

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 15, 2022
Administration Building – 500 S. Broadway

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. *(This meeting was a hybrid meeting and broadcasted live via Microsoft Teams and was recorded.)*

Roll Call - Council Members: Councilors Geof Benson, John Blackburn, Susan Loeb, Matrona Malik, and Thomas Weber were present. Also, present: Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt and Town Attorney Connor Nolan. Marshal Ed Clapp attended virtually.

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 15, 2022 Council Meeting minutes

Councilor Malik motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

Report of Police & Street Departments

Violation Report: Nothing to report.

Police Report – Marshal Clapp gave report. A new part-time officer has been hired.

Street Report – Marshal Clapp gave report. He reported new “No Parking” signs are being installed on Lake Front. Resident Kevin Fitzgerald, 310 E. Ripplewater, asked about the possibility of opening up east Lake Front so to have access to Central Beach. There was discussion about what would have to be done. Marshal Clapp will research what the agreement was about the chaining off of the road with NPS.

Ordinances & Resolutions

The Public Hearing for 2022-01 Additional Appropriation for Multiple Funds was opened at 7:12pm. CT Hundt explained that these are home ruled funds that require permission to spend in 2022 as they were not part of the budget revenues due to unknown fund balances for the end of the year. The funds included in the ordinance were: Park Donation Non-Reverting, Law Enforcement Con't Ed, Police Donation, Green Space, and Gift. There was no public comment. Vice President Loeb motioned to close public comment. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved. There was no Council comment. Vice President Loeb motioned to close the public hearing. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved. Vice President Loeb motioned to approve on first reading. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Weber motioned to consider on second reading during the same meeting as it was

introduced. Vice President Loeb seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Malik motioned to adopt ordinance. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Claims –CT Hundt presented APV register, noting items that were not monthly expenses. Vice President Loeb motioned to approve the APVs as presented. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved. CT Hundt also presented the Fund, Revenue, Appropriation reports, Garbage reports, 4 bank reconciliations, and payroll reports. Council Blackburn will sign off on reports.

Consideration of Claims for Bonds, 2020 Series: Vice President Loeb motioned to approve the APVs as presented. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA progress: Nothing to report.

Greenspace Committee: No meeting.

Park Board: Councilor Malik gave report.

Building & Building Site Committee: Vice President Loeb gave report.

Board of Zoning Appeals: No Meeting

Capital Planning Committee: No Meeting.

Fire & Emergency Management: Chief Andy Himan was recognized for his 50 years of service. Bill Richardson, Steve Meyer, and Beth Janssen were recognized as lifetime members. The fire department is still looking for new members.

Indiana Dunes National Park: Councilor Weber reported that he and Councilor Blackburn met with the NPS on 03/14/22. They discussed beach access at Derby. The NPS would like to be involved with that project. There is now beach access at Lakeview. NPS would like to put in camping sites on old house sites east of Central. NPS to present MOA to Council at later date. President Benson reported he learned that the funds that were thought to have been moved from the lakeview projects to Portage were not, the NPS still has funds to repair ADA access.

Plan Commission: Councilor Weber gave report.

NIRPC: Nothing to report.

Depot Museum & Gallery: Councilor Blackburn gave report.

Unfinished Business:

AV equipment purchase and installation: CT Hundt gave update.

Report on re-vegetation project on shoreline; consider methods to deter trampling of new plantings: CARDNO shored up fencing along the lake front.

Garbage can/recycling task force: Councilor Blackburn reported that is has been 6 months without issues. Marshal Clapp reminded residents to lock the dumpster after use.

Smith Group progress and tasks: Vice President Loeb reported Smith Group is working on the next phase of the project. They will meet with Smith Group next week.

ARPA Plan: No update to the Town's plan has been made. CT Hundt and Assistant Bagnall will attend webinar next Monday regarding the Treasury's updates and final rule.

New Business

NPS request for emergency water hookup for Kemil Rd Parking lot & Water pits for Windsor: The NPS requested the Town Council waive the tap-in fees of \$18,000 for Kemil and allow them to also drop water pits at the houses on Windsor. This would require extension of the water main from Dunbar to Kemil and then south on Kemil to the parking lot. There was much discussion. Benson, Blackburn, and Weber voiced support due to public safety and general benefits to the public. Loeb stated the letter was presumptuous and voiced concern regarding the timing request, why there is an emergency, and the reason why NPS wants fee waived. Loeb stated there are too many unanswered questions. Councilor Blackburn motioned to waive the tap-in charge for the request made to provide water down to Kemil Road, with the two (2) meter pits being installed at Meyer House and Lustrom House. Councilor Weber seconded. There was more discussion. Councilor Malik stated that for a town of this size to waive an \$18,000 fee for the NPS does not sit well with some of the residents she to whom she has spoken. There was a rollcall vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = no. Blackburn = yea. Malik = no. Weber = yea. The motion passed 3:2.

Reconsider and take appropriate action on current Town Council-approved COVID-19 restrictions relating to mask wearing and virtual meeting: Governor Holcomb has rescinded his emergency declaration. There was discussion regarding COVID protocols in Town Hall. Marcia Metzcus, ABSR, asked whether organizations can begin using Town Hall again. It was determined that Town Hall is open to be used by other organizations. Masks will be required to be in Town Hall.

Written Communications

CT Hundt read comments from Frank Hardwick, 219 S. Broadway, and Scott Vliek, 21 S. Beach, regarding the NPS's request about waiving the tap-in fee.

Town Council Comment

Councilor Malik thanked Linda Wagner for raising \$35,000 for the Reborra stairs, Evelyn Hoffman for raising \$32,000 for the Palmer Ave stairs, Linda Kurtos for obtaining a private donation of \$30,000 for the tennis court, and Adam Peterson for more than \$35,000 for the grant for the Administration Building work. Also, Donna Norkus for her accounting assistance when the Town needed it. Additionally, Greg Brown, who continues to donate his time, saving the Town thousands of dollars in tree removal expenses.

Vice President Loeb acknowledged Joan Crepeau for her grant application work.

Vice President Loeb asked if the Council was going to act on the comments made by Kevin Fitzgerald regarding the opening of the east end of Lake Front. There was discussion regarding what would have to be done. There are many issues that would have to be considered regarding parking and access.

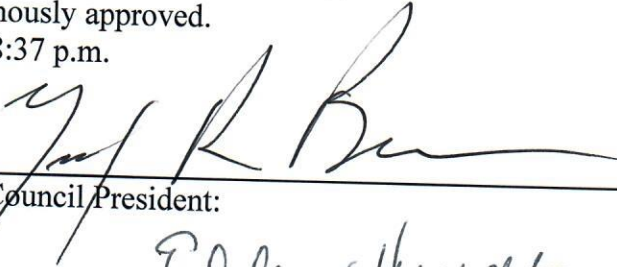
Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Weber.

Seconded by Vice President Loeb.

Unanimously approved.

Time: 8:37 p.m.



Town Council President:

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer

Ellen Hundt