

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 10, 2016

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

LeBleu made a motion to approve the April 26, 2016 minutes as written and Wagner made the second, vote 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS

Wagner made a motion to approve the claims and sewer adjustments as presented, LeBleu made the second, vote 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Joan Burke of Porter Beach asked why Chesterton and Burns Harbor have their building permits listed in the paper and the Town of Porter does not. Barry responded he does not have the staff to create this list for the paper.

Jamie Kruper of Liberty Rec League softball league asked permission to use Porter Cove softball field for practice. Park Director Bugajski said that she needs to turn in the proper liability insurance and signed waivers from each parent of players. Wagner made a motion to permit Liberty Rec League softball team to use Porter Cove softball field for practice pending turning in the liability insurance and signed waivers from ball players parents and Lopez made the second, vote 4-0.

CLERK TREASURER REPORT

Clerk Treasurer Pomeroy reminded residents to not fill their swimming pools until after June 16th when the "summer sprinkling credit" goes into effect.

ATTORNEY REPORT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Craig reported that he received a bill in the amount of \$1,188 for emergency reporting. Craig asked permission to ask Westchester Township trustee to pay this bill as they have done in the past. The council agreed by consensus.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Brueckheimer thanked the residents for their patience during the paving and milling projects in town. Brueckheimer also reported that she will remove the 2000 Ford

Explorer from service and inventory on May 31st. Brueckheimer is advertising for a laborer with a CDL driver's license. This laborer must be able to work days, nights and weekends. The applications are available at <http://www.townofporter.com/>.

PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Park Director Bugajski thanked Rebuilding Together Duneland for all their volunteer work at Porter Cove and Hawthorne Park. He also thanked Lakeshore Drifters 4-H club for their donation of flower baskets. Park Director Bugajski also noted that he needs about 300 pounds of plastic bottle caps. Bugajski is still accepting applications for summer park program director and assistant.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Building Commissioner Barry presented 8 new contractors for approval, Lopez made a motion to accept the 8 new contractors and LeBleu made the second, vote 4-0. Barry also stated that the Speakeasy at the Spa is now open. The restaurant will open later in the summer. Stinson said that Barry received the Rose Award from the Indiana Tourism Board for Professional of the Year.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2016-07 – Amending Town Code 38-6(A) Duneland Emergency Dispatch
Stinson read Ordinance 2016-07 by title only and asked the council to suspend the rules so the ordinance could be adopted that evening. Stinson explained that this ordinance is being changed from a 5-member board to a 7-member board to be compliant with state code. Wagner made a motion to suspend the rules and Lopez made the second, vote 4-0. Lopez made a motion to have second reading and adoption and LeBleu made the second, vote 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2016-06 amending Salary Ordinance
Stinson read Ordinance 2016-06 by title only for the second reading and LeBleu made a motion to adopt and Lopez made the second, vote 4-0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Stinson announced that the town health insurance will expire August 1st and the town will be accepting quotes through June 15th.

Dated this _____ day of May, 2016.

Greg Stinson, President

Erik Wagner, Vice President

Ross LeBleu

William Lopez

ATTEST: _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer