

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES
September 15, 2020**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at the Clubhouse. Council President Richard Hawksworth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with Council Members Peter Bomberger and Alexander Stemer, Clerk-Treasurer Jeannette Bapst and Attorney Adam Mindel representing Dan Whitten in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that minutes for the August 18, 2020, Town Council Meeting and August 18, 2020 Budget Hearing be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

BANK BALANCES 08/31/2020

Porter State Bank	\$ 80,387.41
Trust Indiana	\$ 357,984.32
Record Balance	\$ 438,371.73

*Those funds marked with an asterisk are designated monies and can only be spent for the designated purpose.

**BREAK DOWN OF FINANCES AMONG FUNDS
As of August 31, 2020**

FUNDS	CASH BALANCE 08-31-20	APP BAL.	% Left
GENERAL	146,131.58	\$192,554	46
MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	6,628.19	\$12,333	20
LOCAL ROAD & STREET	15,936.48	\$36	0
MOTOR VEHICLE HWY RESTRICT	6,116.90		
PARK & RECREATION	48,024.90	\$5,282	47
RAINY DAY FUND	110,000.00	\$50,000	100
CCI	760.82		
CCD	15,406.43	\$991	3
CEDIT	16,518.45	\$8,647	43
RIVERBOAT REVENUE SHARING	1,053.33	\$1,500	60
Donations*	29,308.40		
Clubhouse Dune Grant*	.00		
Construction Security Dep*	40,000.00		
SalesTaxClubHouseRental*	186.25		
ClubHouseRentalDeposit*	2,300.00		
Local Road & Bridge Grant*	.00		
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 438,371.73		

Clerk-Treasurer Bapst presented the August month-end financial report. It was moved and seconded to approve the financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

It was moved and seconded that claims for the month of September, 2020, #6931 - #6961, in the amount of \$44,816.08 be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

None

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

BUILDING: Building Commissioner Tom Roberts recommended approval of Building Permit #2020-24, 58 West Road, \$350,000 coach house renovation and Building Permit #2020-25, 19

Hill Drive, \$150,000 interior renovations. It was moved and seconded to approve the recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.

Roberts reported on numerous construction projects taking place at residences. Discussion was held regarding Town Building Regulations and Zoning Ordinances for auxiliary structures such as sheds.

ENVIRONMENTAL: Environmental Commissioner Robin Tennant said she supported the request to focus the October 17, 2020 Town Cleanup on playground maintenance and would be developing detailed plans for the day to ensure compliance with COVID-19 health guidelines.

PARKS: A report on the September 15th playground meeting was presented by Clerk-Treasurer Bapst. Attending the meeting were Bapst, resident Todd Klein (representing Parks Commissioner Kellie Klein), resident Shawn Fitzpatrick, Maintenance Staff Mark Taylor, Maintenance Commissioner Dick Taylor, Jim Anton of Anton Insurance and Risk Management Rep Pierce Overbeeke. All playground equipment was examined for safety standard compliance and evaluated relative to remaining service years. A corrective action list was compiled as recommended by Overbeeke for each playground item. Overbeeke said that with proper maintenance, the Town could expect approximately five more years of use on the large climber apparatus. A follow-up meeting is scheduled with town representatives to develop a maintenance plan for the coming weeks. A long-term replacement plan may be considered.

On behalf of Parks Commissioner Klein, a resident asked about mowing the soccer field, noting concerns about weeds.

SECURITY: Security Commissioner Bill Griffin reported on clubhouse hill access issues. On summer weekends, numerous non-residents drive up, and in some instances, attempt walking down the steep dune to the beach. Finding a balance between convenient resident access to the clubhouse while maintaining security was discussed. It was noted clubhouse grounds are monitored at the gatehouse via live video feed. An email will be sent to residents with additional information.

ROADS: The Indiana Department of Transportation announced Community Crossings Grant applications would be accepted starting September 25th. The town will submit applications as previously authorized.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance #2020-03, 2021 Appropriations and Tax Rate, Second Reading and Adoption: A motion was made and seconded to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2020-03, 2021 Appropriations and Tax Rates. Motion passed unanimously. The ordinance sets appropriations, tax levy and tax rates for 2021.

Lake Michigan Coastal Program Grant RFP. It was moved and seconded to approve issuing the contracted services Request for Proposal for environmental restoration of Town Park A as supported by the Lake Michigan Coastal Program Grant recently awarded the town. Motion passed unanimously.

