

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 21, 2022
Administration Building – 500 S. Broadway

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. *(This meeting was a hybrid meeting and broadcasted live via Microsoft Teams and was recorded.) Teams was delayed due to technical difficulties.*

Roll Call - Council Members: Councilors Geof Benson, John Blackburn, Susan Loeb, Matrona Malik, and Thomas Weber were present. Also, present: Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt, Town Attorney Connor Nolan, and Marshal Ed Clapp.

Title VI Survey Availability

President Benson announced the availability of the Title VI public involvement survey. This survey is available online via the Town's website.

Public Presentations

Friends of Beverly Shores: donation of new folding chairs for Town Hall: Linda Wagner and Sally Bagnall requested the Council to accept donation of new chairs for Town Hall as well as removal of the old chairs. Councilor Malik motioned to accept the donation. Vice President Loeb seconded. Unanimously approved.

Dunes Women's Club: request for air conditioning at Community House: Linda Wagner requested permission from Council to put in a window air-conditioning unit in the Community House. The Dunes Woman's Club and the Friends of Beverly Shores will pay for the unit. Councilor Malik motioned to approve. Council Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of May 17, 2022, Council Meeting minutes

Councilor Malik motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved.

Approval of June 07, 2022, Council Meeting minutes

Councilor Malik motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved.

Report of Police & Street Departments

Violation Report:

12272/Fortune Fish Company: Councilor Malik motioned to deny appeal. Councilor Blackburn seconded. There was discussion. Unanimously approved.

12479/Farley: Councilor Weber motioned to deny appeal. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

Police Report – Marshal Clapp gave report.

Street Report – Marshal Clapp gave report. Clapp requested permission to remove the tree near 35 W. Service Ave. The tree is dead and poses a threat to 35 W. Service Ave and the Community House. President Benson suggested Clapp reach out to NIPSCO, as they once wanted to remove

the tree, but the Town did not want it taken down. Councilor Malik motioned to allow Marshal Clapp to get bids for tree removal if NIPSCO does not agree to remove the tree. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved. Marshall Clapp encouraged residents to remove brush that is in the Town's right of way. Councilor Malik brought up utilizing the ARPA funds for paying hazard/bonus pay to the police. Councilor Malik motioned to authorize a onetime payment from the ARPA funds for hazard pay to the police officers in the amount of \$11,401. President Benson seconded. ARPA funds total approximately \$136,000. There was discussion and review of the spreadsheet prepared by Marshal Clapp. Unanimously approved.

Ordinances & Resolutions

None.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Claims –CT Hundt presented APV register, noting items that were not monthly expenses. Vice President Loeb motioned to approve the APVs as presented. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved. CT Hundt also presented the Fund, Revenue, Appropriation reports, Garbage reports, 4 bank reconciliations, and payroll reports. Council Blackburn will sign off on reports.

Consideration of Claims for Bonds, 2020 Series: Vice President Loeb motioned to approve the APVs as presented. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA progress: Councilor Malik gave report.

Greenspace Committee: Vice President Loeb gave report.

Park Board: Councilor Malik gave report.

Building & Building Site Committee: Vice President Loeb gave report.

Board of Zoning Appeals: No Meeting

Capital Planning Committee: No Meeting.

Fire & Emergency Management: Councilor Weber gave report.

Indiana Dunes National Park: Councilors Blackburn and Weber gave report.

Plan Commission: Councilors Weber gave report.

NIRPC: Nothing to report.

Depot Museum & Gallery: Councilor Blackburn gave report.

Unfinished Business:

AV equipment purchase and installation: No update.

Report on re-vegetation project on shoreline; consider methods to deter trampling of new plantings: Nothing to report.

Smith Group progress and tasks: Vice President Loeb reported they met with NPS and the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program. Smith Group will be doing public presentation at the July Town Council Meeting.

ARPA Plan: No update on projects.

Clarification of Heritage Trail signage permissions: President Benson reported that he could not find where there was approval given for sign placement for two of the heritage trail signs that have been installed in the Town's right of way on Lake Front. If no permission has been granted, the Depot must come to Town Council for approval.

New Business

Fix for Admin Building floor slope. CT Hundt explained there is a slope in the middle of the building. Dave Wagner, Building Commissioner, agreed to help Hundt with contacting the appropriate contractors for estimates.

Written Communications

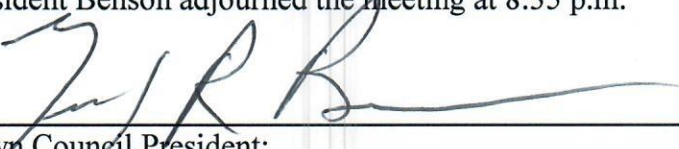
None.

Town Council Comment

Councilor Malik suggested that the Town Council amend the Personnel Policy to reflect Juneteenth as a paid holiday. Attorney Nolan will draft ordinance.

Adjourn:

President Benson adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.



Town Council President:

Attest: 

Clerk-Treasurer
Ellen Hundt