

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
June 14, 2016

Present were council members Greg Stinson, Erik Wagner, Tim Conroy, Ross LeBleu, Bill Lopez, Attorney Greg Sobkowski, Police Chief James Spanier, Fire Chief Louie Craig, Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer, Building Commissioner Mike Barry and Park Director Brian Bugajski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Conroy made a motion to approve the May 24, 2016 minutes as written and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS

Wagner made a motion to approve the claims and sewer adjustments as presented, LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Nathan Pilla of Save the Dunes asked the council to waive the fees for renting the community building on Thursday, August 25, from 6:00 to 7:30pm. He noted that they would be presenting a new landscape guide with tips about how to battle invasive plants and promote the expansion of native plant species. Lopez made a motion to waive the fees for the community building on August 25th for Save the Dunes and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0.

CLERK TREASURE REPORT

Pomeroy stated that the town received \$4,667.05 from the U.S. Department of Justice for a reimbursable grant for police bullet-proof vests. She requested that \$4,667.05 be added to 211-001-365 LECED Misc. Services. Wagner made the motion to add \$4,667.05 to line item 211-001-365 and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

Pomeroy stated that the town received two insurance checks in the amounts of \$341 and \$410 to repair the elevator telephone that received lightning damage. Pomeroy asked to move \$341 and \$410 to line item 101-001-365 General Misc. Services. Conroy made a motion to move amount \$341 and \$410 to line item 101-001-365 and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Spanier thanked US Congressman Pete Visclosky for obtaining the grant for bullet-proof vests and an anonymous donor for their donation that was used for the vests. Spanier encouraged people that will be going to the Fourth of July fireworks at the lakeshore to pick up the parking rules that are available at the town hall and police department. The rules should be display in the car window. Following the parking rules will help traffic move quicker. Spanier again reminded residents to lock their car doors to help avoid break-ins.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer stated that she is still working on quotes for a truck and thanked all the residents for their patience with the paving project.

PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Park Director Brian Bugajski thanked the police, fire and public works for all their help with the Summer Safety Fest. He gave a special thank you to Sophia Keating and Eric Ailes, co-chairmen for the safety fest.

The Brownie/Girl Scout Troop 303352 will be selling lemonade from 10 am to noon June 17th at Hawthorne Park. Instead of charging money, they want plastic caps or broken crayons. The troop is donating a park bench made out of plastic caps and they need about 150 more pounds of caps. The broken crayons will be melted down and recycled into new crayons, which will then be donated to hospitals.

The MS4 Fishing Derby will be held from 8 am to noon on June 22 at Indian Springs Park. This is a free event and lunch will be provided.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Building Commissioner Mike Barry presented seven new contractors and Conroy made a motion to accept the new contractors and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0. Barry said that the Asset Management Plan is going very well.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2016-09 SUMMERTREE-PUD

The council received a favorable recommendation from the plan commission to accept the amendment to Ordinance 95-15 and Ordinance 95-16. Stinson did first reading of Ordinance 2016-09 by title only. Attorney Todd Leeth, who represents Fox Chase Development, noted that Lots 1-4 and Lot 25 will be subdivided into residential lots with a total of 9 duplexes that will match the existing homes. Leeth stated that the plan commission will set conditions for the developer to submit additional documents to the town for approval before construction can begin. Leeth said that a private lane that connects Lot 25 on Saddleback Lane to US Highway 20 will be maintained by the homeowners in the portion where their homes are. The rest of the road will be maintained by Computer Education Institute and the town will not be responsible for any part of this lane. Lopez questioned if subdividing will decrease the size of the lots, and that the area seems too small for 18 units. Barry said that the lot sizes will actually increase because they originally had been set up as triple or quad units. Wagner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-09 and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2016-07 TRAVEL POLICY

Stinson read by title only Resolution 2016-07 and Lopez made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-07 and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0. Stinson said that this resolution spells out the rates adopted by the U.S. General Services Administration on how much an employee will be reimbursed. This resolution does not change anything substantial in current policy.

DUNELAND BUSINESS INITIATIVE GROUP (DUNE BIG) – Laura Layman

Layman told the council that the Fourth of July event will kick off at 7:00 am on July 4th with a Chesterton Lions Club pancake breakfast at Hawthorne Park. The parade, which starts at Yost Elementary School, will begin at 9:00am. Layman also stated that there will be rides, games, a brick toss, a beer garden, a live band and fireworks at dusk. Wagner made a motion to donate \$2,000 from CEDIT and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0.

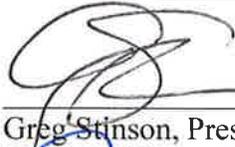
COUNCIL COMMENTS

Lopez thanked the park department and all involved for the concert and the movie in the park. It was a nice event.

Wagner offered the council and town’s condolences to the family of US Cadet Mitchell Winey and wants the Winey family to know that the Duneland community sends their condolences.

LeBleu made a motion to adjourn and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

Dated this 28th day of June, 2016.



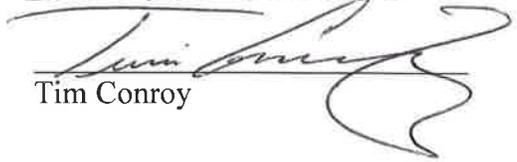
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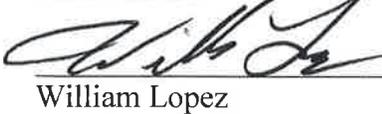
Erik Wagner, Vice President



Ross LeBleu



Tim Conroy



William Lopez

ATTEST: 

Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer