

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 21, 2023
Administration Building – 500 S. Broadway, Beverly Shores, IN

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
(This meeting was not hybrid)

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

None

Approval of Minutes

Approval of February 21, 2023 minutes.

Councilor Norkus motioned to approval of minutes as presented. Vice President Malik seconded. No discussion. There were 5 yeas. Unanimously approved.

Report of Police & Street Departments

Violation Report: None to report.

Police Report: Deputy Marshal Crandall gave a report and states they are now locking Central Beach entry at night at 11pm after criminal mischief was found in the parking lot. Someone was on the premises shooting up signs and trees during the night. The NPS has removed all cameras. Upon his return from vacation, Marshal Clapp is scheduled to meet with the NPS Superintendent.

Street Report: Deputy Marshal Crandall provided the report. Councilor Malik asked about the repair of Alyce. DM Crandall stated there have been payloader breakdowns delaying the project. The work on the street is to be completed when equipment is in working order.

Ordinances & Resolutions

None presented.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Claims – D-CT Bagnall presented the February APV register, noting items that were not monthly expenses including CT's current absence for training at the ILMCT Institute & Academy. Vice President Loeb motioned to approve the APVs as presented. Councilor Blackburn seconded after asking if the payment to Smith Group is a "final" payment. Susan Loeb stated it was not designated as the final payment and reviewed the Lake Michigan Postal Grant Fund. There were 5 yeas to approve the APV register. Unanimously approved.

Consideration of Claims for Bonds, 2020 Series: Councilor Loeb motioned for approval and Councilor Blackburn seconded. After brief discussion, a vote was taken and it was unanimously approved for expense as written.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA progress: Councilor Malik stated no new information.

Greenspace Committee: No meeting.

Park Board: Councilor Norkus gave report.

Building & Building Site Committee: Councilor Loeb gave report including numerous calls from Realtors asking about buildable lots and the Committee recommends prospective buyers/owners obtain a soil report before purchase.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Councilor Norkus gave report.

Capital Planning Committee: No meeting.

Fire & Emergency Management: Councilor Loeb gave report. The Fire Department has scheduled this year's Fireman's Ball for July 1, 2023. Councilor Loeb also stated a report of the new area leaking on the North side of the building. Some discussion with Dave Wagner, Building Commissioner during this report and BC Wagner stated that the repair will be done by the roofers at no cost.

Indiana Dunes National Park: No meeting. John Blackburn reported receipt of a draft letter from the NPS yesterday for discussion purposes and will enter into the shared drive. Further details will be provided after he and Councilor Loeb meet with the Superintendent. No update for the MOA for Central.

Plan Commission: Councilor Norkus gave report that no meeting was held due to lack of a quorum.

NIRPC: CT Hundt to update next council meeting.

Unfinished Business:

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

Smith Group progress and tasks: The report has been shared with residents.

New Business

Approval requested by the Clerk Treasurer Hundt to purchase up to \$800.00 for laptop and \$200.00 for microsoft permissions for Deputy Bagnall. Councilor Blackburn motioned to approve of purchases out of the CCD Fund and was seconded by Donna Norkus. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously by the council.

Approval of changes in insurance for Deputy Marshal Crandall reviewed by Attorney Nolan asking how the Council would like to handle this for the calendar year. Current changes would begin April 1,2023.

Donna Norkus moved that the council revisit the salary ordinance at the next meeting and to amend the salary ordinance to reflect that the health insurance for the Deputy Marshal be paid as reimbursement directly to him other than be paid directly to an insurance company. Motion seconded by Councilor Malik. DM Crandall is to make payment to the insurance company for medical and health coverage and provide all receipts to the Clerk Treasurer for reimbursement up to the dollar amount (\$10,000.00) included now. Next month and going forward, Attorney

Nolan recommended some flexibility in the draft to make the wording of the Salary Ordinance to pay directly to insurance or reimburse the employee.

Public Comment

Bobbie Peru, President of the ABSR announced the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be at the Beverly Shores Lituania Park on April 8, 2023 starting at 1:00pm and invited all the young children and grandchildren to participate.

John Mackin asked for the address and name of people fined for clear cutting. He asked if the fine was generated by the Building Commissioner or Committee and how the amount was computed. Councilor Loeb provided the address and the Building Commissioner set the fine and that the homeowner paid in full immediately and she did not know how the amount was determined.

Written Communications

President Benson reported a receipt of a letter from "Karla" requesting a deer cull. After discussion, President Benson encourages attending an ERG meeting or contacting them regarding the deer.

Town Council Comment

Council member Blackburn thanked the ABSR for the speaker series and the presentation by the Superintendent was well attended and he answered everyone's questions. John Blackburn also stated the Depot's Grand Opening is April 14 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Adjourn:

Councilor Matrona Malik motioned to adjourn.

Councilor Norkus seconded.

Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Town Council President:

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer

Ellen Hundt

Deputy Clerk- Treasurer

~~Sally Bagnall~~

Ellen Hundt

Clerk-Treasurer