

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
August 17, 2021**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at the Dune Acres Clubhouse. President Richard Hawksworth called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m., with Council Member Alexander Stemer, and Clerk-Treasurer Jeannette Bapst in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was moved and seconded that minutes for the July 20, 2021, Town Council Meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**BANK BALANCES 07/31/2021**

Porter State Bank	\$357,714.42
Trust Indiana	\$158,134.86
Record Balance	\$515,849.28

\*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 July 31, 2021**

FUNDS	CASH BALANCE 07-31-21	APP BAL.	% Left
GENERAL	199,951.89	\$198,062	44
ARP COVID Relief Fund	20,545.30		
MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	23,296.23	\$17,352	29
LOCAL ROAD & STREET	24,137.39	\$5,210	86
MOTOR VEHICLE HWY RESTRICT	2,640.91		
PARK & RECREATION	43,715.35	(\$607)	-8
RAINY DAY FUND	110,000.00	50,000	100
CCI	1,126.60		
CCD	14,202.23	\$185	1
CEDIT	19,876.98	\$10,088	50
RIVERBOAT REVENUE SHARING	410.45	\$1,500	100
Donations*	30,917.40		
Clubhouse Dune Grant*	.00		
Construction Security Dep*	15,000.00		
Sales Tax Club House Rental*	564.68		
Club House Rental Deposit*	4,900.00		
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 511,305.41</b>		

Clerk-Treasurer Bapst presented the July 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 August, 2021, #7295 - #7320, in the amount of \$50,407.63 be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

none

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

**ENVIRONMENT:** As had been recommended by Environmental Commissioner Robin Tennant, the Council agreed by consensus to conduct the Fall Town Cleanup on October 16, 2021

SECURITY: Security Commissioner Bill Griffin reported on the July 16, 2021, beach disturbance that prompted law enforcement response from the National Park, the Town of Porter Police, and the Porter County Sheriff. Discussion was held regarding town procedures for alerting law enforcement officials of suspected illegal activity and what technology improvements could be implemented to assist in these efforts - all aimed at ensuring the ongoing security of town residents. Griffin said outside law enforcement will increase patrols at designated beach access points.

It was then moved and seconded to approve Griffin's recommendation to hire Roger Goode as Security Employee. Motion passed unanimously.

## OLD BUSINESS

Mineral Springs Road Hill; Safety Improvement Review: John Hannon of Great Lakes Engineering presented two (2) options for a pathway on the west side of Mineral Springs Road, at the blind hill between the gatehouse and West Road intersection, that would improve safety. Both route options provided Americans with Disability Act compliance with a maximum eight (8) percent grade. Discussion was held on the preliminary proposals. To be determined are location, surface material, width, and use of auxiliary accessories such as guardrails. Council members will walk the site and review the proposals in detail before taking action.

Clubhouse Maintenance Committee Report. Maintenance Commissioner Dick Taylor presented the findings of the Clubhouse Maintenance Committee which was established by the Town Council in May to examine current conditions of the clubhouse and make recommendations on repairs and improvements. The Committee had four (4) recommendations designated as 'necessary' totaling \$44,200, a number of recommended enhancements, along with planning suggestions for future capital improvements. The Council will include clubhouse work when establishing the 2022 capital projects schedule. The Council expressed appreciation to Taylor and all volunteer committee members for their important work.

"No Boat" Designated Beaches. Designating 'no boat' beaches along the Dune Acres shoreline was again addressed as a solution for west side residents who have asked for Council action to stop boaters anchoring offshore and spending the day at the beach in front of their homes. Town Attorney Mindel was absent from the meeting, so unavailable to provide details on projected legal costs associated with attaining the permanent restrictions.

President Hawksworth said he recognized concerns of the residents being disrupted by non-Dune Acres boaters, however, he could not support the proposal presented to the Council on July 20<sup>th</sup> which seeks to establish some west-side beaches as 'no-boat' and others as 'boat access lane,' dependent on current property owner preference. Hawksworth asked for other approaches to be considered such as addressing 'use activities' that are defined in court rulings affecting *public trust* sites. Examples include reducing amplified noise, disallowing erection of temporary structures, limiting marine traffic density, and enforcing dog leash regulations.

Council member Stemer believed boat traffic problems along the Lake Michigan shoreline would continue to worsen unless permanent restrictions were put in place. He said it was understood the 34-step process would take time and resources. Stemer said residents objecting to boat traffic, and residents who wish to continue launching motorized watercraft from the shoreline, could all benefit with the appropriate plan. Stemer asked that Mindel prepare a detailed report on the legal pathway forward for review at the next Council meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2021-04, 2022 Appropriations and Tax Rates, First Reading. It was moved and seconded to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2021-04, 2022 Appropriations and Tax Rates. Motion passed unanimously. The ordinance sets appropriations, tax levy and tax rates for 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None:

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is 7:00 PM, September 21, 2021.

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RICHARD HAWKSWORTH, Town Council President

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PAUL WOIDKE, Town Council Member

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ALEXANDER STEMER, Town Council Member

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JEANNETTE E. BAPST, Clerk-Treasurer

CLAIMS FOR AUGUST 2021

<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Payroll, Gross	August payroll, gross	\$ 20,370.76
Payroll, Net	August payroll, net	\$ 16,283.21
Indiana Dept of Revenue	August payroll, state w/h	\$ 910.98
EFTPS	August payroll, fed w/h, fica/medicare	\$ 4,734.95
NIPSCO	Gas and Electric	\$ 73.31
Frontier	Phone and Internet	\$ 97.44
Sharon Tutlewski	Reimbursement, Narcan	\$ 133.20
NIPSCO	Gas and Electric	\$ 734.67
Frontier	Phone and Internet	\$ 102.34
Capital One VISA	Clubhouse furniture, sign, tire	\$ 4,363.70
Republic Services	Waste Service	\$ 267.16
Per Mar	Security Monitoring	\$ 75.00
Brandy's Lock and Key	Key	\$ 14.00
Hopkins Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$ 52.94
Jeannette Bapst	Reimbursement, Notary Ed, Supplies	\$ 54.95
Pinkerton Oil	Vehicle Fuel	\$ 354.38
Pride Toilet	Beach Toilet	\$ 120.00
Signature Lawns	Roadside Mowing	\$ 911.50
Star Uniform	Security Uniform	\$ 53.50
Tilden Enterprises	Supplies	\$ 161.65
Uline	Supplies	\$ 69.29
Quill	Supplies	\$ 292.98
Republic Services	VOID	\$ 87.86
Indiana American Water	Water	\$ 87.86

Total AUGUST, 2021

\$ 50,407.63

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