**Town of Beverly Shores**

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 17, 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; Craig Nordstrom; Brian O’Neil; Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt; Also, present: Town Marshal Susan Resteau, Town Attorney Connor Nolan.

**Public Presentations**

Todd Williams from Hoosier Start gave a presentation on a deferred compensation product for full and part time employees as well as elected officials.

Jennifer Birchfield from Urban Water (contracted by the Save the Dunes) gave a presentation on the outcome of a study for the purposes of a social marketing outreach program regarding keeping a clean and safe septic system.

*Update – General Obligation Bond*: The sale of the 2017 GO Bond has been completed and updated information will be posted on the website.

*Update – Beverly Drive flooding*: Marshal Resteau gave report. Resident Ed Bracken assisted in discussion of solutions. East Beverly Drive will remain closed until further notice. President Norkus reported she and the Marshal, along with the Town’s Attorney, have started talks with the National Park on how to move forward together.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the March 20, 2017 TC meeting were presented. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Vice President Brown seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Report of the Police Department & Street Departments**

**Violation Clerk Report**

CT Hundt stated there was nothing significant to report.

**Police Report**

Marshal Resteau presented updates for the Police Department.

**Street Report**

Marshal Resteau presented updates for the Street Department. Bid requests for the road projects will be going out on 04/18/17.

**Ordinances & Resolutions:** CT Hundt read Resolution 2017-05 Resolution to Purchase Police Radios. Councilor Nordstrom motioned to approve. Councilor O’Neil seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Clerk-Treasurer’s Report**

*Consideration of Claims* – Clerk-Treasurer Hundt presented APV register, noting payments for expenses for the 2017 GO Bond were included. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor O’Neil seconded. Unanimously approved. CT Hundt also presented the Fund, Revenue, Appropriation reports, and Garbage reports. CT reported there are 37 second notice letters being sent to residents who have not paid their garbage bill. Statements and requests for payment to residents owing multiple years are also being sent. President Norkus inquired about the payroll fund being incorrect. CT Hundt reported she is still researching the issue. CT Hundt thanked Frank Hardwick for donating 7 hours of his time to setting up the Town’s new computers.

*Reestablishing the CCD Fund* – CT Hundt requested to hire Umbaugh and Associates to reestablish the CCD Fund. CT presented price estimates ranging from $1,500 (no meetings) to $3,000 (attendance at meetings). Councilor Benson suggested the Town use HWL due to the Town’s failure to reestablish the CCD Fund in the past. The decision was tabled until May to allow time for Attorney to provide information to Council.

*Investment of excess funds* –CT Hundt presented general information regarding the limited options for investing Bond proceeds. President Norkus was in favor of short-term investments. CT Hundt will contact local banks to determine what can be done and collect rate information.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Reports from Committees/Liaisons:**

**ADA Progress**: Councilor Nordstrom gave report.

**Greenspace Committee**: No report.

**Park Board**: No report.

**Building & Building Site Committee**: Councilor O’Neil gave report.

**Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA**): Councilor Nordstrom gave report.

**Capital Planning**: President Norkus gave report.

**Fire & Emergency Management**: Jay Hennessey gave report.

**Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore**: President Norkus gave report.

**Plan Commission**: Councilor O’Neil gave report.

**NIRPC**:  No report.

**Depot Museum and Gallery**:  President Norkus report.

**Old Business:**

*Cellular Tower Request*:  Councilors Brown reported talks with Verizon and AT & T are still ongoing. Brown reported a fiber optic broad band company has contacted him.

*Coastal (Historic Landmark) Grant:* President Norkus reported there is nothing new at this time.

*Update on House Bill 1133—Short Term Rentals:* Attorney Nolan reported HB1133 passed through the Senate with amendments. The House rejected the amendments. The Conference Committee will now meet over the matter.

*Insurance review request:* President Norkus reported she and CT Hundt met with Dan Nole from GIS to review Town’s insurance coverage. Insurance is getting updated to better reflect the needs of the Town.

*NIPSCO lighting –* Councilor O’Neil reported the NIPSCO representative made contact and Beverly Shores is slated to have bulbs replaced in 2020. O’Neil is waiting for additional information.

*Storage Facility (Phase III) update* – Councilor O’Neil reports the Town Center Working Group has reached 90% of their funding goal.

**New Business**

President Norkus reported People’s Climate March out of Highland has requested a statement of support from Council.

President Norkus reported CT Hundt will handle the census update and information.

An Executive Session was scheduled for April 24, 2017 at 7pm.

**Written Communication**

None.

**Town Council Comment**

Councilor O’Neil reminded everyone to pull Garlic Mustard.

**Adjourn:**

Motion to Adjourn by Vice President Brown.

Seconded by Councilor Benson.

Approved by unanimous vote.

Time: 8:29 p.m.

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Town Council President: Donna Norkus

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Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt