

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 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.
(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 Hearing and First Reading of the 2021 Budget and Salary Ordinance

President Benson opened the public hearing at 7:02 pm. CT Hundt presented the budget and salary ordinance on first reading. There was no public comment. The public hearing was closed.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of August 18, 2020 Council Meeting minutes

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

Approval of August 26, 2020 Council Meeting minutes

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

Approval of September 01, 2020 Council Meeting minutes

Councilor Malik motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Blackburn 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 – CT Hundt presented appeals:

PV#11648/Anand: Councilor Malik motioned to deny appeal. Councilor Blackburn seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved.

PV#11682/Ratkovich: Councilor Malik motioned to deny appeal. Councilor Blackburn seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved.

PV#11683/Crowel: Councilor Malik motioned to deny appeal. Councilor Blackburn seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved

PV#11684/Massie: Councilor Malik motioned to deny appeal. Councilor Blackburn seconded. There was discussion. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved.

Police Report – Marshal Clapp gave report.

Street Report – Superintendent Clapp gave report. West Lake Front drive repaving is in scheduling. Crack sealing is delayed until work is done. New ‘No Parking’ signs have been installed along Lake Front at project areas.

Ordinances & Resolutions

None.

Clerk-Treasurer’s Report

Consideration of Claims –CT Hundt presented APV registers, noting items that were not in monthly expenses.. Councilor Blackburn 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. President Benson abstained from voting on his IDEM Grant reimbursement. CT Hundt also presented the Fund, Revenue, Appropriation reports, Garbage reports, and 4 bank reconciliations. Council Blackburn will sign off on reports.

Consideration of Claims for Bonds, 2020 Series – Councilor Weber motioned to approve. Councilor Malik 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.

Public Comment

None.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA progress: No meeting was held.

Greenspace Committee: No meeting was held.

Park Board: Councilor Malik gave report.

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

Board of Zoning Appeals: No meeting was held.

Capital Planning Committee: No meeting was held.

Fire & Emergency Management: Councilor Weber gave report.

Indiana Dunes National Park: Councilor Blackburn gave report.

Plan Commission: No meeting was held.

NIRPC: President Benson gave report.

Depot Museum and Gallery: No report.

Unfinished Business:

Coastal (Historic Landmark) Grant: No update.

Reopen and award bids for furnace and air in fire station: President Benson requested rebids for this meeting from contractors due to lack of quote for air conditioning. LaCorte was still the lowest, most responsible, and most responsive bid. Councilor Blackburn motioned to accept the bid from LaCorte for \$13,796.82. Councilor Weber seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = yea. Weber = yea.

AV equipment purchase and installation: No update.

Update on Emergency Work on Lake Front Drive: President Benson gave update. The NPS permit has been extended until November 30, 2020. East end has been prepped with tree removal and placement of rip rap. Ed Bracken continues to look at areas that continue to be eroded. There was discussion about lack of accessible beaches. President Benson reminded everyone that most of the beaches belong to NPS and this project is meant to protect the road. Additionally, when the lake recedes, the sand will come up and move over the rock. When the beaches come back, the Town can rebuild stairs at Town owned beaches.

Revegetation update: Vice President gave update. There was discussion. Councilor Weber motioned to allow Attorney Nolan to put together invitation to bid for the revegetation of approximately 3.1 acres, that has been restored, with bids to be received by 2pm, October 5, 2020 with the awarding of bids on or after October 08, 2020, and that the specifications are based upon the memo as revised at the time of this meeting. Councilor Malik seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = yea. Weber = yea.

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services – Attorney Nolan, Vice President Loeb, and Councilor Blackburn will create scoring grid to be presented at the October 5, 2020 meeting.

Ed Bracken work arrangement: Councilor Malik motioned to extend Ed Bracken's contract through November 30, 2020 at a not to exceed cost of \$50,000. Councilor Weber seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = yea. Weber = yea.

NIPSCO utility resilience progress update: President Benson reports it appears NIPSCO is done with project.

Census 2020: No update.

Decision on Insurance amount for Goblin & Grocer contract \$2M or \$1M?: There was a Council consensus that the approved contractor requiring 2,000,000 coverage stands.

Crosswalk at 12 & Broadway: Councilor Malik motioned to allow Marshal Clapp and Attorney Nolan to request quotes for the crosswalk at Broadway and Highway 12. Councilor Blackburn

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

New Business:

Community House OSSF and sump pump issues quotes: Three quotes were requested and only one was received. Councilor Weber motioned to accept quote from Free Flow and to authorize them to do the work identified in their quote plus any additional work upon discovery up to \$3,000, to be paid from the 2017 GO Bond. Councilor Blackburn seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = yea. Weber = yea.

Possible to make the date for leaf pick up later in time in November: There was discussion about the date of pickup and utilizing Town property for leaf disposal. Councilor Malik stated that it was determined that the area on West Service Avenue was not appropriate. CT Hundt will follow up with Signature Lawns about dates.

Alternatives for the council to address the ArcelorMittal violations: Councilor Weber to draft letter to IDEM that the Town is very concerned about continued violations and the Town would like them to step up their efforts to deter future violations.

Bids for generator for Town Hall/Fire House: CT Hundt requested 3 quotes, one was received. Councilor Blackburn motioned to accept quote from KB Electric for \$7,695.73 for the removal of generator and transfer switch and the installation of new generator and transfer switch. Vice President Loeb seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = yea. Weber = yea.

Written Communications:

The ERG requested permission to remove burning bush from the Town rights-of-way. Councilor Blackburn motioned to allow the ERG to remove burning bush from the Town rights-of way. Councilor Weber seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = yea. Weber = yea.

Town Council Comment:

Councilor Malik requested that residents volunteer to help with traffic control.


Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Malik

Seconded by Councilor Blackburn.

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

Time: 9:06 p.m.



Town Council President:

Attest:

Ellen Hundt

Clerk-Treasurer
Ellen Hundt