

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 21, 2019
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, Matrona Malik, and Brian O'Neil were present. Also, present: Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Sally Bagnall, Town Marshal Susan Resteau, and Town Attorney Connor Nolan.

Public Presentations

Mary Marvel, ABSR Community Foundation, presented a gift of the new storage building at 35 W. Service Ave. to the town. She thanked all who contributed to the Town Center projects. Councilor O'Neil moved to accept the gift for the Town and Councilor Benson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the April 16, 2019 TC meeting were presented. Councilor O'Neil motioned to approve. Councilor Benson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Report of the Police Department & Street Departments: Marshal Resteau gave report.

Violation Clerk Report

No violation report from Assistant CT.

Police Report

Marshal Resteau presented updates for the Police Department. Marshal Resteau provided an update of the Code Enforcement officer and Parks Department President worked on Boat violations. All boat owners, except one, have complied with the ordinance since issuance of first ticket. A second ticket will be issued to the single boat owner.

Street Report

Marshal Resteau presented updates for the Street Department.

Proposal for bid submission for the following was presented to Council prior to meeting:

- Street & sidewalk sweeping – One bid submitted - Signature
- Grass cutting and brush trimming- One bid submitted – Signature
- Leaf removal one bid submitted- Signature
- Debris removal- one bid submitted – Signature.

* Tree removal- "Owen" The Marshal is waiting for a bid from last year's tree service (Owen) this week. No other bid was submitted for tree removal.

Vice President Brown motioned to accept the bid for four services to Signature and the bid for tree removal from Owen pending receipt of bid. Councilor Benson seconded. Unanimously approved.

The pavement surrounding the drain on Lake Shore County Road will be resurfaced during the first part of next week depending on weather. Paving projects will continue beyond anticipated completion date due to delays related to weather.

*Tree budget is \$5000.00 per year and no bids were made. Marshal Resteau commented that eighty percent of the tree cutting has been done by Greg Brown and her. She publicly thanked Ed Bracken , Dave Wagner and her Deputy, Ed, for all the volunteering they have done to cut the downed trees.

Ordinances & Resolutions- None

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Claims – Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Bagnall presented APV registers, noting items that were not monthly expenses. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Vice President Brown seconded. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment

John Blackburn (103 W Ripplewater) invited the community and town council to Morning Coffee from 8-10 am with a presentation of the Bird Town Dedication this Monday.

Ed Kleese thanked the community and all the participating committees and groups for their contributions toward the projects for the town.

Ed Kleese asked how a person could help those in need with their garbage bills mentioned in the recent Sand Tracks issue. Councilor Malik and President Norkus explained the fund was created by CT Hundt. Donations are anonymous and no disclosure is made those people needing assistance. Those interested in participating and contribute were asked and encouraged to contact CT Hundt.

Paula Tillman (713 E. Rogers) questioned if there is any control by the town when a train blocks the railroad crossing at Lake Shore County Road- Marshal will follow up.

Tammy Watkins, Pine Township Trustee updated on the success of the recent food pantry. The Township Trustee also advised her office does offer assistance with food, rent and utilities to community members in need. The next food pantry will be in September at the Pines Township Firehouse on Highway 520.

Donna Excell-Steffel (37 S. Oval) provided additional ways to assist those in need with their NIPSCO utility bills can be done by donating specifically to that household anonymously.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA Progress: Nothing to report

Green Space Committee: Councilor Malik gave report.

Park Board: Vice President Brown gave report.

Building & Building Site Committee: Councilor O'Neil gave report.

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

Capital Planning: Councilor Malik gave report.

Fire & Emergency Management: Councilor Malik gave report. Topics discussed the planning of the upcoming fundraising with the Fireman's Ball in July.

Indiana Dunes National (Lakeshore) Park: Nothing to report. No communication.

Plan Commission: Councilor O'Neil gave report.

NIRPC: Councilor Benson gave report. The plan for the year 2050 is in progress. The 2010 Census was addressed and noted in the loss of one State Congressman and the need for counting everyone in 2020. The count for 2010 was valued at \$800.00 per person. In 2020 that value has increased to roughly \$2000.00 per person.

Depot Museum and Gallery: Vice President Brown gave report. The Depot's 5 x 5 sale/fund raiser was great. Councilor Norkus requested that Councilor Brown look into an outstanding check from the town of \$455.00.

Unfinished Business:

Coastal (Historic Landmark) Grant: President Norkus gave report. They have received two quoted for the exterior window replacement and are now under review.

Storage Facility (Phase III) update: Completed. President Norkus removed from unfinished business.

Depot Window repair/replacement: President Norkus gave report. The production of the windows will not be ready until June.

Community FAQ development: Vice President Brown reported he is continuing to work on the list and now waiting on Dave Wagner's input with building committee issues.

Five-year Capital Plan: nothing to report

Nisource request for tree cutting/replacement along Service Avenue: Councilor O'Neil has continued to meet with NiSource and community groups and they have seeded the property and will soon be planting shrubs and trees. The Dunes Women's Club inquired if there was more money coming from NIPSCO and has been told that there is no further money toward the project. Councilor O'Neil stated that there are numerous natives coming up after the clearing including some that were not previously there. Marshal Resteau asked if NIPSCO had any plans to repair the Calumet Trail, as this was also part of the agreement. Councilor O'Neil is to follow up with improving the trail since it has been further damaged during tree removal.

NICTD lighting: They will support any change except financially. The cost is \$20,000.00 and President Norkus is removing from the Agenda if no community partner expresses interest in undertaking the project.

Purdue University beach erosion study: Aware that they were out with drones last week but nothing to report.

New zoning map: Councilor O'Neil gave report. Waiting for completion by the Building Commissioner

A/V equipment: Assistant Clerk Treasurer states that Frank Hardwick is still exploring options.

New Business

President Norkus made a request of the use of the Administration Building for LCMP Coastal Grant Committee meeting on May 29 from 1-3pm. Councilor Benson motioned to approve and Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Written Communication None.

Town Council Comment

President Norkus commented with a warning to everyone to be aware of the risks related to ransom ware notably from the recent news from Baltimore and encouraged all to have a backup to their computers. She also commented that complaints have been received from people regarding not getting information in a timely manner about paving schedule. She asked that neighbors share information with those that are not on the community email tree. She also advised the community of a NWI Times article regarding a court decision on short term rentals resulting in issuance of a permanent injunction plus additional penalties.

Councilor O'Neil reminded everyone to continue pulling garlic mustard but be very cognizant of poison ivy (rash shown) and ticks. He also thanked Mary Marvel and all those involved in seeing through the completion of the Community funded projects and donation of the storage building to the town.

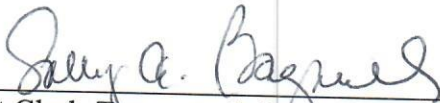
Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Malik
Seconded by Councilor Benson
Approved by unanimous vote.
Time: 8:06 p.m.



Town Council President: Donna Norkus

Attest:



Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Sally Bagnall