

**Town of Beverly Shores**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – January 16, 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 and Town Attorney Connor Nolan. Town Marshal Susan Resteau arrived at 7:03 p.m.

**Public Presentations**

CT Hundt requested the use of Town Hall on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. for a Town Hall Meeting on behalf of Senator Karen Tallian. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor O'Neil seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the December 12, 2017 TC meeting were presented. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Elections for 2018**

*Town Council President:* Councilor Malik nominated to reelect Donna Norkus for Town Council President. Vice President Brown seconded. Unanimously approved.

*Town Council Vice-President:* Councilor Benson nominated to reelect Councilor Brown for Vice President. Councilor O'Neil seconded. Unanimously approved.

*BZA:* Plan Commission to appoint.

*Park Board:* Councilor O'Neil motioned to reappoint Michael Ganz. Vice President Brown seconded. Unanimously approved. Vice President Brown motioned to appoint Paula Tillman. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. President Norkus explained Board should not have more than 2 members of same political party. Council agreed to leave remaining seat open for one month. CT Hundt to send email to residents in search of Republican or non-Democratic resident to serve.

*Green Space Committee:* Councilor Benson motioned to reappoint Margaret Williford. Vice President Brown seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Benson motioned to reappoint Barbara Vanecko. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

*Street Superintendent and Marshal:* Councilor Benson motioned to reappoint Susan Resteau. President Norkus seconded. Unanimously approved.

*Fire Chief:* Andy Himan Sr. was reelected by the BSVFD. Councilor Benson motioned to approve their decision. Vice President Brown seconded. Unanimously approved.

*Newspaper for Legal Notices:* Councilor Benson motioned to keep Chesterton Tribune. Councilor O'Neil seconded. Unanimously approved.

*Bank of Record:* Councilor Benson motioned to keep First State Bank of Porter. Councilor O'Neil seconded. Unanimously approved.

*Animal Control Contract:* Councilor Benson motioned to keep Porter County. Councilor O'Neil seconded. Unanimously approved.

*Building Commissioner:* Council agreed to delay appointment for 1 month to review bids from interested parties.

*Building and Site Committee:* Councilor Benson motioned to appoint the slate of John Mackin, David Phelps, Dave Wagner, and Christine Pritchett. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

*Plan Commission:* Vice President Brown motioned to appoint Thomas Weber. Councilor Malik seconded. Councilor O'Neil motioned to reappoint Ray Szarmach. There was no second. A vote was called to appoint Thomas Weber. Unanimously approved. Councilor Benson motioned to appoint Councilor O'Neil and President Norkus. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

*NIRPC Commissioner:* President Norkus motioned to reappoint Councilor Benson. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Council Liaisons:** Councilor Benson motioned to appoint the following as liaisons. Vice President Brown seconded. Unanimously approved.

**BZA:** Councilor Malik

**Depot Museum and Gallery:** President Norkus

**INDU:** Vice President Brown

**Park Board:** Councilor Malik

**Police Dept.:** President Norkus

**Volunteer Fire Dept.:** Councilor Benson

**Streets:** Vice President Brown

**Capital Planning:** Councilor Malik

**Building & Site:** Councilor O'Neil

## **Report of the Police Department & Street Departments**

### **Violation Clerk Report**

CT Hundt had nothing to report.

### **Street Report**

Marshal Resteau presented updates for the Street Department. Marshal Resteau requested Council consider putting a 15-ton weight limit on Lake Shore County Rd. President Norkus deferred to Attorney Nolan and Council will take under advisement.

### **Police Report**



Marshal Resteau presented updates for the Police Department. Marshal Resteau requested Council's approval for new 2018 Police vehicle costing \$25,092. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor O'Neil seconded. Unanimously approved.

### **Ordinances & Resolutions**

None.

### **Clerk-Treasurer's Report**

CT Hundt thanked Councilor for the bonus but declined to accept due to restrictions on budget and in Indiana code. President Norkus explained the Council will consider this again during the 2019 budget season.

*Consideration of Claims* – Clerk-Treasurer Hundt presented APV register, noting items that were not monthly expenses. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor O'Neil seconded. Unanimously approved. CT Hundt also presented the Fund, Revenue, Appropriation reports, and Garbage reports.

### **Public Comment:**

Vytas Kasniunas (18 W. Bellevue) inquired about fence violation. President Norkus stated the issue was ongoing.

### **Reports from Committees/Liaisons:**

**ADA Progress:** Councilor O'Neil will be managing.

**Greenspace Committee:** President Norkus gave report.

**Park Board:** Nothing to report.

**Building & Building Site Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA):** Vytas Kasniunas gave report.

**Capital Planning:** Nothing to report.

**Fire & Emergency Management:** Councilor Benson and Joe Guncheon gave reports.

**Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:** Councilor O'Neil reported correspondence has been exchanged with list of common interest topics. He hopes to plan quarterly discussions.

**Plan Commission:** Nothing to report.

**NIRPC:** Councilor Benson gave report.

**Depot Museum and Gallery:** Nothing to report.

### **Unfinished Business:**

*Request to waive water tap-in fee for 7 S. Drake:* No update.

*Cellular Tower Request:* No update.

*Coastal (Historic Landmark) Grant:* No update.

*NIPSCO lighting:* NIPSCO has agreed to install 3,000 kelvin lights in Beverly Shores, instead of the purposed 4,000K. NIPSCO will be sending Council the agreement in upcoming weeks.

*Storage Facility (Phase III) update:* Councilor O'Neil reported project has had delays but is moving forward.

*Leaf pickup:* CT Hundt requested Council consider putting this out for bid in April and using up to \$5,000 from the Garbage Fund to pay for Fall leaf pickup.

*Beach replenishment:* Nothing new to report.

*Depot Window repair/replacement:* President Norkus expects meeting in next few months.

*Sign ordinance:* Attorney Nolan has sent ordinance to Plan Commission.

*East Beverly additional repair cost:* Attorney Nolan reported form has been submitted.

*Job description revisions:* Nothing new to report.

*Title VI Plan:* Attorney Nolan finalizing revisions and will forward to CT Hundt for review.

*Electric Charging Station:* Vice President Brown reported free contract is up in August. Charging station will cost \$563 annually.

*Wish list – projects, committees:* Nothing to report.

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

### **New Business**

None.

### **Written Communication**

President Norkus received correspondence from resident about missing sidewalk from Fairwater to Lake Front on Broadway. It was discussed that there was never a sidewalk there and is Permit Only parking.

### **Town Council Comment**

Councilor Benson is looking forward to the new year with Council.

President Norkus said there is no ABSR liaison and in the past individuals have stepped up once or twice to take on that role, but it is not a government affiliation. ABSR should feel free to discuss their needs with any TC member but there will be no liaison appointed.

### **Adjourn:**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Benson.

Seconded by Councilor Malik.

Approved by unanimous vote.

Time: 8:08 p.m.



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Town Council President: Donna Norkus

Attest:



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Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt