

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – February 15, 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 broadcast live via Microsoft Teams and was recorded.)

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

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

Ruth Graff, ABSR requests the following use of Town property:

- 1) Easter Event -April 16, Easter egg stop at side of Fire Station to hunt eggs (like last year). 1:00-2:00pm.*
- 2) Garden & Art Walk- June 11 use of Admin Building from 8:00am-4:00pm for map pick up & registration*
- 3) Necktie 5K Run -Friday, June 17 use of Admin Building from 5:15 - 7:15pm for packet pick up.*

CT Hundt requested for Ruth Graff. Vice President Loeb motioned to approve requests as presented. Councilor Weber seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved. Benson reminded everyone there may still be COVID19 protocols in place.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of January 18, 2022 Council Meeting minutes

Vice President motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Blackburn seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved.

Approval of January 26, 2022 Council Meeting minutes

Vice President motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Blackburn seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved.

Report of Police & Street Departments

Violation Report: Nothing to report.

Police Report – Marshal Clapp gave report.

Street Report – Marshal Clapp gave report

Ordinances & Resolutions

Resolution of Appreciation for James "Jim" Morrow

Vice President Loeb motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Councilor Weber seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved.

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. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Weber = yea. 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 Weber seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved.

Approval of the 2021 Annual Financial Report (AFR) and Capital Assets Explanation: Councilor Blackburn motioned to approve as presented. Vice President Loeb seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA progress: Nothing to report.

Greenspace Committee: No meeting.

Park Board: Park Board President Hardwick 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: Nothing to report.

Indiana Dunes National Park: Nothing to report.

Plan Commission: Councilor Weber gave report.

NIRPC: Nothing to report.

Depot Museum & Gallery: There was discussion about internet at the Depot and Community House. President Benson stated that these organizations were not governmental agencies. It was determined that the Town's budget cannot support non-governmental entities.

Unfinished Business:

AV equipment purchase and installation: No update.

Report on re-vegetation project on shoreline; consider methods to deter trampling of new plantings. No update.

Garbage can/recycling task force: Councilor Blackburn reported it is going well.

Smith Group progress and tasks: Vice President Loeb reported 2021 Q4 reporting was approved. The Smith Group continues to work on tasks. Nancy Ide, a resident from the East End and Dave Wagner, as building commissioner, met virtually with Smith and members of the Core Group to discuss their concerns about ongoing coastal vulnerability, safety and aesthetics on the East End.

ARPA Plan: No update.

New Business

Vice President Loeb asked the Council to think about what three things they should be focused on in 2022. There was discussion about the comprehensive plan, possible grants, fund raising, and the TDD district.

Written Communications

CT Hundt read a letter from Carl Reed who presented a framed copy of the Porter County Commissioner's official minutes from January 2, 1947, that established the Town of Beverly Shores.

Town Council Comment

None.


Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Weber.

Seconded by Councilor Blackburn.

Unanimously approved.

Time: 8:03 p.m.



Town Council President:

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer

Ellen Hundt