

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
December 15, 2015**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at the Town Hall. Council President John Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with Council Members Rich Hawksworth and Lou Mellen and Clerk-Treasurer Jeannette Bapst and Attorney Dan Whitten in attendance. Council President Sullivan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Hawksworth moved that the minutes for the November 17, 2015, Town Council meeting be approved as presented. Council Member Mellen seconded, and the minutes passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT :**

**BANK BALANCES  
11/30/2015**

Porter State Bank	\$111,049.0 6
TrustIndiana	\$191,456.8 7
Adjustments	
Record Balance	\$302,505.9 3

\*Those funds marked with an asterisk are designated monies and can only be

**BREAK DOWN OF FINANCES AMONG FUNDS**

**As of December 1, 2015**

spent for the designated purchase.

FUNDS	BALANCE	APP BAL.	% Left
GENERAL	\$53,396.24	\$ 104,644.00	27
MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$ 1,221.06	\$ 243.72	4
LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$ 5,472.64	\$ 3,238.05	53
PARK & RECREATION	\$ 4,874.38	\$ 3,557.61	28
DONATIONS *	\$ 23,734.00		
RAINY DAY FUND*	\$ 131,930.78		
CCI	\$ 1,507.75	\$ 240.02	48
CCD	\$ 26,412.04	\$ 9,480.72	59
CEDIT	\$ 23,025.07	\$ 15,352.24	96
RIVERBOAT REVENUE SHARING	\$ 3,019.73	\$ 1,705.95	85
Levy Excess Fund*	\$ 52.77		

Construction Security Dep*	\$ 25,000.00
SalesTaxClubHouseRental*	\$ 262.45
ClubHouseRentalDeposit*	\$ 1150.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 301,058.91

Clerk-Treasurer Bapst reported the 2015 Porter County property tax settlement was received on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a 98% collection rate. In addition, the 1782 Notice for budget year 2016 was received from the Department of Local Government Finance. Approved 2016 appropriations and tax rates are in line with expectations. The overall 2016 town levy is up approximately 2.5% compared to 2015.

Town Council Member Hawksworth moved that the financial report be accepted. Town Council Member Mellen seconded, and the financial report was accepted.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

Council Member Hawksworth moved the claims for the month of December 2015, #5166-#5206, in the amount of \$36,253.83 be approved. Council Member Mellen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

Notification was received from the Indiana Bicentennial Commission regarding recognition of the State's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Resident Lou Roberts volunteered to organize a Bicentennial flag raising ceremony. The date and arrangements are to be determined.

Residents Michael Treister, 76 West Road, and Irene Newman, 23 Summit, had emailed the Town Hall on behalf of residents on the west side of town with concerns about industrial noise being emitted from Mittal Steel and NIPSCO.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

**BUILDING:** Rich Hawksworth reported that construction is nearly complete at the Truax home, the Nau home, and the Dalal home.

**ENGINEERING:** Engineer Irv Call had submitted a written report on status of the caisson power line project. The project is progressing well with pump house power expected before cold weather sets in.

**ROADS:** Council President Sullivan reported that Jon's Tree Service has 40 tons of town salt inventory, which should meet requirements for upcoming months. Town maintenance has cut back brush along roads for plow crews. In addition, hydrants and other roadside landmarks have been marked with snow posts.

**SECURITY:** Security Commissioner Cecilia Call had submitted a letter addressing the achievements, challenges and rewards related to her 15 years of town service. President Sullivan read the letter aloud. The Council recognized Call for her dedication.

**PARKS:** Cheryl Evans reported for Commissioner Kelly Klein on progress at the town ice skating rink. Volunteers prepared the skate surface for the new liner. This included clearing debris and leveling the surface. New stair installation is complete, with the exception of a hand rail which is under review.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Deer Cull Permit. President Sullivan presented the application for this season's town deer cull as submitted to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The application is available at the town hall for review. There were no comments or questions.

