

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 19, 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, and Matrona Malik were present. Also, present: Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt, Town Marshal Susan Resteau, and Town Attorney Connor Nolan. Councilor Brian O'Neil was absent.

Public Presentations

Caryl Schwaller, from Utility Forester for Arbormetrics and representing Nisource, gave presentation on tree cutting/replacement along Service Avenue. There was discussion from public and Council.

Public Comment

Chris May (4 E. Fairwater) Voiced his opinion about what he perceives as lack of transparency regarding public meetings.

Adam Peterson (19 S. Greatwater) Informed audience that the plans for cell tower and the minutes for the last Park Board meeting were posted on the Town's website.

Bill May (805 E. Vera) Asked who donated the piece of property for the proposed cell tower.

Rick Rikoski (1 E. Lake Front) Gave history of the Town's acquisition of the property and of his attempt to purchase lot from the Town of proposed cell tower.

Barbara Vanecko (801 E. Vera) Reported the lot was never owned by Green Space.

David Phelps (115 W. Stillwater) Asked whether project would be a public or private works.

Dave Wagner (603 N. Forest) Confirmed the project would have to go to the Building & Building Site Committee for permit and probably the BZA for variances.

Carol Westbrook (1 E. Lake Front) Talked about known and unknown cancer risks.

Carol Gallagher (312 E. Myrtle) Talked about the compensation the Town would receive as payment for cell tower.

Linda Wagner (603 N. Forest) Inquired as to date of meeting the Park Board will be continuing the cell tower hearing.

Toots Foy (424 E. Myrtle) Would like better notice for "hot" topics.

Lorene Schaudt (9 S. Cornada) Stated better communication would resolve issues.

Chris May (4 E. Fairwater) Blamed Town Council and other officials of not telling him what was going on.

Richard Vanecko (801 E. Vera) Asked if the Park Board had absolute authority over the land it owns.

William Foy (424 E. Myrtle) Thanked Council for allowing public comment.

Other residents spoke but did not identify themselves at the time.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the May 15, 2018 TC meeting were presented. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Minutes for the May 29, 2018 TC meeting were presented. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Committee Vacancy

President Norkus announced there was a vacancy on the Building & Building Site Committee. CT Hundt to send email to residents regarding opening.

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.

There was one tree removal bid received. Councilor Benson motioned to accept the bid.

Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. Attorney Nolan will prepare a contract.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2018-04: Additional Appropriation for the 2017 GO Bond Project Fund (307) was presented. Councilor Benson motioned to approve on first reading. Vice President Brown seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Benson motioned to approve on second reading during the same meeting as it was introduced. Vice President Brown seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Benson motioned to adopt ordinance. Vice President Brown 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. CT Hundt requested approval of the 2019 Budget Public Workshop on August 8th, 6pm, the 2019 Budget Public Hearing on September 18th, 7pm, and the 2019 Budget Adoption Meeting on October 16th, 7pm. All to be held at the Town Hall, 500 S. Broadway, Beverly Shores, Indiana. Councilor Benson motioned to approve all dates. Vice President Brown seconded. Unanimously approved.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA Progress: Nothing new to report.

Greenspace Committee: President Norkus gave report.

Park Board: President Norkus gave report.

Building & Building Site Committee: President Norkus gave report.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA): Councilor Malik gave 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: President Norkus gave report.

NIRPC: Councilor Benson gave report.

Depot Museum and Gallery: President Norkus gave report.

Unfinished Business:

Coastal (Historic Landmark) Grant: Adam Peterson, Project Manager, will give Council monthly updates.

Storage Facility (Phase III) update: President Norkus presented Councilor O'Neil's report that the building is nearing completion.

Depot Window repair/replacement: President Norkus is coordinating with Adam Peterson on window projects.

East Beverly additional repair cost: Nothing new to report.

Job description revisions: Revisions are still being worked on.

Electric Charging Station: Vice President Brown reported figures for the cost of the charging station and will work with Attorney Nolan on drafting ordinances to reflect changes. Vice President Brown to come to July meeting with recommendations on ChargePoint contract.

Wish list – projects, committees: President Norkus reported that Councilor O'Neil will be working on options for West Beverly.

Website/email addresses, anonymous violation line: CT Hundt reported it is still being researched.

Community House Windows: No bids were received in response to bid requests sent by Attorney Nolan. Councilor Benson motioned to allow Vice President to accept lowest bid from bids received from Dunes Woman's Club and pay from the GO Bond fund. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Building Commissioner consulting arrangement: Vice President Brown motioned to accept amended agreement with Duneland Group. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Community FAQ development: Vice President Brown reported his FAQ is still being developed.

Five-year Capital Plan: Adam Peterson presented. Council will review.

New Business

CT Hundt presented a request from Valerie Blumenfeld regarding purchasing two (2) golf cart permits from the Town. Councilor Benson motioned to allow the purchase of two (2) golf cart permits. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Written Communication

President Norkus received request from Beth Gassoway, President of the Dunes Woman's Club, regarding the demolition of the two sheds by the Community House. Gassoway requested the

Town take responsibility of demolition. President Norkus believes this should be discussed with the Town Center Working Group as that group was in charge of the entire project. President Norkus reported she received several emails regarding the cell tower proposal. President Norkus received group email correspondence from member of the Building & Building Site Committee raising questions about transition to new Building Commissioner.

Town Council Comment

President Norkus reminded everyone that when sending emails to Town Council members to not expect Council to reply as that would be in violation of the Open Door Law.

Councilor Benson apologized to Marshal Resteau for sticking his tongue out at her at the last meeting, stating he was out of line to do that at a public meeting and he only did that because he likes her and does not want her to retire. Marshal Resteau accepted apology.

Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Benson.

Seconded by Vice President Brown.

Approved by unanimous vote.

Time: 9:26 p.m.



Town Council President: Donna Norkus

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt