

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – December 12, 2017
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.

Welcome New Town Council Member

President Norkus welcomed Matrona Malik as the Town's newest Council member.

Public Presentations

None.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the November 20, 2017 TC meeting were presented. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor O'Neil seconded. Unanimously approved.

Report of the Police Department & Street Departments

Violation Clerk Report

CT Hundt had nothing to report.

Street Report

Marshal Resteau presented updates for the Street Department.

Police Report

Marshal Resteau presented updates for the Police Department. Porter County is to give the Town a 55% match for police radios not yet purchased.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2017-15 An Ordinance of the Beverly Shores Town Council Amending Portions of the Text of the Town Code and Ordinance Establishing Zoning and Subdivision Regulations Relating to Encroachment Licenses: Councilor Benson motioned to consider accepting the ordinance as presented. Councilor O'Neil seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Benson motioned to consider accepting the ordinance as presented on second reading during the same meeting as it was introduced. Councilor O'Neil seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Benson motioned to adopt Ordinance 2017-15. Vice President Brown seconded. Unanimously approved

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Claims – Clerk-Treasurer Hundt presented APV register, 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.

Public Comment:

Rafi Wilkinson (116 E. Neptune) gave presentation on a proposed management plan of roadbeds west of Derby Ditch. Mr. Wilkinson requested permission from Council to allow a small volunteer group to clear old roads of downed trees and other debris creating approximately an eight-foot-wide hiking path on old, Town owned road beds. Councilor Benson motioned to approve request. Councilor O'Neil seconded. Councilors Benson, Brown, and O'Neil voted yea. President Norkus voted nay. Councilor Malik abstained. The request was approved 3-1.

Scott Vlieg (21 S. Beach) thanked the Town Council for their assistance in helping move forward his in-laws building permit denial. They can now move on to the BZA process.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA Progress: Nothing to report.

Greenspace Committee: President Norkus gave report.

Park Board: Nothing to 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: Jay Hennessey gave report.

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore: Nothing to report.

Plan Commission: Councilor O'Neil gave report.

NIRPC: Councilor Benson gave report.

Depot Museum and Gallery: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

Request to waive water tap-in fee for 7 S. Drake: No update.

Cellular Tower Request: No update.

Coastal (Historic Landmark) Grant: No update.

NIPSCO lighting: NIPSCO representative to reach out in a few months.

Storage Facility (Phase III) update: No update.

Leaf pickup: CT Hundt reported she is still gathering information on options.

2018 Council meetings move to 3rd Tuesday of the month – REMINDER that meetings have moved for 2018.

Beach replenishment: Council Brown reported Governor's office will begin testing replenishment in Ogden Dunes in June 2018.

Depot Window repair/replacement: No update.

NIPSO tree removal request: Vice President Brown will revisit this issue when storage facility is finished.

Sign ordinance: No update.

Reasonable accommodation/town right-of-way: See Ordinance 2017-15.

East Beverly additional repair cost: Attorney Nolan reported he has paperwork to submit to CT Hundt for insurance information and will forward to Department of the Interior.

Job description revisions: Final revisions were done for Building Commissioner, Clerk-Treasurer, Town Marshal, and Street Superintendent. Councilor O'Neil motioned to approve. Councilor Benson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Title VI Plan: Attorney Nolan to finalize for January meeting. CT Hundt reported that she was willing to serve as Plan Administrator.

Electric Charging Station: Vice President Brown to continue researching.

New Business

Committee vacancies/appointments for 2018: There are vacancies on committees. CT Hundt to send email to residents requesting interested parties should contact her.

Employee benefit: President Norkus motioned to award CT Hundt a bonus of \$2,000. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Wish list – projects, committees: President Norkus encouraged Council members to contemplate future projects they may be interested in pursuing.

Website/email addresses, anonymous violation line: President Norkus discussed having .gov as domain. Councilor Benson reported that Gmail can utilize email domains in same manner. CT Hundt to research options. President Norkus also discussed the possibility of having an anonymous line where residents can report violations. CT Hundt to consider options.

Written Communication

President Norkus received email from resident Adam Peterson regarding paving of West Beverly.

Town Council Comment

President Norkus reported there are new grant opportunities from the Lake Michigan Coastal Program. CT Hundt to post information on website.

Councilor Benson wished everyone Happy Holidays.

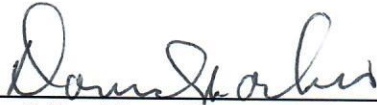
Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Benson.

Seconded by Councilor O'Neil.

Approved by unanimous vote.

Time: 8:10 p.m.



Town Council President: Donna Norkus

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt