

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – January 17, 2023
Administration Building – 500 S. Broadway, Beverly Shores, IN

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
(This meeting was a hybrid meeting and broadcasted live via Microsoft Teams and was recorded.)

Roll Call - Council Members: Councilors Geof Benson, Susan Loeb, John Blackburn, Matrona Malik, and Donna Norkus were present. Also, present: Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt, Marshal Ed Clapp, and Attorney Connor Nolan.

CT Hundt asked if there was a motion to elect a Council President. Councilor Loeb motioned to elect Geof Benson as President. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

President Benson asked if there was a motion to elect a Council Vice President. Councilor Malik motioned to elect Councilor Loeb as Vice President. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

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

John Cannon, NWI Outreach Representative, Office of Attorney General Todd Rokita
Cannon introduced himself and discussed some of the things his office is involved in: Legislative interpretation, unclaimed property, consumer protection, Medicaid fraud, recalls, etc.

Requests to use Town Hall

CT Hundt presented 2 requests for the use of Town Hall. Councilor Malik requested the applications be uploaded to the shared drive prior to meeting. Vice President Loeb motioned to approve the use of Town Hall for the ABSR monthly board meeting and for February 19 and March 5 for ABSR's Speaker Series. Councilor Malik seconded. Councilor Norkus offered an amendment to remove the approval of the ABSR's monthly board meetings as it is already covered in the Rules for the use of Town Hall. Vice President Loeb motioned to accept removal. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of December 20, 2022, Council Meeting minutes

Councilor Malik motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

Elections and Appointments for 2023

Park Board: Councilor Malik motioned to reappoint Paula Tillman to the Park Board for a 4-year term. Councilor Norkus seconded. Unanimously approved.

Green Space Committee: Vice President Loeb motioned to reappoint Joan Solbeck for a 3-year term. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Blackburn motioned to reappoint Larry Stanton for a 3-year term. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Malik motioned to appoint Thomas Dodd to a 3-year term. Councilor Norkus seconded. Unanimously approved.

BZA: President Benson reappointed Mary Fulghum for a 4-year term.

Plan Commission: President Benson reappointed David Phelps for a 4-year term as the Citizen member.

Attorney: Councilor Malik motioned to reappointment Harris Welsh & Lukmann as legal counsel. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

Street Superintendent and Marshal: Councilor Malik motioned to reappointment Edward Clapp. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

Fire Chief: Councilor Malik motioned to reappointment Andy Himan Sr. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

Monthly meeting days and times: Third Tuesdays at 7pm.

Newspaper for Legal Notices: Vice President Loeb motioned to use NWI Times. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

Bank of Record: Councilor Malik motioned to continue using Porter Bank. Councilor Norkus seconded. Unanimously approved.

Building Commissioner: Councilor Malik motioned to reappointment David Wagner. Vice President Loeb seconded. Unanimously approved.

Building and Site Committee- 5: Councilor Malik motioned to reappointment Mark Lies, David Wagner, Scott Vliek, Margaret Williford, and Brian O'Neil for 1 year terms. Vice President Loeb seconded. Unanimously approved.

Plan Commission 3: Vice President Loeb motioned to reappoint John Blackburn, Donna Norkus, and Larry Stanton for one year. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

NIRPC Commissioner: President Benson appointed CT Hundt.

Capital Planning Committee: Councilor Norkus motioned to reappoint Steve Coughlin, as resident member, and John Blackburn, as Council member (term limit?). Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

RDA Transit Development District: Councilor Malik motioned to appoint John Blackburn as representative. Councilor Norkus seconded. Unanimously approved.

Council liaisons:

ADA: Malik

Building & Building Site Committee: Loeb

BZA: Norkus

Capital Planning Committee: Blackburn

Depot Museum and Gallery:

Fire & Emergency Management: Loeb

Greenspace Committee: Loeb

Indiana Dunes National Park: Blackburn and Loeb

Park Board: Norkus

Plan Commission: Norkus and Blackburn

Police Dept: Malik

Volunteer Fire Dept

Report of Police & Street Departments

Violation Report: Nothing to report

Police Report: Marshal Clapp gave report. Kevin Murphy is new full-time midnights officer.

Street Report: Attorney Nolan and Clapp to prepare and advertise for bids for the 2023-01 Community Crossings Grant. A Council meeting will be held on Friday, January 27 at 2pm to open bids.(This meeting was later rescheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 3:30 due to the CCG deadline being the 27th.)

Ordinances & Resolutions

None.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

CT Hundt presented the 2023 Republic Contract that included a monthly increase of \$425. Councilor Norkus motioned to have a public hearing for a rate increase. Councilor Blackburn seconded. There was discussion. Attorney Nolan advised that a public hearing was only required if the Town Council were to raise garbage & recycling fees to the residents. Councilor Norkus motioned to vacate the public hearing. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Norkus motioned to approve the contract as presented. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

Consideration of Claims –CT Hundt presented 2 APV register, noting items that were not monthly expenses. Vice President Loeb motioned to approve the APVs as presented. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved. CT Hundt also presented the Fund, Revenue,

Appropriation reports, 4 bank reconciliations, payroll reports, and Automatic Transfers. Council Blackburn will sign off on reports.

Consideration of Claims for Bonds, 2020 Series: No claims.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA progress: Nothing to report.

Greenspace Committee: No meeting.

Park Board: No meeting.

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

Board of Zoning Appeals: No Meeting

Capital Planning Committee: Councilor Blackburn gave report.

Fire & Emergency Management: President Benson gave report. Matt Smith has taken a leave of absence from the department.

Indiana Dunes National Park: No meeting

Plan Commission: Councilor Norkus gave report.

NIRPC: Nothing to report.

~~Depot Museum & Gallery:~~

Unfinished Business:

Carolina Ave Campsite MOA with NPS progress: Nothing new to report.

Smith Group progress and tasks: Nothing new to report.

Resolution from Town Council Re: Town Right of Way: Attorney Nolan to have prepared resolution at next meeting.

New Business

CT Hundt announced that Sally Bagnall has been sworn in as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.

Public Comment

Mike McCurdy, 41 S. Oval: Stated that the Building Commissioner and the entire Building & Building Site Committee are not qualified, and their authority is illegal.

John Mackin, 204 S. Quigley. Stated he is still waiting for information about ADA compliance on the Rebora stairs. Stated he is waiting for information he requested about new stairs at Shore Ave.

Nick Davey, Township Trustee: Introduced himself and Mark Schneider as new members of Pines Township Board.

Glenn Clarke, 712 E. Wilson.: Stated the entire Building & Building Site Committee should resign.

Written Communications

None.

Town Council Comment

Councilor Malik thanked all the volunteers who serve on the Town's committees and boards. Malik further stated we are all neighbors and should treat each other as such.

Adjourn:

Councilor Malik motioned to adjourn.

Councilor Blackburn seconded.

Adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Town Council President:

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer

Ellen Hundt