911 Cell Phone Service: As a follow-up to discussion at last month's Council meeting about town cell service shortfalls that result in 911 access problems, Attorney Mindel reported on action taken to date. Porter County Council President and Town Attorney Dan Whitten had discussed our community's cell service gaps with the Porter County Emergency Communication Center. Whitten and the Porter County Attorney will send letters to all mobile device service providers on behalf of Dune Acres requesting attention to the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Clubhouse Rental. A motion was made and seconded to approve an April 3, 2021 clubhouse rental. Motion passed unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS:

Environmental Law and Policy Center Program Follow-up, Air Monitors: Council Member Stemer reported on his correspondence with the Environmental Law and Policy Center (ELPC) following the September 8, 2020 Zoom meeting conducted for Town residents. He said hand held air monitors could be provided starting Spring 2021 that would transmit air quality reports as established by Town/ELPC protocol. It was agreed by consensus to participate in the monitoring program, with security conducting the tests and Bapst coordinating with the ELPC.

Resident Bob Hartmann suggested the town work with local steel producers to encourage development of cyanide and ammonia production facilities that would convert the otherwise polluting derivatives into profitable products, citing European adoption of this model. He also said Dune Acres should conduct water testing and collaborate with Ogden Dunes. Hartmann volunteered to assist in any way requested by the Council.

Another resident noted the dust pollution from ArcelorMittal's debris pile that extends into the lake and that gets larger every year.

Vaccine Clinic Participation Report: Dune Acres Wellness Coordinator Sharon Tutlewski was recognized for organizing the September 12th vaccine clinic that served a total of 30 residents.

Deer Cull: Residents Robin Tennant and Michael Yetnikoff, 1 Cypress, reiterated their ongoing opposition to the town deer cull, expanding on statements made at a previous council meeting. Tennant shared her opinions about the Dune Acres residents who had requested a cull, the sharp shooters to be used, and how she felt town officials were making arbitrary decisions. As an alternative, she suggested feeding the deer.

The Council responded to comments, providing additional details on the history and purpose of deer culls in Dune Acres, and said an aerial infrared animal count would be considered.

Boats Mooring Off Beaches: Resident Jerry Mickelson, 74 West Road, shared his concerns about boats mooring off the beach (inside town buoys), with groups of people often coming ashore for the day with loud music and assorted paraphernalia. He said the boats create a safety hazard for swimmers and other low-impact water activities, and the beach use is invasive to residents who pay for their lakefront privileges with high home costs and high property taxes.

Discussion was held about options available. The "Structure on Public Water Permit" for town safety buoys is obtained annually through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to delineate 'no wake zones,' with no authority to prohibit motor boats. Discussion was held regarding the few designated swimming beaches including the National Park's West Beach and the Indiana Dunes State Park. Procedures for creating designated swimming beaches in Dune Acres had been discussed at the July 21st Town Council Meeting. Such action would require approvals from multiple agencies with lakeshore oversight. It was agreed by consensus to follow-up with Beach Commissioner Carstens on his progress researching the swim beach option and to consider the matter further at future meetings.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is 7:00 PM, October 20, 2020 at the Clubhouse

RICHARD HAWKSWORTH, Town Council President

PETER BOMBERGER, Town Council Member

ALEXANDER STEMER, Town Council Member

JEANNETTE E. BAPST, Clerk-Treasurer

CLAIMS FOR SEPT 2020

<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Payroll, Gross	September payroll, gross	\$ 14,635.06
Payroll, Net	September payroll, net	\$ 11,763.47
Daniel Kleine	Construction Deposit refund	\$ 7,400.00
Town of Dune Acres	Occupancy Permit, Kleine	\$ 100.00
NIPSCO	Mineral Springs and Rt 12	\$ 16.14
Comcast	Phone and Internet	\$ 129.64
US Postal Service	Directories, additional	\$ 63.55
Frontier	Phone and Internet	\$ 66.13
Indiana Dept of Revenue	September payroll, state w/h	\$ 714.95
EFTPS	September payroll, fed w/h, fica/med	\$ 3,276.21
Anton Insurance	Workers Compensation Insurance	\$ 99.00
Capital One VISA	Safety Lights, flags, batteries	\$ 1,229.67
Chesterton Garden Center	Plants and Mulch	\$ 79.86
Frontier	Phone and Internet	\$ 101.13
Hopkins Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$ 112.87
Kittredge & Zehner	Quarterly Bank Audit	\$ 153.00
Mendards, Portage	Supplies	\$ 63.66
NIPSCO	Town Hall Line Bury	\$ 2,427.80
NIPSCO	Gas and Electric	\$ 575.25
Pinkerton	Vehicle Fuel	\$ 247.44
Pride Toilet	Beach Toilet	\$ 120.00
Reeders Auto Service	Oil Change	\$ 27.95
Tilden Enterprise	Supplies	\$ 97.60
Republic Services	Waste Service	\$ 105.00
T & M Tire	Tire Repair	\$ 25.00
Steven Kosak	Clubhouse Cancel Refund	\$ 621.00
Quill	Flag	\$ 50.99
Quill	Supplies	\$ 108.98
Indiana American Water	Water	\$ 90.40
Jeannette Bapst	Vaccine clinic expense	\$ 89.33
Per Mar Security	Town Hall and Clubhouse Monitoring	\$ 225.00

TOTAL September, 2020

\$ 44,816.08