Snyder—yes, Bernadette Slawinski—yes, John Hannon—yes, Karl Krizmanic—yes, Scott Kingan—abstained. The motion passed. A motion to appoint Bernadette as Vice President of the council was made by Dave, John seconded. **Roll Call:** Dave Snyder—yes, John Hannon—yes, Karl Krizmanic—yes, Scott Kingan—yes, Bernadette Slawinski—abstained. The motion passed.

Approval of the November, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Karl made the motion to approve, Bernadette seconded. **Roll Call:** Karl Krizmanic—yes, Bernadette Slawinski—yes, Scott Kingan—yes, Dave Snyder—yes, John Hannon—yes. The motion passed.

Approval of Claims

- Amy read the claims for November and December 2023
- Bernadette motioned to approve claims as presented. John seconded. **Roll Call:** Bernadette Slawinski—yes; John Hannon—yes; Scott Kingan—yes; Dave Snyder—yes; Karl Krizmanic—yes. Claims are approved.

DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES:

Police Department –

- In December of 2023, 2 citations were written. The total number for the entire year- 2023 was 271 with 47 case reports.
- Police car mileage: **Truck 1—15,524, Truck 2—15,309 and Truck 3—8,186.**

- Jeremy reported an increase in the number of vehicles that have been going the wrong way as they exit near Townhall. He's going to purchase and install some collapsible center line markers to highlight proper lane direction.
- He plans to find a buyer for the large unused electronic Miles Per Hour sign. With the proceeds of the sale, he plans to replace it with several smaller 12' solar powered signs that gauge driver speed at key locations such as Hillcrest at Kratz Field and possibly Diana Rd, as well as Shore Dr. These will be movable as needed.

Building Dept--

- In 2023, 182 building permits were issued and 252 contractors were registered. The total amount of revenue raised by these 2 functions was \$116,040.00
- Karl shared how other Towns require that contractors have identifiable signage on their vehicles. This assists with confirming their registration status in Town. Jeremy said that it's routine procedure to check contractors on-site for their credentials. He has flagged numerous cases but he'll look into the signage requirement.

Streets /Water-- Streets

- Matt reported on a good deal of repair and maintenance occurring with Dept equipment.
- The close-out process of the 2023 CC Grant is underway. John has recommended going forward with applying for another CC Grant in January 2024 award cycle. Additional roads around Town have been identified for repaving. Crack Seal treatment is also recommended.
- Additional dry well installation is warranted at Diana & Shore Dr because storm water mitigation is needed.

Water--

- The Water Dept booster station work has been completed and it looks great! Landscaping will begin in the Spring. The plan for this will follow EAB recommendations.

Community Fund-

- Maryann Schaefer, 43 Sunset Tr., reported via zoom that they are now accepting applications for CF grants. Town Organizations who wish to make improvements to public spaces can apply. If an individual wishes to apply, they're encouraged to partner with an active Town group.
- She reminded residents of the terrific projects that were enabled through funds, this past year.
- Karl suggested a marketing and ad campaign that could possibly generate more donations in the future.

EAB-

- Karl announced that National Invasive Species Awareness Week is coming up—Feb 26th- March 3rd. He mentioned zebra mussels and Japanese bittersweet as 2 very prevalent examples of local invasives.
- A program featuring Laura Brennan will occur on Feb 25th at 4p.m. at the Hour Glass. She'll talk about invasive species.
- Earth Day is April 22nd.

General Code Review-

- Jim Slawinski, 33 Aspen said the committee is meeting every other month.
- Forgotten personal items left on the beach, is a topic they're finalizing for submission to the Council. They're also continuing to look at beach parking policy ideas.
- Jim wished to recognize two very valued members of the committee: Ken Thompson and Dick

Meister, who have concluded their terms. Their involvement will be missed!

Recognition-

- Bernadette highlighted the impressive help and involvement of 13 yr-old Tavis Lattimer. He was nominated by Pat Maxwell. Tavis provided lots of tech expertise & help during the Tree Lighting event. He is also an active junior volunteer fire fighter in Town. Kudos and Thanks!

