Town of Beverly Shores

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – August 21, 2018 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: Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt, Town Marshal Susan Resteau, and Town Attorney Connor Nolan.

Public Presentations

Ed Kleese, ABSR, requested to reserve Administration Building Conference Room September 23 1:00-5:00 p.m. Councilor Malik motioned to approve request. Councilor O'Neil seconded. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the July 17, 2018 TC meeting were presented. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Report of the Police Department & Street Departments

Violation Clerk Report

CT Hundt had nothing to report.

Police Report

Marshal Resteau presented updates for the Police Department.

Street Report

Marshal Resteau presented updates for the Street Department. Resteau requested Council to consider two projects to be paid from GO Bond; brush hogging West Beverly and a Town tree removal project.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2018-06 An Ordinance of the Beverly Shores Town Council Amending Portions of the Text of the Town Code and Zoning Ordinance Relating to Signs

Councilor Benson motioned to approve on first reading. Councilor Malik seconded.

Unanimously approved. Councilor Benson motioned to consider on second reading during the same meeting as it was introduced. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Councilor Benson motioned to adopt ordinance. Councilor Malik Seconded. Unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 2018-07 Additional Appropriation for the Community Crossings Matching Fund (Fund 447)

Councilor Benson motioned to approve on first reading. Vice President seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Benson motioned to consider on second reading during the same meeting as it was introduced. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Benson motioned to adopt ordinance. Councilor Malik Seconded. Unanimously approved.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Claims – Clerk-Treasurer Hundt presented APV register, noting items that were not monthly expenses. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. CT Hundt also presented the Fund, Revenue, Appropriation reports, and Garbage reports. Hundt reminded everyone of important budget dates: September 18th, 7pm for public hearing and October 16th for budget adoption. CT Hundt also requested Council's approval to open up Town Hall on August 25, 2018 for the ABSR's ribbon cutting ceremony. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor O'Neil seconded. Unanimously approved.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA Progress: Nothing to report.

Greenspace Committee: President Norkus gave report.

Park Board: Councilor Malik 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 Benson gave report.

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore: Vice President Brown gave report.

Plan Commission: Councilor O'Neil gave report.

NIRPC: Councilor Benson gave report.

Depot Museum and Gallery: President Norkus gave report.

Unfinished Business:

Coastal (Historic Landmark) Grant: President Norkus reported they are waiting for Coastal approval of bids.

Storage Facility (Phase III) update: Councilor O'Neil reported there is a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 25th at 10am. He also reported the Joint Operating Agreements still have to be completed and a representative of the ABSR will need to officially offer the building to the Town at a Council meeting.

Depot Window repair/replacement: President Norkus reported they are waiting for scaled-down bids.

East Beverly additional repair cost: Attorney Nolan reported he received a letter from the Dept. of the Interior that they are sending the request to a department in the National Park Service for review.

Job description revisions: Councilor Benson motioned to accept job description updates and revisions for Plan Commission President, Plan Commission Member, BZA President, and BZA member. Vice President Brown seconded. Unanimously approved.

Electric Charging Station: Vice President Brown reported the new charging system is up and working and it displays that it now charges at a cost to the customer.

Wish list - projects, committees: Nothing to report.

Website/email addresses, anonymous violation line: Nothing new to report.

Community House Windows: CT Hundt reported the new windows are being installed on August 22nd.

Community FAQ development: Vice President Brown reported he sent draft to CT Hundt.

Five-year Capital Plan: Nothing to report.

Nisource request for tree cutting/replacement along Service Avenue: Nothing new to report.

Auction of confiscated/unclaimed property: Nothing new to report.

New Business

President Norkus requested to schedule an Executive Session to be at 6pm on September 18, 2018. Council Members to let CT Hundt know availability so she can post notice.

Written Communication

None.

Town Council Comment

President Norkus warned residents of an IRS scam and to remember the IRS will never call you at home.

Councilor Benson reported NIPSCO has gotten approval for a gas rate increase.

Public Comment

Chris May (4 E. Fairwater) requested Council consider adding public comment to end of meeting. President Norkus said they would consider it.

Ed Kleese (705 E. Rogers) asked if anyone ever found out why Lake Shore County water drained. Vice President Brown said they had not.

Barb Vanecko (801 Vera) asked Town's opinion regarding putting physical addresses into the new Dunes Woman's Club Town directory. Council members stated it should be an individual's decision.

Richard Vanecko (801 Vera) stated he agreed with Chris May. President Norkus stated that there is an opportunity for public comment at Council Meetings although by law, they are not obligated to provide time for public comment.

Deborah Allen (831 E. Lake Front) stated she appreciated the information she received by attending meetings but requested that Council members speak louder.

Marcia Metzcus (25 W. Stillwater) stated she has never been unable to talk or ask questions at meetings.

Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Benson.

Seconded by Councilor O'Neil.

Approved by unanimous vote.

Time: 8:13 p.m.

Town Council President: Donna Norkus

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt