

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – January 15, 2020
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: Councilors Geof Benson, John Blackburn, Susan Loeb, Matrona Malik, and Thomas Weber were present. Also, present: Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt, Town Marshal Ed Clapp. Town Attorney Connor Nolan was absent.

Council President and Vice President Nominations

Councilor Malik motioned to elect Councilor Benson as President. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved.

Councilor Malik motioned to elect Councilor Loeb as Vice President. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved.

Title VI Survey Availability

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

Public Presentations

Ed Kleese, ABSR – requested use of Administration Building for the Speaker Series:

- February 16th — New Marshal Ed Clapp
- February 23rd — Steel Mills Spill Update
- March 8th — Slide Tour Bartlett Homes
- April 26th — Great Marsh update

Councilor Malik motioned to approve request. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

CT Hundt received request from Senator Tallian to change the date for a Town Hall to February 29, 2020 from 12:30pm – 2:30pm. Councilor Blackburn motioned to approve request. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the December 17, 2019 TC meeting were presented. Councilor Weber motioned to approve. Vice President Loeb seconded. Unanimously approved.

Minutes for the December 20, 2019 TC meeting were presented. Councilor Weber motioned to approve. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Minutes for the December 30, 2019 TC meeting were presented. Councilor Malik motioned to approve. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved.

Four-year Term Appointments

Park Board: Councilor Malik motioned to reappoint Frank Hardwick for a 4-year term. Vice President Loeb seconded. Unanimously approved.

Green Space Committee: Councilor Malik motioned to reappoint Joan Solbeck for a 4-year term. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

BZA: Councilor Weber motioned to reappoint Greg Lyman for a 4-year term. Vice President Loeb seconded. Unanimously approved.

Annual Appointments & Contracts:

Town Attorney: Councilor Malik motioned to retain Connor Nolan from Harris Welsh & Lukmann as the Town Attorney. Vice President Loeb seconded. Unanimously approved.

Street Superintendent and Marshal: Councilor Weber motioned for Ed Clapp to continue as Marshal and Street Superintendent. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

Fire Chief: Andy Himan Sr. is the Chief of the Beverly Shores Volunteer Fire Department.

The following were all approved by unanimous consensus:

Monthly Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Newspaper for Legal Notices: Chesterton Tribune

Bank of Record: Porter Bank

Animal Control Contract: Porter County Animal Control

Building Commissioner: Charles Ray, Duneland Group

Building and Site Committee: The following were appointed for 1-year terms:

Dave Wagner
Scott Vliek
Mark Lies
Margaret Williford
John Mackin

Plan Commission: The following were appointed for 1-year terms:

Donna Norkus
Larry Stanton
Joe Kapacinskas
Greg Brown

NIRPC Commissioner: Geof Benson was reappointed.

Capital Planning Committee: Steve Coughlin was appointed as citizen appointment.

BZA: Donna Norkus was appointed by President Benson.

Council liaisons:

ADA: Councilor Malik

Building & Building Site Committee: Vice President Loeb

BZA: Vice President Loeb

Capital Planning Committee: Councilor Blackburn

Depot Museum and Gallery: Councilor Blackburn and Vice President Loeb

Fire & Emergency Management: Councilor Weber

Greenspace Committee: Vice President Loeb

Indiana Dunes National Park: Councilors Blackburn & Weber

Park Board: Councilor Malik

Plan Commission: Councilors Blackburn & Weber

Police Dept: Councilor Malik

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 reminded everyone that the restrictions for weight and speed on Lake Front Dr. are still in effect.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2020-01 Personnel Policy

Vice President Loeb motioned to consider on first reading. Councilor Blackburn seconded. There was discussion regarding wording and policy. Changes were made. Unanimously approved.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Claims –CT Hundt presented APV registers, noting items that were not in monthly expenses. Councilor Malik motioned to approve. Councilor Weber 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.

Public Comment

None.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA Progress: Nothing to report.

Green Space Committee: Nothing to report.

Park Board: Nothing to report.