Liquid Salt. Councilman Mellen provided follow-up about utilizing liquid salt on town roads this winter. He said it was not a viable option for Dune Acres.

OTHER MATTERS:

Rich Hawksworth noted that this was the last meeting for outgoing Council members with terms ending December 31, 2015. He thanked John Sullivan and Lou Mellen for their dedicated service. Audience members expressed their appreciation to Sullivan and Mellen.

Lou Mellen addressed the new Council. He said resident opinions, as determined by an unofficial survey conducted last summer, should be acknowledged. Mellen said residents want more money directed to security, less money to environment, and less town-mandated adherence to federal laws at the beach in relation to the National Park Service. In addition, he hoped the incoming Council would do better on government transparency practices, stating improvement was needed in this area.

Cheryl Evans asked for more detail on town budget expenditures.

Alex Stemer said the new Council would embrace the goal of transparency.

The next meeting of the Town Council is January 5, 2016.

With no other matters duly brought before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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RICH HAWKSWORTH, Town Council President

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PETER BOMBERGER, Town Council Member

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ALEXANDER STEMER, Town Council Member

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JEANNETTE E. BAPST, Clerk-Treasurer

CLAIMS FOR DECEMBER 2015

<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Payroll Clearing	Payroll clearing accounts	
Atha W. Belsha	Payroll Pay Period 11/01/15-11/30/15	\$ 1,726.96
Bernie Olis	Security Pay	\$ 574.16
Glenn Brown	Security Pay	\$ 771.05
Harold E. King	Security Pay	\$ 483.52

Jeannette Bapst	Clerk-Treasurer Pay	\$ 913.13
Mark Taylor	Maintenance Pay	\$ 1,708.89
Phillip Lepley	Security Pay	\$ 1,803.99
Sean Grubbs	Security Pay	\$ 1,448.57
Terry Trout	Security Pay	\$ 806.02
Electronic Federal Tax	Payroll Liabilities for Pay Period	\$ 3,307.70
IN Tax	Payroll Liabilities for Pay Period	\$ 589.48
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Liabilities	\$ 71.40
Frontier	Telephone	\$ 987.19
NIPSCO	Mineral Springs and Rt. 12	\$ 14.95
A.B.C. Burglar Alarm	Town Hall security	\$ 30.00
Hopkins Ace hardware	Supplies, maintenance	\$ 73.79
Bowman Electronics	Surge protectors	\$ 175.71
Jeannette Bapst	Reimbursement, paint supplies, coat rack	\$ 37.95
Irv Call	Reimbursement, wiring project	\$ 104.24
Cecilia Call	Reimbursement, security supplies	\$ 87.92
Chamber of Commerce	Membership	\$ 275.00
Frontier	Telephone, internet	\$ 88.34
K-Mart	Security supplies	\$ 60.56
A.E. Boyce	Software	\$ 3,000.00
Kelly Klawson	Labor, ice rink stairs	\$ 800.00
Nice Rink	Ice rink liner	\$ 1,227.10
Pinkerton Oil	Fuel	\$ 152.85
Quill Office Products	Toner, water	\$ 435.95
Republic Service	Waste service	\$ 96.80
Rigg's Mower	Mower repair	\$ 518.29
Tilden Enterprises	Gloves, maintenance	\$ 25.80
Town of Porter	Fire protection contract	\$ 8,762.50
Verizon Wireless	Security mobile phone	\$ 43.71
W.A. Recycling	Dumpster	\$ 350.00
Dan Whitten	Attorney services	\$ 2,750.00
Menards	Ice rink, wiring project, misc supplies	\$ 968.15

NIPSCO	Shore Drive, pump	\$ 66.30
		\$
Star Uniforms	Belsha uniform	158.90
		\$
Martin Security	Fire monitoring	150.00
		\$
NIPSCO	Gas and Electric	606.96

**TOTAL CLAIMS FOR DECEMBER 2015                      \$36,253.83**