Before moving on to Old Business, Jeremy wished to make an FYI announcement regarding Frontier Communications. If residents are being told their installations are being held up by Building Dept. approval-- IT IS NOT TRUE. He regards this information from representatives as a "run around".

OLD BUSINESS-

Revised approval for the cost of EAB Banner marking Invasive Species Awareness Week

- Karl shared with council his recommendation that the previous approval of \$350 for a banner, could be greatly enhanced by making it double-sided for \$100 more.
- Karl made a motion to approve the purchase of a double-sided banner marking Nat. Invasive Species Week—not to exceed \$450.00. John seconded. **Roll Call:** Karl Krizmanic—yes, John Hannon—yes, Dave Snyder—yes, Scott Kingan—yes, Bernadette Slawinski—yes. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Board & Committee appointments

- BZA—Glenn Seerup
 - Budget & Finance—Laura Snyder, Kyle Duffy, Dani Goldsmith, Karen Tallian.
 - General Code Review—Eric Fried, Mimi Ramos
 - Grant/Fundraising & Events—Kristine Sandrick
 - Plan Commission (Governed by State)—Tom Cleland, Scott Stolarz, Arman Sarkisian
 - Town Beautification—Don Wadle
 - Waterworks Board (Governed by State)—Jim Slawinski
 - Recognition Committee—Erin Woloshansky, Athena Hassan, Michelle Hassinger, Donna Skeesick
 - Community Fund—Jill Green, Maryann Schaefer, Donna Skeesick
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- Karl made the motion to accept appointments as presented, Bernadette seconded. **Roll Call:** Karl Krizmanic—yes, Bernadette Slawinski—yes, Scott Kingan—yes, Dave Snyder—yes, John Hannon—yes. The motion passed.
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- ##### **Other Board & Committee openings**
- Scott mentioned openings for interested residents for: Parks and Rec, Community Fund, Animal Comm., Access OD/ADA, Town Beautification.
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- ##### **GZA proposal to update plans & create engineering estimate for central section beach project**
- Dave made the motion to approve \$3000.00 proposal. Karl seconded. **Roll Call:** Dave Snyder—yes, Karl Krizmanic—yes, John Hannon—yes, Scott Kingan—yes, Bernadette Slawinski—yes. The motion is approved.

January 2024 Community Crossings Grant application for more road repaving & repair work

- John recommends applying for next round of CC Grant with approval for a local matching amount of \$125,000. This would enable up to \$500,000 from INDOT.

Winners of Holiday Decorating Contest

- **Whimsical-** Don and Kim Winowitch at 35 Diana & John and Donna Cooper at 11 Turrett Rd.
- **Traditional** –Bill and Pam Muntean at 2 Beach LN & Julie Kipta and Tom Kinley at 113 Shore Dr.
- **Best Lights**—Arman Sarkisian at 40 Ski Hill Rd & Matt and Ingrid Payne at 5 Sycamore
- **The Clark Griswold Award**—Gerry and Terri Bardeson at 61 Ogden Rd.
- Bernadette thanked the Street Dept. for the lights placed on The Depot Structure. She also acknowledged the OD Fire Dept for their lovely decorations. Lastly, she thanked the Beautification Comm. for their lovely decoration of Town Hall.

Reminder about shelf ice & winter time beach safety

- Scott wanted to advise residents of the potential hazards and to alert them to the 5 new safety stations installed at accessways.

RESIDENT REMARKS:

Jennifer Callaway, 5 Cottonwood LN, shared that she has taken over Trish Green's spot on the Portage Township Education Foundation.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Happy New Year-2024 to everyone!

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bernadette. Karl seconded. Roll Call: Bernadette Slawinski—yes; Karl Krizmanic—yes; John Hannon—yes; Dave Snyder—yes; Scott Kingan—yes. Meeting adjourned.



Scott Kingan- President