

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 18, 2019
Administration Building – 500 S. Broadway

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Council Members: Donna Norkus, President, Greg Brown, Vice President, Geof Benson, Matrona Malik, and Brian O'Neil were present. Also, present: Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt, Town Marshal Susan Resteau, and Town Attorney Connor Nolan.

Public Presentations

None.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the May 21, 2019 TC meeting were presented. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor O'Neil seconded. Unanimously approved.

Minutes for the June 3, 2019 Executive TC meeting were presented. Councilor Malik motioned to approve. Councilor O'Neil seconded. Unanimously approved.

Report of the Police Department & Street Departments:

Violation Clerk Report

No violation report from CT.

Police Report

Marshal Resteau presented updates for the Police Department.

Street Report

Marshal Resteau presented updates for the Street Department. Marshal Resteau requested approval to go out for bids for another road project for 2019. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. Marshal Resteau stated that any cars parked on Broadway, south of Highway 12, would be ticketed and towed.

Ordinances & Resolutions- None

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Claims –CT Hundt presented APV registers, noting items that were not monthly expenses. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. CT Hundt also presented the Fund, Revenue, Appropriation reports, and Garbage reports. CT Hundt reported Councilor Malik reviewed and signed off on the reports. CT Hundt requested permission to pay Baker Tilly (formally Umbaugh) up to \$5,200, that has been appropriated out of the CCD Fund, for 2020 budgeting assistance. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Adam Peterson (19 S. Greatwater), working for Dunes National Park Association (DNPA) spoke about the approximately 200,000 people that cross Highway 12 on Broadway each year and how dangerous it is. He reported INDOT is agreeable to put in a crosswalk, but it can only be done if there are sidewalks on Broadway and on both sides of the highway. The Town would be responsible for putting in the sidewalks. Additionally, the DNPA is exploring the possibility of reducing the weight limit for trucks on Highway 12 between ArcelorMittal and Mt. Baldy.

Deborah Allen (831 E. Lake Front) asked if cameras were available for monitoring garbage bins. Marshal Resteau stated that there are already cameras there but there are so many people. There was discussion about the cause and timing of garbage issues. CT Hundt reported and thanked the person that came and cleaned up the area in response to the Marshal's email.

Tom Weber (807 E. Vera) asked whether he would be able to speak in response to discussion on upcoming item on agenda; Palmer Ave ROW. President Norkus responded that he would have the opportunity.

Beth Gassoway (517 E. Lake Front) stated the garbage was in issue when the dumpster was on the end of Service Ave. She reported the DWC has hired a landscaping company to help restore the garden on Service Ave.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA Progress: Nothing to report.

Green Space Committee: Nothing to report.

Park Board: Vice President Brown gave report.

Building & Building Site Committee: Councilor O'Neil gave report.

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

Capital Planning: Nothing to report.

Fire & Emergency Management: Councilor Malik gave report. Reminder: The Firemen's Ball is Saturday, July 6.

Indiana Dunes National (Lakeshore) Park: Nothing to report.

Plan Commission: Councilor O'Neil gave report.

NIRPC: Councilor Benson gave report.

Depot Museum and Gallery: Councilor Brown gave report.

Unfinished Business:

Coastal (Historic Landmark) Grant: President Norkus gave report. Meyer Glass came in with the lowest and most complete bid. Vice President Brown motioned to accept the quote of \$14,106.76 and to pay 50% up front. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Depot Window repair/replacement: President Norkus gave report. The production of the windows has been delayed.

Community FAQ development: Vice President Brown reported he is continuing to work on the FAQ and it has been uploaded to shared drive for additions and changes from Council members.

Five-year Capital Plan: nothing to report

Nisource request for tree cutting/replacement along Service Avenue: Councilor O'Neil reported that NIPSCO planted more trees than originally promised. He has laid a hose for ease in watering. President Norkus thanked him for the effort.

New zoning map: Councilor O'Neil gave report. The draft has been completed and they are currently working on the updates.

A/V equipment: Clerk Treasurer Hundt reported Councilor Benson has reviewed and approved suggestions by Frank Hardwick. Hardwick and CT Hundt are working to get Amazon business account set up for purchases.

Rebora feasibility study: Nothing to report.

New Business

President Norkus reported John Daraska has resigned from Plan Commission. Town Council thanked him for his service. President Norkus requested all interested parties should contact her or CT Hundt.

Capital Asset: CT Hundt reported annual capital assets reporting is now being required by the State Board of Accounts. She requested that Council create a policy with threshold so they can create an accurate capital asset list. CT Hundt provided a sample and educational power point for their review.

ROW license request: alley west of Broadway between US Highway 12 and Golfwood Rd.: There was discussion of the use of the Town's right of way. Councilor Benson pointed out there was no one there representing the restaurant. Councilor Benson motioned to table the issue. Councilor Malik seconded. The motion passed 4-1. There was more discussion regarding how to manage the illegal parking occurring on Town property.

Palmer Ave ROW – request for pedestrian access improvements on Palmer Ave unimproved right of way: Evelyn Jackson (6 S. Palmer) spoke on behalf of the residents on Palmer Ave. requesting permission to create a path and stairs on Palmer Ave. President Norkus gave additional background information. Councilor Malik motioned to allow the residents of Palmer Ave. explore this and come back to Council with a drawing and they (the residents) would have to pay for the project. Councilor O'Neil seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed 4-0. President Norkus recused herself and abstained from voting.

Short-term rentals: CT Hundt reports there are residents who are not registering their rentals with the Town and there are residents violating the short-term rental code. Councilor Malik motioned to authorize Attorney Nolan to contact these residents 30 days from date of CT's letter. Councilor Benson seconded. President Norkus added an amendment that the Attorney should contact resident only if no satisfactory response has been received. Councilor Malik approved amendment. Councilor Benson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Highway 12/Broadway crosswalk: Vice President Brown reported he had reached out to Rick Power and Joe McGinnis but has not received response. Councilor Benson reported there are a lot of things to consider if they plan to move forward with sidewalks. Vice President Brown and Councilor O'Neil will research and explore options.

Written Communication

President Norkus reported she received a request for mosquito spraying.

Town Council Comment

Councilor Benson stated he hoped they could make progress on the crosswalk.

Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Malik

Seconded by Councilor Benson

Approved by unanimous vote.

Time: 9:06 p.m.



Town Council President: Donna Norkus

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt