

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 17, 2020
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 due to recommended coronavirus “social distancing” guidelines.)

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 Marshal Ed Clapp, and Town Attorney Connor Nolan.

Title VI Survey Availability

President Benson announced the availability of the Title VI public involvement survey.

Public Presentations

Annette Young, ABSR – Request for event location changes.

The Necktie 5K may be moved to start at Broadway and Beverly and rerouted. Town Council approved by consensus.

To Consider a bond for the Town

It was proposed to issue up to \$5 million of bonds with up to a 20-year term. The amount can be reduced and can be withdrawn at any time. A Redevelopment Commission and a Redevelopment Authority will have to be created. There will be no negative consequences if the Council changes their opinion on going forward. The bond counsel will provide tax implications to share with residents.

Approval of Minutes

February 18, 2020 meeting

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

March 6, 2020 meeting

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

Appoint Building Commissioners for Existing Building Corporation

Attorney Nolan explained that nothing needed to be changed at this time.

Report of the Police Department & Street Departments:

Violation Clerk Report

Nothing to report.

Police Report

Marshal Clapp presented updates for the Police Department

Street Report

Marshal Clapp presented updates for the Street Department. He encouraged people to stay off the closed beaches and especially Hutchinson. NIPSCO has begun process of checking all the gas valves under the roadway.

Request for replacement police car lease

Marshal Clapp requested permission to purchase a new Police F150 for \$32,198 before 2021 due to the increasing repair and maintenance costs of the 2013 vehicle.

Councilor Malik motioned to approve Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved. Additionally, it was requested to use \$5,000 from the LIT Fund to pay off one of the leases earlier in order to maintain just 2 leases in 2021.

Councilor Malik motioned to approve Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved.

Erosion Expenses and Estimates

President Benson explained his spreadsheet on what was needed to prepare report for the governor utilizing the costs of projected erosion damage. Councilor Weber to write narrative to accompany proposed numbers.

Permission and spending plan for draft next steps

President Benson presented numbers for what can be done immediately for the Lake Shore Erosion Project. There was discussion on different revenue sources; erosion donations and utilizing some cash flow from the Town. The money on hand is enough to start getting supplies now. Firstly, there is free sand available from private property with the Town paying for equipment and Ed Bracken providing free labor. The sand needs to be tested (approximately \$2,000) to the National Park's guidelines. President Benson has reached out to Microbac to do testing. Blasting for rock begins the first week of April and the Town will have access to large rocks at that time.

Councilor Blackburn motioned to move forward with testing and acquiring the sand, spending up to \$22,000 from the CCD Fund. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Extend Emergency declaration

Not needed at this time.

Ordinance 2020-03 An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Beverly Shores, Porter County, Indiana, Establishing a Department of Redevelopment

Councilor Malik motioned to approve on first reading. Councilor Blackburn seconded. There was a friendly amendment; appointing Geof Benson and Susan Loeb to the Commission.

Unanimously approved. Councilor Malik motioned to consider on second reading during the same meeting as it was introduced. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved.

Councilor Malik motioned to adopt ordinance with amendment. Vice President Loeb seconded. Unanimously approved.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Claims –CT Hundt presented APV registers, noting items that were not in monthly expenses. CT Hundt noted there was an unknown adjustment of \$94.36 that will remain until it is resolved. Councilor Weber motioned to approve. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. CT Hundt also presented the Fund, Revenue, Appropriation reports, Garbage reports, and 3 bank reconciliations. Council Blackburn had previously reviewed and signed off on reports. CT Hundt requested that Councilor Blackburn also review and initial the 2019 Annual Financial Report as another step in Internal Controls.

Public Comment

Blaise Boscaccy (407 E. St. Clair) asked if residents could still park at Derby. Marshal Clap stated that as long as residents have a parking permit they will be allowed to park in the designated parking spaces only at Derby.

(this communication came from comment from virtual chat room)

Vice President Loeb stated she is the Council liaison to a new group regarding COVID-19. *Councilor Malik* encouraged residents to donate to the Town's Gift Fund as reserves are less than \$1,000 and the fund helps residents pay bills, rent, buy groceries, etc.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA Progress: Nothing to report.

Green Space Committee: Nothing to report.

Park Board: Councilor Malik gave report.

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

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA): Nothing to report.

Capital Planning: Councilor Blackburn gave report.

Fire & Emergency Management: Councilor Weber gave report.

Indiana Dunes National Park: Councilor Blackburn gave report. NPS seeks to collaborate with Beverly Shores for plant replenishment on the Lake Front. NPS also moving their focus inland and may not be rebuilding ramp at Lake View. The two houses east of Drake on the old Lake Front Dr. are to be demolished.

Plan Commission: No meeting.

NIRPC: President Benson gave report. They are trying to get the governor to change "emergency" to "imminent danger".

Depot Museum and Gallery: Councilor Blackburn gave report.

Unfinished Business:

Emergency revetment projects at Lakeview and Hutchinson, 311, 825

Hutchinson work is holding. Lakeview remains closed. Nothing new to report on other areas.

Coastal (Historic Landmark) Grant

Nothing new to report.

AV equipment purchase and installation

CT Hundt report that Frank Hardwick is coordinating with electrician and volunteers to install the equipment.

Census 2020

Residents are encouraged to go online and fill out 2020 Census information as it is vital for the economic stability of the Town.

New Business

President Benson appointed Matrona Malik, Tom Weber, and John Blackburn to the Redevelopment Commission.

President Benson appointed himself, Susan Loeb, and Ellen Hundt to the Redevelopment Authority.

Councilor Malik motioned to engage Harris Welsh and Lukmann, LWG CPAs, and Taft Stettinius & Hollister to move forward with bonds issuance. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

Written Communication

Rafi Wilkinson (117 W. Lake Front) reported that all NPS bathrooms and visitor centers are closed until further notice. (this communication came from comments from virtual chat room)

Mary Fulghum (116 S. Wells) asked to review what was said about the rock revetment.

(this communication came from comments from virtual chat room)

President Benson stated that purchasing revetment was not approved at this time.

Councilor Weber stated he received email from resident concerned with lack of urgency for the Lake View area not having looped gas lines. President Benson stated that the gas lines are looped but the electricity lines are not. NIPSCO is waiting for governor's emergency declaration in order to move forward.

Town Council Comment

There will be 3 meetings on March 31, 2020: 1) Redevelopment Commission Public Hearing 2) Redevelopment Authority meeting, and 3) Town Council Meeting.

Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Malik

Seconded by Councilor Weber

Approved by unanimous vote.

Time: 9:36 p.m.

Town Council President:

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt