

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES
March 19, 2019**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at the Town Hall. Council President Richard Hawksworth called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m., with Council Member Alexander Stemer, Clerk-Treasurer Jeannette Bapst, and Attorney Adam Mindel representing Dan Whitten in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the minutes for the February 19, 2019, Town Council Meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

BANK BALANCES 02/28/2019

Porter State Bank	\$ 137,274.65
Trust Indiana	\$ 397,291.49
Record Balance	\$ 534,566.14

*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 February 28, 2019**

FUNDS	CASH BALANCE 02-28-19	APP BAL.	% Left
GENERAL	132,433.25	\$323,042	82
MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	28,739.51	\$60,000	100
LOCAL ROAD & STREET	13,575.29	\$6,000	100
MOTOR VEHICLE HWY RESTRICT	644.55		
PARK & RECREATION	53,887.87	\$58,000	100
RAINY DAY FUND	110,000.00	\$50,000	100
CCI	152.18	\$1,000	100
CCD	14,980.31	\$29,100	100
CEDIT	13,143.75	\$20,000	100
RIVERBOAT REVENUE SHARING	254.14	\$2,500	100
Donations*	27,016.40		
Clubhouse Dune Grant*	-6,233.75		
Construction Security Dep*	32,500.00		
SalesTaxClubHouseRental*	176.42		
ClubHouseRentalDeposit*	2,500.00		
Local Road & Bridge Grant*	108,514.30		
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 532,284.22		

Clerk-Treasurer Bapst presented the February 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 March 2019, #6389 - #6417, in the amount of \$59,688.44 be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

none

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

BUILDING: As had been recommended by Building Commissioner Tom Roberts, it was moved and seconded to approve Building Permit #2019-04, 3 Shore Drive, \$45,220 roof replacement, Building Permit #2019-05, 1 Summit, \$21,780 interior remodel and deck

replacement (contingent on Roberts review of deck drawings), Building Permit #2019-06, 21 Crest Drive, \$32,880 paving, and the voiding of Building Permit #2019-03, 3 Summit, cancelled project. Motion passed unanimously.

ROADS: It was noted that paving work as awarded at the February meeting was expected to take place in May, as soon as asphalt plants were opened for the season.

ENVIRONMENT: Environmental Commissioner Robin Tennant reviewed plans for the May 11, 2019 Town Clean-up. Among other projects, volunteers will install native plants for a Dune Acres family. Support for Tennant's community service proposal was overwhelmingly positive.

FIRE: Fire Commissioner Mark Bapst reported on a successful National Park Service prescribed burn which had taken place in the Howes Prairie/Lupine Lane area between Mineral Springs Road and Waverly Road. He then stated the town was monitoring weather conditions, with plans to conduct a prescribed burn on the east face of clubhouse dune as soon as Friday.

SECURITY: Commissioner Bill Griffin reported on his plans to work with National Park Superintendent Paul Labovitz on signage that will help guide tourists to public beach access areas, noting the increase in cars at the town gatehouse looking for the newly designated National Park. The Council asked Griffin to compile data on visitors to assist in this endeavor. A resident suggested an electronic sign be utilized on weekends and holidays.

Griffin then reported on the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Railroad Crossing Taskforce meeting he recently attended. As part of taskforce work, community members are tracking railroad crossing down times throughout the region. Griffin said a bill was before in U.S. House of Representatives that addressed time limits on closed crossings. Council Member Stemer said he had been contacted by Representative Peter Visclosky's office and had a meeting scheduled to discuss this and other issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

Beach Erosion: President Hawksworth gave an update on beach erosion control measures being conducted by the town aimed at preserving the integrity of Beach Drive. Hawksworth had met with John Hannon of Great Lakes Engineering and an excavator to develop a draft plan. Hawksworth estimated 150 feet as being 'critically in peril.' The Army Corps of Engineers had not yet responded to town officials' requests for information.

NEW BUSINESS

Easter Egg Hunt: As requested by resident Sara Masloroff, a community Easter Egg hunt was approved by the Town Council for Saturday, April 20, 2019, 10:30 AM.

Ordinance 2019-01, Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) Tax Rate, 1st Reading. It was moved and seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2019-01, Cumulative Capital Development Tax Rate. Motion passed unanimously. The ordinance increases the CCD rate to a level not to exceed .035 per \$100 assessed valuation with taxes for 2019 payable 2020.

OTHER MATTERS:

A resident stated the glass display case at the clubhouse presented a safety risk that should be remedied.

With no other matters brought before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is April 9, 2019 (2nd Tuesday of the month.)

RICH HAWKSWORTH, Town Council President

PETER BOMBERGER, Town Council Member

ALEXANDER STEMER, Town Council Member

JEANNETTE E. BAPST, Clerk-Treasurer

CLAIMS FOR March, 2019

<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Payroll, Gross	March payroll, gross	\$ 12,577.53
Payroll, Net	March payroll, net	\$ 10,337.73
Indiana Dept of Revenue	March payroll, state w/h	\$ 594.55
EFTPS	March payroll, federal w/h, fica/medicare	\$ 2,607.44
Anton Insurance	Annual Premium	\$ 12,700.00
NIPSCO	MSR and Rt. 12	\$ 15.61
Sprint	Security Mobile	\$ 88.92
Frontier	Security	\$ 63.64
Republic Services	Waste Service	\$ 96.80
Frontier	Telephone and Internet	\$ 96.68
NIPSCO	Gas and Electric	\$ 888.14
Datagraphics	Floodplain Map	\$ 18.40
Dauids Lawncare	Snow and Ice Removal	\$ 11,318.75
Ecorealm	Environmental, town-wide	\$ 724.60
Hopkins Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$ 99.90
Justins Tree Service	Tree and Brush removal	\$ 4,000.00
Kittredge & Zehner	Monthly Audit	\$ 150.00
Menards, Portage	Supplies	\$ 124.06
Pinkerton Oil	Vehicle Fuel	\$ 185.71
Porter County Treasurer	Tax, Donated Parkland	\$ 1,975.78
Tilden Enterprises	Supplies	\$ 39.50
Capital One VISA	Maintenance and Security Equipment	\$ 194.59
Comcast	Telephone and Internet	\$ 187.50
Indiana American Water	Water	\$ 80.00
Martin Security	Clubhouse and Town Hall	\$ 225.00
Quill	Office Supplies	\$ 78.46
JD Services	Clubhouse Gas Line Replcmt	\$ 150.00
Chesterton Tribune	Notice to Taxpayers, CCD	\$ 33.31
The Times	Notice to Taxpayers, CCD	\$ 35.84
<hr/> TOTAL MARCH 2019		\$ 59,688.44