

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 16, 2024
Administration Building – 500 S. Broadway, Beverly Shores, IN

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 Google Meets and was recorded.)

Roll Call - Council Members: Councilors Geof Benson, Matriona Malik, Donna Norkus, David Phelps, and Candice Peterson-Smith were present. Also, present: Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt, Attorney Connor Nolan, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sally Bagnall. Marshal Ed Clapp attended virtually.

Title VI Survey Availability

President Phelps 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 June 18, 2024: Council Meeting minutes: Councilor Benson motioned to approve minutes as presented. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Report of Police & Street Departments

Violation Report:

13558/Mohn: Councilor Malik motioned to deny appeal. Councilor Benson seconded. There was a discussion. Councilor Norkus requested more information from the officer who wrote the ticket. Councilor Benson withdrew his second. Councilor Malik withdrew her motion. The matter will be taken up at next month's meeting.

Police Report: Marshal Clapp gave a report. Michael Fuentes is the newest addition to the Beverly Shores Police Department. The new 2023 Ford Police interceptor has been purchased. President Phelps thanked PAL and their donors that helped with the \$8,000 contribution to the purchase of the new vehicle.

Street Report: Marshal Clapp gave a report. The brush hogging is almost complete. He reminded residents that they can trim their own vegetation but that if it is growing in the Town's right-of-way it will be cut. The posts have been put in at Kemil and Lake Front. The bill has been submitted to the person who ran them down. He is still waiting for D & M to get back to him about the work on the sidewalk. The cause of the sinkage is unknown at this time. Clapp will get quotes from other contractors for this work. The paving of Lake Front, from Drexwood to Drake, will begin the week of July 29th. The crack and seal of various roads will also begin around the same time. Phelps requested that Drake be closed during construction hours. Clapp thanked the residents who came out to support the ride that went down Highway 12 last week.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Resolution NO. 2024-04: A Resolution Relating to Audit Costs: A Resolution in support of Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Resolution 24-07.

President Phelps read the resolution into record. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor Norkus seconded. Unanimously approved.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

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

Consideration of Claims for Bonds, 2020 Series: There were no claims.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA progress: Nothing to report.

Building & Building Site Committee: There was no meeting.

Board of Zoning Appeals: There was no meeting.

Capital Planning Committee: There was no meeting.

Fire & Emergency Management: Councilor Benson reported the annual Fireman's Ball was a success.

Greenspace Committee: Vice President Peterson-Smith gave report.

Indiana Dunes National Park: There was no meeting.

NIRPC: President Phelps gave report. He invited residents to check out what [NIRPC](#) does.

Parks & Recreation Committee: Vice President Peterson-Smith gave report.

Plan Commission: Councilor Norkus gave report.

TDD: Councilor Benson reported that Pines has agreed to moving forward with Beverly Shores and the TDD. Councilor Benson motioned to approve letter of support to Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority for this project. Vice President Peterson-Smith seconded. Unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business:

Windows/windowsill fix in Town Hall: Councilor Norkus motioned to authorize President Phelps to execute the agreement with Meyer Glass and Mirror as presented. Councilor Benson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Grants updates: Councilor Norkus reported that the final grant proposal was submitted. Two additional letters of support were received from the Lake Michigan Coastal Program and the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. FEMA grant application is up for further review. The final NFWF grant was submitted. President Phelps thanked Councilor Norkus for all the grant work.

ARPA Funds: No update.

Comprehensive Plan Updates and Progress: No update.

New Business

Parks and Recreation Committee on watercraft beach storage. Susan Loeb, President of the Parks & Recreation, gave presentation requesting the purchase of two (2) kayak racks to be put at Rebora and Derby. There was a lengthy discussion about the beach regulations regarding boat storage, dune health, and beach erosion. It was determined that the request does not fit with the current Code and more work needs to be done before the request can be approved. Loeb stated this was too big of a request for the Parks & Recreation Committed and suggested that a subcommittee be formed to work through the process. President Phelps and Vice President Peterson-Smith will be part of the new subcommittee.

Discussion on resident permit parking on west Beverly Drive: Councilor Malik said this topic was brought up in 2017 but it did not move forward. She proposes to have resident permit parking only on Beverly just west of Broadway where the pavement is wider. There was a discussion. Malik to do additional research for next month's meeting.

Preliminary Budget Discussion: Town Council gave guidance for salary increases to CT Hundt for her to move forward on creating the 2025 budget.

Public Comment

Darius Bartkus, 211 E. Siesta, voiced his support for boat storage. Requested that residents be allowed to do it according to the current ordinance instead of waiting for changes.

Nancy Natow-Cassidey, 508 E. Myrtle, voiced her support for parking at the dead end on West Beverly. She also suggested that boat storage be located by the social trail just past the east side of the Rebora parking lot.

Sally Bagnall, 21 S. Beach, thanked FOBS and Linda Wagner for the purchase of new chairs for Town Hall.

Susan Yenko, 8 S. Palmer, voiced her concern over the stairs at Rebora.

John Mackin, 204 S. Quigley, read letters he received regarding the stairs at Rebora. He requested that it be put on the agenda.

Written Communications

A letter was received from Susan Yenko, 8 S. Palmer, regarding the stairs at Rebora.

Town Council Comment

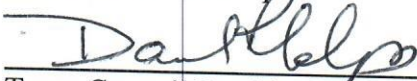
Councilor Malik thanked FOBS and Linda Wagner for the new chairs.

Adjourn:

Councilor Benson motioned to adjourn.

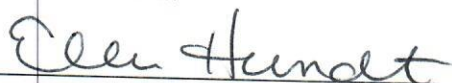
Councilor Malik seconded.

Adjourned at 09:27 p.m.



Town Council President:

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer

Ellen Hundt