

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 18, 2021
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, Marshal Ed Clapp, and Town Attorney Connor Nolan.

Title VI Survey Availability

President Benson announced the availability of the Title VI public involvement survey. This survey is available online via the Town’s website.

Public Presentations

~~Marquette Bikeway Planning Update, Robert Thompson, AICP, Director, Dept. of Development & Storm Water Mgmt., Porter County~~

~~Public Comments & Questions/Answers on Bikeway~~ Presenter cancelled. Will be on June agenda.

Chuck & Nancy Steffel - 11 E. Lake Front - driveway in right-of-way: Residents presented plan. There was discussion including concepts from Comprehensive Plan. Councilor Malik motioned to deny the extended parking for 11 E. Lake Front. Vice President Loeb seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = nay. Malik = yea. Weber = nay. The motion passed 3-2.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of April 20, 2021 Council Meeting minutes

Vice President Loeb motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Weber seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved.

Approval of April 29 Council Meeting minutes

Councilor Malik motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Loeb seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved.

Report of Police & Street Departments

Violation Report

#11933 – Brown: Councilor Malik motioned to deny appeal. Councilor Blackburn seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved.

Police Report – Marshal Clapp gave report. He announced that Jamie Spanier is leaving the force and thanked him for his 20+ years of service to the Town.

Street Report – Resurfacing of Lake Front, from Broadway to Derby, has been completed. Crack sealing has not been completed. Councilor Benson explained that Broadway will be closed some time in June for work related to the Double Track Project. Additionally, Kemil will be closed at some point later in the summer. Vice President Loeb requested that a few more signs be put up by the new vegetation west of Lake View.

Ordinances & Resolutions

None.

Electronic /Remote Meeting Participation Policy

Waiting on Governor's decision.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Claims –CT Hundt presented APV registers, noting items that were not in monthly expenses. Vice President Loeb motioned to approve the April 2021 APVs. Councilor Blackburn seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved. CT Hundt also presented the Fund, Revenue, Appropriation reports, Garbage reports, 4 bank reconciliations, and payroll reports. Council Blackburn will sign off on reports.

Consideration of Claims for Bonds, 2020 Series – Councilor Weber motioned to approve. Vice President Loeb seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved. RDA to approve claims at next meeting.

Rieth-Riley invoices: Paving work done on Lake Front and curb replacement was previously approved to be paid from the Bonds, 2020 Series in August 2020 and April 2021 respectively. Councilor Weber motioned to pay these from the Roads & Capital Improvements Fund (448) instead of the Bond, Series 2020 (418), as it would deplete the Bond, Series 2020 fund. Vice President Loeb seconded. There was discussion. Councilor Malik stated this would deplete the Roads & Capital Improvements fund. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = nay. Weber = yea. The motion passed 4-1.

Public Comment

Bridget Degnen (527 E. Lake Front): Resident verbally presented her new plans for using the Town right of way for redoing driveway. Vice President Loeb requested that resident submit new plans and present at June meeting.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA progress: Councilor Malik reported the new handicap parking sign was placed at the Palmer Ave parking lot and Marshal Clapp will be painting the lines.

Greenspace Committee:: Vice President Loeb gave report.

Park Board:: Councilor Malik gave report.

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

Board of Zoning Appeals: There was no meeting.

Capital Planning Committee: There was no meeting.

Fire & Emergency Management: No report.

Indiana Dunes National Park:: Councilor Blackburn reported there were communications regarding the Marquette Trail.

Plan Commission: Councilor Blackburn gave report.

NIRPC: President Benson had no report but gave instructions on how to join upcoming meeting.

Depot Museum and Gallery: Councilor Blackburn reported there will be a Veterans event on Saturday, May 22, at 1pm.

Unfinished Business:

AV equipment purchase and installation: No update.

Report on re-vegetation project on shoreline; consider methods to deter trampling of new plantings. Councilor Weber reported all marram grass has been planted. He will ask CARDNO to put up fencing at Derby, on the lake side because people are climbing up on the dune to avoid the ditch.

Honoring Ed Bracken & citizen volunteers: No update.

Garbage can/recycling task force: Councilor Blackburn reported Republic is working on various proposals. Councilor Malik reported there is a pest problem as raccoons are feeding during the day and mice are getting into the fire house; it is a problem. Additionally, she added the Town is the exception when it comes to providing these additional garbage bins.

Smith Group progress and tasks: Vice President Loeb reported Smith Group will be meeting Friday, May 21, on site. Ed Bracken will also meet with herself and Councilor Weber. Loeb and Weber will be creating a core working group including a member of the Park Board and residents.

Mackin Invoices: Councilor Blackburn motioned to authorize Benson and Loeb to reach a settlement with Mackin and come back to Council with recommendation. Councilor Weber seconded. There was a discussion including explanations from Mackin. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved.

New Business

Suggested modifications to NIPSCO lights.

Vice President Loeb received communications from Alan Bell, ABSR Environment Committee. It has been reported that some of the new streetlights are too bright. Questions for NIPSCO: "Are cutoff shields available that can be installed to the new lights, which would cut down on glare. Can we get a sheet with the complete specifications on the new equipment? Most importantly what we are looking for would be the specification on the "beam angle", which is critical to the amount of glare coming off of each light." Benson will give contact information to Loeb.

Written Communications

None.

Town Council Comment

Vice President Loeb requested that people with dogs stop putting poop bags in other people's garbage bins as not all residents are here to have bins emptied on a weekly basis.

Councilor Malik requested that people do not abandon poop bags in the road or other people's yards.

Councilor Blackburn explained that he brought up the BZA in regard to the Steffel's request because he wondered if the Council should be hearing the request before the BZA.

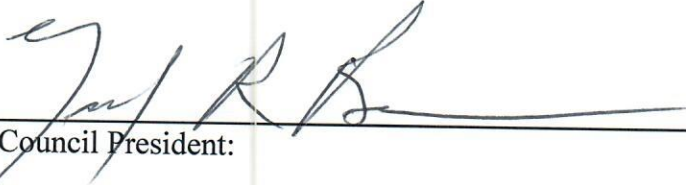
Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by Vice President Loeb.

Seconded by Councilor Malik.


There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved.

Time: 8:59 p.m.



Town Council President:

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer
Ellen Hundt