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

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

Capital Planning: Nothing to report.

Fire & Emergency Management: Nothing to report.

Indiana Dunes National Park: Nothing to report.

Plan Commission: Councilor Weber.

NIRPC: Nothing to report.

Depot Museum and Gallery: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

Emergency revetment projects at Lakeview and Hutchinson: President Benson thanked the previous Town Council for setting it up to be able to do the work. He thanked Ed Bracken for being a hero to the Town and volunteering his time and expertise. He thanked Matrona Malik and her group of volunteers. He stated that the work at Hutchinson held up and without it, the storm on Saturday could have been devastating. Lake View also took a beating, but it could have been worse if not for what had been done. Benson met with the National Park Service (NPS) and a representative from Trap Bags to determine what to do: Trap Bags is going to donate more bags, NPS will supply the labor, Ed Bracken will oversee, and the Town may provide additional sand. The tentative schedule would have them begin next Monday. Benson also read a letter from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security which stated that there are no funds available at this time and what is happening does not meet their definition of emergency.

Councilor Blackburn motioned that Town Council approve a change order with City Sands, LLC, in an additional dollar amount not to exceed \$5,440.00 for up to 1,814 more cubic yards of sand. Blackburn also stated that a declaration of emergency is still in effect. Councilor Malik seconded. Discussion included description of new configuration with 2 rows of bags on bottom and a third row on top of the two. Unanimously approved.

Councilor Blackburn thanked President Benson for his leadership on this emergency project. He further thanked the previous Council for their work on this.

Vice President Loeb asked if the Town's sand should be tested. President Benson stated it was not cost effective at \$10,000 for testing.

President Benson suggested that the Town start exploring alternative plans for accessing Lake Front homes.

Radmilla Bogdanich (106 S. Montana) asked if there were long term plans. Benson answered that the NPS had done a study years ago but could never get the funding for it. Blackburn stated that the Plan Commission should be looking at that as they update the Comprehensive Plan. Weber suggested revisiting the studies and collaborating with the NPS.

Marshal Clapp warned everyone to stay off the stairs at Shore and that he has closed them. He additionally warned people to use caution at Rebora.

Toots Foy (424 E. Myrtle) inquired about fund-raising. Malik suggested reaching out to the ABSR Foundation when and if it's needed.

Sam Olin (431 E. Roberts) asked if there was an emergency plan if the road was breached. Benson said that the utility companies have plans.

Annette Young (307 E. Brightwater) asked if the Town had talked to US DOT. Benson said it was not interested in helping.

Coastal (Historic Landmark) Grant: No update.

A/V equipment: CT Hundt reported she is still working on finding a vendor to work within State laws. Councilor Weber motioned to approve spending up to \$5,000 from the LIT fund for A/V equipment. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

New zoning map: Nothing new to report.

Capital Asset: Nothing new to report.

Census 2020: Benson reminded everyone this was happening this year and to make sure everyone is counted.

New Business

Go Bond status and Community Crossing grant status: Nothing to report at this time due to balance of GO Bond unknown because of erosion emergency.

Written Communication

None.

Town Council Comment

President Benson encouraged everyone to read the Comprehensive Plan because it has a good history of the revetment work.

Councilor Malik reported that one new furnace was installed today. Benson reported they discovered standing water in the crawl space and that is what is causing the moisture in the building on the windows and doors.

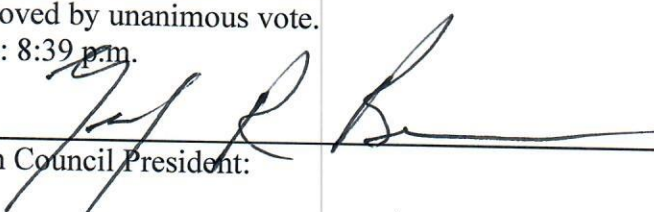
Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Malik

Seconded by Councilor Weber

Approved by unanimous vote.

Time: 8:39 p.m.



Town Council President:

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt